

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 #349 "Seek Ye First"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,

Go, my children, with my blessing - you are my own.

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY



Zachary Smith

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
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator
Ward Gailey, Music Director

Zachary Smith, Musician
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery: Stephanie Phillips & Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

July 21, 2013

11:00 a.m.



*They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but
they shall not find it.*

Amos 8:12

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Collin Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Linda Roberts

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you for submission to church prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #706 "I Come with Joy"

***I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 52)

Liturgist: Allie Dunn

Leader: We trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. We will thank you eternally.

All: In the presence of the faithful, we will proclaim your name, for it is good.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #411 "How Firm a Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we ignore the feast of your Word. You have provided all we need for faith and life, but we allow distractions to divert our attention from you. Forgive us, and help us to commit ourselves fully to your Word and your Spirit. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15)

Leader: The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, rejoice again in God's amazing grace:

All: 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 #667 "God Has Spoken by the Prophets"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Sue Scheer

SPECIAL MUSIC Trio: "Cause Us, O Lord"

Laura Richardson, Allison Johnson, and Linda Roberts

Ron Nelson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Luke 10:38-42

Page 67, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Amos 8:1-12

Page 807, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Fasting From The Word"

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

Zachary Smith

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***