

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* # 727 "America, the Beautiful"

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE* "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

***Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.***

The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

***The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.***

**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.

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Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

**September 11, 2011
11:00 a.m.**



We Remember

Out of the rubble, a symbol of hope

The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

Exodus 15:2-3

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: Collin Roberts

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Tony Williams

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.*

*OPENING INTROIT "God Bless America"

God Bless America, land that I love.

Stand beside her, and guide her through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam

God bless America, my home sweet home.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 114)

Liturgist: Stephanie Dunn

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

People: Who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 731 "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, forgive our fears and our fretfulness. Forgive us for not always trusting you as we should. Remind us of your steadfast love and protection; in this world and the next, we belong to you. Please continue to hear us as we confess now 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, rejoice again in God's mercy and grace:

People: 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 # 614 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

David Dillard

(Children are invited downstairs for Children's Worship at the conclusion of the anthem.)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 114

Page 532, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

~ First Responders (Firefighters, EMTs, Police Officers, Sheriffs)

Doug Richardson

~ 9/11 Families

Sue Scheer

~ Military

Linda Roberts

~ Government (Local, State, National)

David E. Dillard

~ Spiritual Leadership in USA

Jim Beisner

~ God's Peace on Earth

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.

MINISTRY OF GIVING "Long May You Stand Medley"

Sanctuary Choir

*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!