

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 #341 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #509 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle, see his banners go.

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.

*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

September 1, 2013

11:00 am



Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

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: Allie Dunn

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Jason Howard

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 #2 (verse 1) "O Worship the King"

**O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded in praise.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 81)

Liturgist: Arlene Lathrop

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

All: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Leader: Blow the trumpet on the Sabbath day!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #82 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive our selfishness. Forgive us when we are self-absorbed, when we put our own interests over the needs of others. Forgive us when we close our eyes and hearts to those who come needing you. Help us to share freely the love you so freely give us. 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

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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

Tami Pass

ANTHEM "People Need the Lord" Nelson and McHugh

Betty Gailey, Soprano

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Luke 14:1, 7-14

Page 72, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Page 213, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "How to Entertain an Angel"

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 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Arr. Charlie Miller

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;**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.