

## 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: Adam Dunn

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

**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 "Spirit of The Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 125)

Liturgist: Laura Richardson

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,

**All: Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

Leader: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people,

**All: From this time on and forevermore.**

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

\*OPENING HYMN #21 "This Is My Father's World"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

##### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we close our eyes to the needs of those around us. Forgive us when we are indifferent to people who so much need your love and care. Forgive us when we judge, rather than help. Inspire our hearts to live out our faith in acts of service, trusting you to supply our needs as we serve your children. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:13-14)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 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 #560 "I Love To Tell The Story"

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Sanctuary Choir

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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23

Page 570, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING James 2:1-18

Page 215, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Feeling Spiritual?"

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

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 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 # 712 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Leaning on The Everlasting Arms"

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms!  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms!*

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY



Cary Castellaw

**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  
Cary Castellaw, Interim Music Director

Levena Hemmle, Office Manager  
Tom Francis, Custodian  
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

# Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 16, 2012  
11:00 a.m.



*So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.  
James 2:17*