

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF SENDING # 288 “Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Because He Lives”

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

David E. Dillard

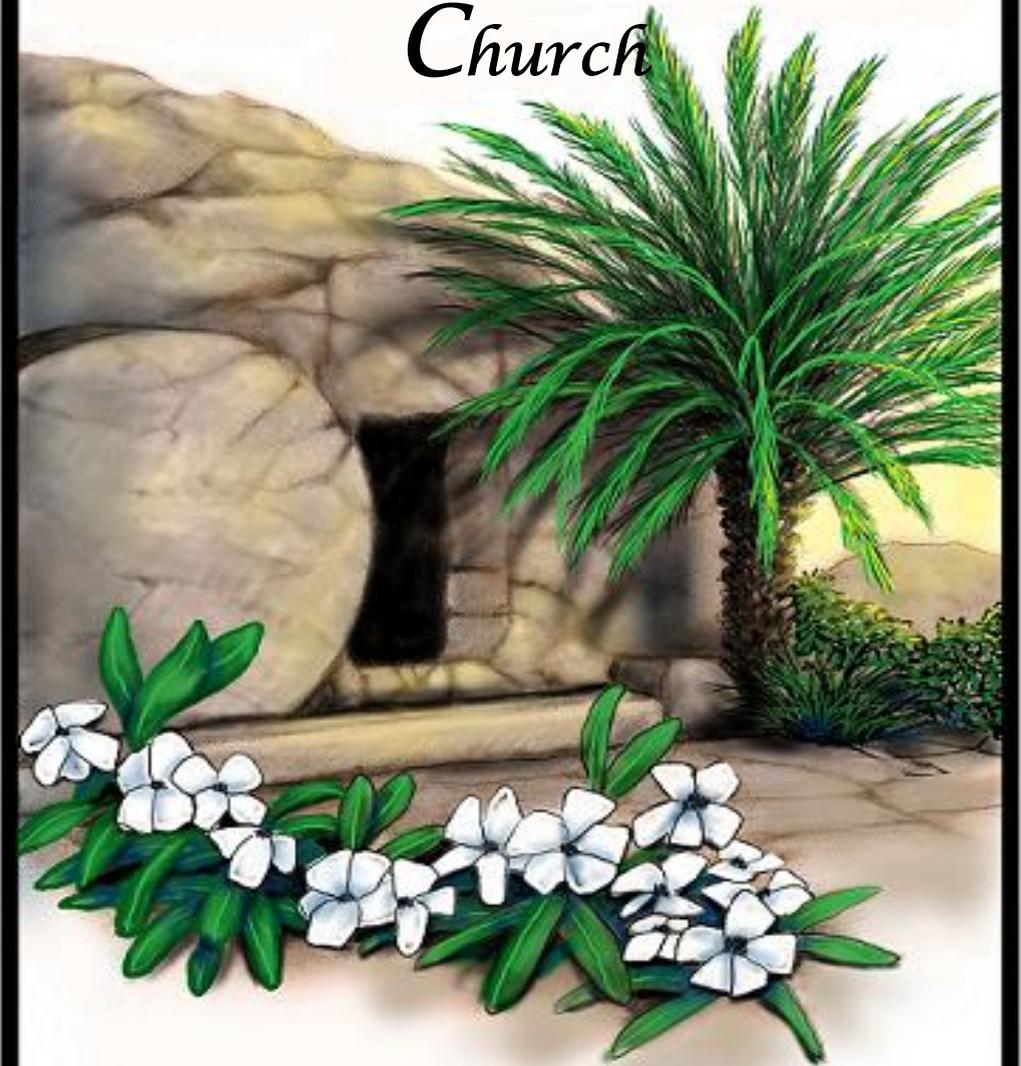


**WELCOME VISITOR!** We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about our Christian faith and about our church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor  
David E. Dillard, Director of Music Ministries  
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director  
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator

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Tom Francis, Custodian  
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips, Megan Bennett, and Charlotte Culpepper

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church



April 8, 2012

11:00 a.m.

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.)*

***Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you. Please place in the offering plate for inclusion in the morning prayers and addition to our church's prayer list.***

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

David E. Dillard

*(At the conclusion of the Opening Voluntary, please rise for the Call to Worship.)*

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118*

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: There are glad shouts of victory in the tents of the righteous!

**People: The Lord is our strength and our might; he has become our salvation!**

Leader: We shall not die, but we shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship the Lord!**

*\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 295 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)*

**Gracious God, on this day of all days, let there be no unconfessed sin between you and us. Forgive us the wrong that we do, and the right that we do not do. Forgive us when we ignore the light of Jesus Christ and choose to remain in the darkness. Remind us that your love is greater than our sin, and that your grace covers our shortcomings. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON from Romans 8*

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death. My friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

*\*GLORIA PATRI*

GLORIA

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

*\*HYMN OF CONSECRATION # 316 "Alleluia"*

*CHILDREN'S CHOIR "It's Easter"*

*BAPTISM - Justin Stanley & Mitchell Stanley*

*CONFIRMATION CLASS*

Collin Roberts, McKenzie Scott, Alex Seal, Justin Stanley, Mitchell Stanley

*CHILDREN'S SERMON*

David E. Dillard

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

*FIRST READING* Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Page 534, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*ANTHEM* "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"

Sanctuary Choir

*SECOND READING* John 20:1-18

Page 108, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*SERMON* "The Shortest Easter Sermon Ever"

Rev. Susan Bennett

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*MINISTRY OF GIVING*

*\*DOXOLOGY*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;  
O praise Him, O praise Him; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**