

## 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.**

#### \*OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Elle Roberts

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Annie Laura Kelly

**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 20)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: We know that the Lord will help his anointed; he will answer from his holy heaven;

**All: With mighty victories by his right hand!**

Leader: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,

**All: But our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.**

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

#### \*OPENING HYMN #106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, we often mean well, and our intentions are the best; but we grow lazy, give in to distractions, do what we should not do, and don't do the good things we should. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to stay focused and to find you in both the small and the big things of our lives. Remind us that your Spirit is with us always. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 3:23-24)

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; we are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Friends, give thanks again for 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 # 349 "Seek Ye First"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

David E. Dillard

#### ANTHEM "God Be In My Head"

Sanctuary Choir

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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

##### FIRST READING Psalm 20

Page 472, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

##### SECOND READING Mark 4:26-34

Page 36, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### SERMON "The Kingdom of God"

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.**

#### 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 #549 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

\*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 24, 2012  
11:00 a.m.**



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pride is in the name of the Lord our God!  
Psalm 20:7*