

## 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

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

**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 "His Name is Wonderful"

**His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

**He is the mighty King, Master of everything, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

**He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he;**

**Bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24)

Liturgist: Allison Johnson

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

**All: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

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

#### \*OPENING HYMN # 11 "Stand Up and Bless The Lord"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we are afraid to pray for patience, and yet we need it. Forgive us when we lose hope, when we complain about our misfortunes, when we judge others. Give us strength to offer ourselves to you in penitence and faith, knowing that we are in your care and that we may never see our reward until we stand in your very presence. As we wait for that day, give us your joy and peace. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

Leader: Scripture tells us that the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Friends, give thanks again for God's mercy and 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 # 474 "I Surrender All"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Ephesians 4:25-32

Page 182, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING Mark 6:14-29

Page 38, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### SERMON "No Good Deed Goes Unpunished!"

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 # 420 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Meekness and Majesty"**

***Meekness and majesty, human and deity, in perfect harmony, the One who is God.***

***Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity; kneels in humility and washes our feet.***

***O what a mystery, meekness and majesty; bow down and worship, for this is your God.***

**\*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*

**July 15, 2012  
11:00 a.m.**



*So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us  
speak the truth to our neighbors,  
for we are members of one another.  
Ephesians 4:25*