

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When passing the bread to your neighbor say, "The body of Christ, broken for you."

When passing the cup to your neighbor say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

We will hold each element until all are served and then partake together.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #593 "Lord, Speak to Me"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #717 "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart.

Your gifts to us no words can tell: go now in peace, in Christ go well.

*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.

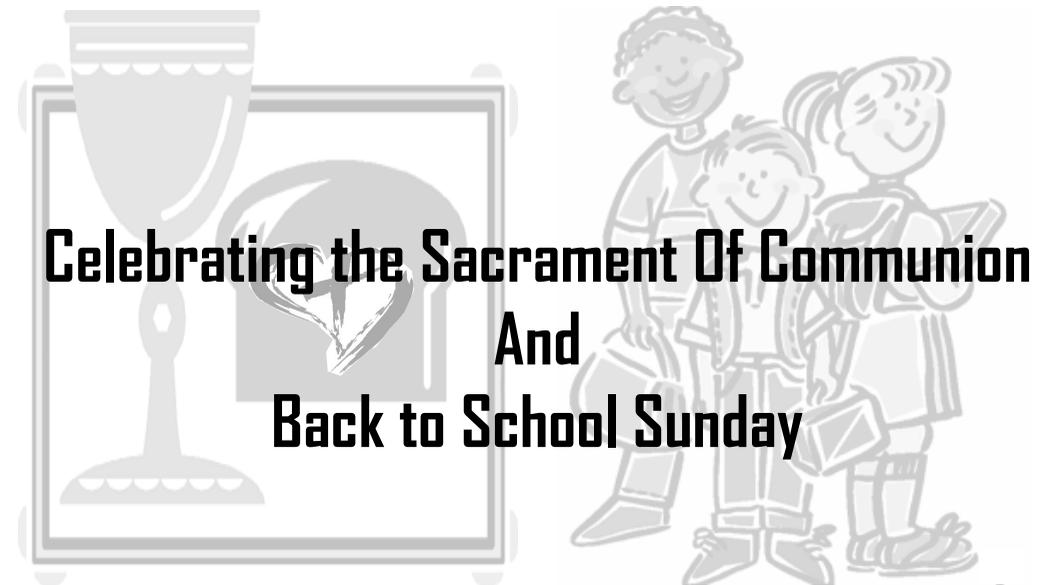
Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director
Mary Thompson, Christian Ed Coordinator
Ward Gailey, Music Director
Zachary Smith, Accompanist

Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Tom Francis, Custodian
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Abigail Jenkins

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

August 4, 2013

11:00 am



*The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.*

John 1:5

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acolyte: Savannah Sewell

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Allison Johnson

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 #9 (verse 1) "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

**Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim,
His greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.**

**Lift high your songs before his throne
To whom alone all praise belongs.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands.**

Leader: Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

All: **For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us for the times we choose darkness over light. Forgive us when we choose hatred over love, resentment over forgiveness, judgement of others over grace. Help us to live in the love and power of your light, and offer your light and love to all whom we meet. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 5)

Leader: Scripture tells us that 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 the great good news of the gospel:

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Betsy Sierra

PRAYER AND COMMISSIONING

ANTHEM

"Love Lifted Me" — Tom Eggleston

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

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING John 1:1-5

Page 86, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-9

Page 183, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Lights! Action! Camera!"

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 "We Declare Your Majesty" Arr. Mark Hayes, Ed. Z Smith

Zachary Smith

*DOXOLOGY

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**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;**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE