

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: Allie Dunn

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Sherry McGee

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 16)

Liturgist: Jeffrey Cochran

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

All: **We bless the Lord, who gives us counsel.**

Leader: We keep the Lord always before us.

All: **Because he is at our right hand, we shall not be moved.**

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

*OPENING HYMN insert "Love Lifted Me"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we run from you, when we are ashamed of our sin, when we don't come to you in repentance. Forgive us when we don't trust you enough to tell you the truth. Forgive us when we don't trust the love and grace you give us so freely. Help us to understand that your love does not depend on our good behavior, but comes from your very nature, which is love itself. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-2)

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. 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 (insert) "Hymn Medley"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 11:1-15

Page 271, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:14-21

Page 184, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

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 #257 "What Wondrous Love is This?"**

***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 29, 2012
11:00 a.m.**



*I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
Ephesians 3:18-19*