

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Will Andrews

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: John Elliott

**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 "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
Humble, caring, self-less, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 138)

Liturgist: Jim Beisner

Leader: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole heart.

**All: We give thanks to your name, for your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us.

**All: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

\*OPENING HYMN # 59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, when we stray from you, when we reject your love and hold grudges, when we forget all you have forgiven us and refuse to forgive others -- forgive us. Forgive us for the times we are selfish, cruel, or self-righteous. Fill our hearts with your love and grace, and strengthen us to show them to those around us. Please continue to hear us as we confess now 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. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

**All: 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 #614 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM "Come, Thou Fount"

Sanctuary Choir

*(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 138

Page 545, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 3:20-35

Page 35, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Unified Church"

Rev. Susan Bennett

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## 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.**

OFFERTORY

\*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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN #552 "We All Are One in Mission"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Go With Us Lord"

***Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.***

\*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

Levena Hemmle, Office Manager  
Tom Francis, Custodian  
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**June 10, 2012  
11:00 a.m.**



*"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."*

*Mark 3:24-25*