

Amen.

MINISTRY OF GIVING

**DOXOLOGY*

*raise 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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN OF SENDING # 463 "Revive Us, Again!"*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"*

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms,
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms!
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms!*

**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
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Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**May 27, 2012
11:00 a.m.**



"In the last days it will be," God declares, "that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

Acts 2:17

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

Acolyte: McKenzie Scott

OPENING VOLUNTARY

David E. Dillard

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jason Howard

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.*

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 104)

Cindy Strong

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

Leader: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praise to our God while we have being.

All: May our meditation be pleasing to him, for we rejoice in the Lord.

All: Bless the Lord! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 542 "They Did Not Build in Vain"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we are too often weak, distracted, indifferent, apathetic, discouraged. Forgive our lack of faith and trust in you. Strengthen us through your Spirit, your Word,

and each other. Fill us again with the joy and calling of your Spirit. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. My friends, rejoice again in God's glory and grace:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

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 # 461 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

ANTHEM "Many Gifts, One Spirit"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

Page 111, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ezekiel 47:1-14

Page 769, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "New Life in the Spirit"

Rev. Susan Bennett

Cindy Strong, Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell, Betsy Sierra, Linda Roberts

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.