



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 January 1, 2017



1st Sunday after Christmas Day/Epiphany Sunday

We Gather to Worship the Light of the World

PRELUDE

POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

...For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.

+HYMN #63 "As with Gladness Men of Old"
 (+Those who are able may stand.)



DIX

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first together, then in silent reflection)

God of glory,
 you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
 to reveal your love for all people.
 We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.
 We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;
 we do not strive for peace.
 In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
 and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
 that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
 shining in the face of Jesus Christ, for whose sake we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #579 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 60:1-6 – Arise, shine for your light
 has come.* TOLD BY ELIZABETH SMITH
 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 – A prayer for guidance and support for the king
 Hymn #205 "All Hail to God's Anointed" ROCKPORT

Ephesians 3:1-12 – Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles
 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Matthew 2:1-12 – The coming of the Wise Men TOLD BY ELIZABETH SMITH
 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SERMON *Ring In the New with the Old: A Retrospective of 2016*

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #292 "All Beautiful the March of Days" FOREST GREEN

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles Creed* (Traditional), p. 14

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE
 "debts/debtors" (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

OFFERTORY

+A DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

We Go Out in the Light of Christ

+HYMN #275

“God of Our Life”

SANDON

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE



The month of January is thought to have been named for the ancient Roman god Janus, who is typically depicted with two faces, an old man looking to the past and a young man looking into the future.

We welcome Nancy Ketz as our guest organist this morning while Rob and Lauralyn are in England.

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

January 1, 2017 ~ Epiphany Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.



The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.

All the People, Ministers

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WELCOME to the worship of God at Stone Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Presbytery of Utica.

THE CALENDAR

Monday:	6 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	8-9:30 a.m.	Clinton Chamber breakfast
Thursday:	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Scott Leonard
Monday (Jan. 9)	7 p.m.	Session meeting

GREETER & HOST: Mary Chamberlain

YOUR PLEDGE ENVELOPES for 2017 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or would like to receive the prayer list for daily prayer, please go to our website www.stonepres.org and click on “Prayer Request” or call the church office at 853-2933.

Ewa Lawrence Doris Locke Susanne Deborah Henderson Stickles’ Family Judy Raney Moore family Lynn Joann John Prall Cheryl (Scott’s nephew’s mother-in-law) Florence Morgan Family of Shirley Sollinger Esther Kanipe Family of Keith Dewey Carolyn Barnum Debra LaFont Kloidt-Gilligan family Family of Eleanor Palmer	Members/Friends of the Week: Augusta-Vernon Center Presby. Church Danuta and Boleslaw (Ewa’s parents) Courtney Britcher Gus and family Carole Grove Chris Woods and his family Family of Gil Palmer Family of Robert Grozl Family of Kelly Connors-Sugarman Family of Wilma Lawson Family of LauraGrace Eisenhower Susanne Max (Emily Hughes’ sister) Shirley & JoAnn Tolbert Bishop/Huther families Family & friends of Carol Gilley Joy for the Leonard/Hirshfield families Joy for the Menard/Coven families
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HOPE HOUSE’S WISH LIST: This month’s wish list includes the following: Food - breakfast cereal, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate, butter or margarine; Toiletries - deodorant, shampoo, conditioner; Paper Goods - napkins, toilet paper. Please leave items in the narthex.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION of Stone Presbyterian Church will be held during worship on Sunday, January 22, 2017 in the sanctuary for the purposes of receiving reports, electing officers, concurring in the Session’s 2017 budget, and acting on any other business that may be properly brought before the congregation. All active members in good standing are welcome and encouraged to vote.

ANNUAL REPORTS are due in the church office no later than Sunday, January 8.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY would appreciate donations of chili, soup, peanut butter, and jelly. Please leave items in the back of the sanctuary. Please note that loose change collected in worship on the third Sundays of each month is sent to the Country Pantry. Questions? See Judy LaGasse.

WANTED: YOUR PER CAPITA! Please note that *per capita* payments for 2017 are now being readily accepted!!! Our *per capita* charge this year is \$38.60 per member. The church is assessed this amount for each member on the membership roll. The *per capita* is the cost of our representative democracy as a church and supports the meetings and operations of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Please consider sending your *per capita* either directly to the church office (P.O. Box 33, Clinton, NY 13323) or enclosing it in your pledge envelope.

EARLY PLEDGES WANTED: Because of heating bills, cash flow is more of a problem for our church in the winter months (January through April) than summer months, even during a relatively warm winter. Session is asking folks to consider giving more of their pledge upfront, if possible. Questions? See Peter Massi.

CLINTON CHAMBER NETWORKING BREAKFAST: Stone Church will host the Clinton Chamber of Commerce monthly networking breakfast 8:00-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 4, which will offer complimentary breakfast treats and beverages courtesy of our deacons and members. Every month a different member of the Chamber hosts a networking breakfast so that we get to know each other better and learn what the different businesses and organizations do. The Building Stones Fair Trade Shoppe will also be open so we can promote that mission of ours as well!

YOUR NEIGHBORS: We have been asked to help Your Neighbors by providing a quantity of meals for distribution. We plan to prepare and package these meals on Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. in the Norton Room. Everyone is invited to join us in packaging and labeling. We also are requesting either monetary donations to defray the costs of purchasing food to be prepared and packaged or a cooked meal that will feed 8-10 people which can be packaged on Saturday. Your monetary contributions can be clearly marked and put in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Meals can be put into the Norton Room refrigerator between 9 a.m. and noon on Friday, January 13 or be brought to Church on Saturday, the 14th between 9 and 10 a.m. Your Neighbors has requested we NOT furnish meals containing chicken. Other than that, please cook your favorite meal to share with others. Questions? See Mary Ann Stiefvater.