

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" Arr. Charlie Miller

Zachary Smith

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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. Amen.**

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 #354 "Just As I Am"

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #509 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

**Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,  
but the Church of Jesus constant will remain; gates of hell can never gainst that Church prevail;  
we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. Onward, Christian soldiers,  
marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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**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

September 15, 2013

11:00 a.m.



*The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that  
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners -- of  
whom I am chief.  
I Timothy 1:15*

## 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: Justin Stanley*

### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

*Beadle: Carlton Smith*

*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 3) "O Worship the King"

***Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?***

***It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills,  
it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.***

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16)

*Liturgist: Linda Roberts*

Leader: Protect us, O Lord, for in you we take refuge.

**All: You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you.**

Leader: The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup; you hold us in your hand.

**All: Therefore our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice.**

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we are proud and self-righteous. Forgive us any time we think anyone else is beneath us. Remind us that we are all the same: sinners in need of a Savior. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (I Timothy 1:15a)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 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

#### \*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #317 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephanie Dunn

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

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*John Holland Buchan & Lexie Jo Buchan*

#### ANTHEM

*"Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me" Arr. K. Lee Scott*

*Sanctuary Choir*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Luke 15:1-10

Page 73, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING I Timothy 1:12-17

Page 196, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Our Only Claim to Fame"

*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.**