

An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 January 8, 2017 ~ Baptism of the Lord



We Gather as a Baptized Community of Faith

(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship.)

PRELUDE

POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

... For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

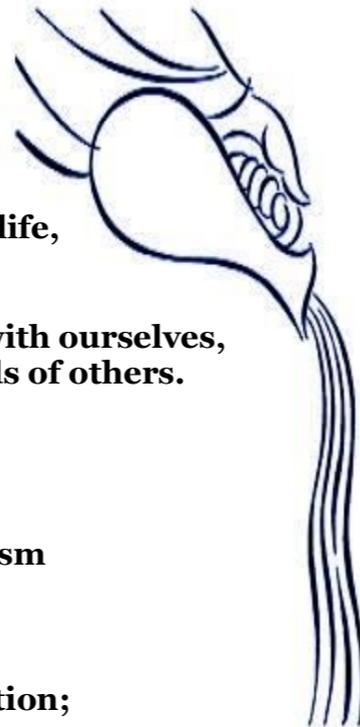
PEOPLE: Let us worship God.

+HYMN #494 "Out of Deep, Unordered Water" RUSTINGTON
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

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

Merciful God,
 in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
 and graft us onto the body of Christ
 to live in renewed relationships.
 But we confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
 giving little of ourselves in service to the needs of others.
 We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
 and allow the past to hold us hostage.
 In your loving kindness,
 have mercy on us, and free us from sin.
 Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
 so that we may rise to new life,
 and live together in grace and peace,
 honoring you and loving neighbors,
 and working for peace, justice and reconciliation;
 through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. Amen.



RESPONSE HYMN #2275 "Kyrie"
("Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.")

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(You are invited to assent to every prayer by saying the concluding "amen" aloud.)

LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 42:1-9 *God's servant people will establish justice for the powerless.*
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

Acts 10:34-43 *Peter realizes that God's plan includes the Gentiles.*

Matthew 3:13-17 *Jesus is baptized by John in fulfillment of righteousness.*
 TOLD BY DONNA GOODFRIEND

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SERMON *Right Makes Might*

We Renew Our Baptismal Faith Around the Table

+HYMN #2107 "Wade in the Water" WADE IN THE WATER

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH *The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)* *The Hymnal, p. 14*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES

OFFERTORY

GLORIA PATRI



THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SINGING (to "Wade in the Water")

**Holy--, holy! / Holy Lord God Almighty,
heav-en and earth are / full-- of your glory!
Highest Hosanna! / Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the one who / comes now in the Lord's name!**

. . . as we sing together, declaring the story of the great mystery of our faith:

SINGING (to "Wade in the Water")

**Christ died for us—;
Christ rose again in glory;
Christ is— coming, / Glory! Hallelujah!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional, *The Hymnal*, p. 16)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and dip it into the cup,
then return to your seat by the side aisle.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go to Live Out Our Baptism

+HYMN

"Passed Through the Waters"

(Please see insert.)

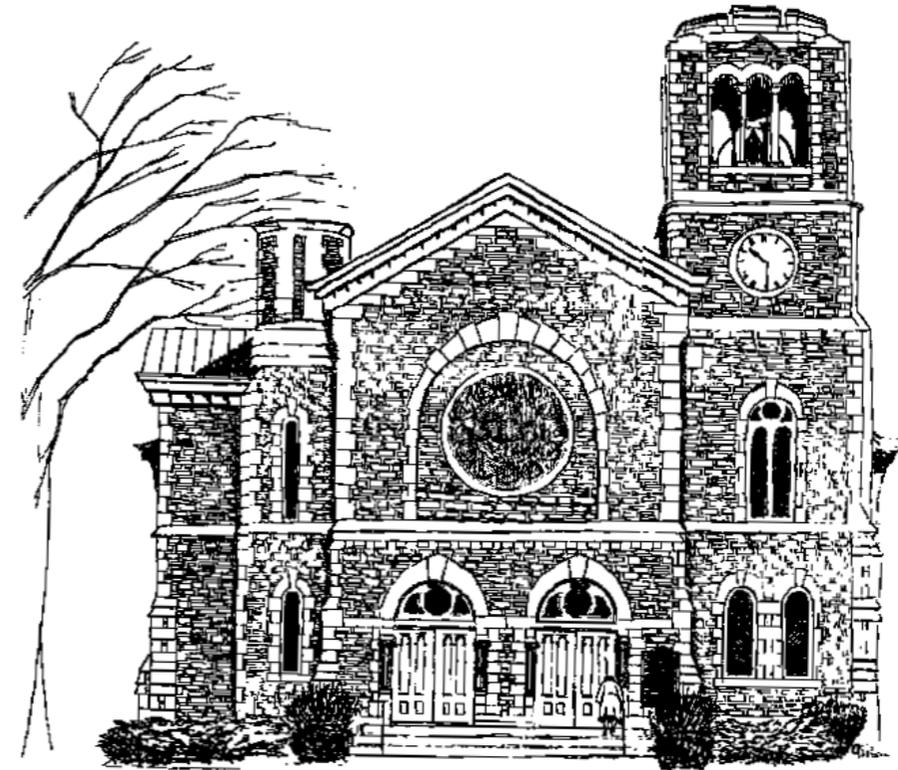
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+CHARGE, BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

January 8, 2017 ~ Baptism of the Lord ~ 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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Passed Through the Waters

ALI MAE 9.9.9.9.7.9.

Dennis Dewey, 1985, alt. 2007

Dennis Dewey, 1982

1. Passed through the wat - ers, safe to dry land, Jour - ney - ing on through the
2. We are a - dopt - ed as Christ's sib - lings, Seek - ing to live in the
3. Now we be - come a new cre - a - tion, Kin to the saints of the

wild - er - ness way, Tell - ing the sto - ry as we jour - ney,
way of the Lord, Seek - ing to show the truth of God's love,
house - hold of God, Sis - ter and 'broth - er in one fam' - ly,

This is our name now: "Bap - tized in Christ!" By this wat - er
Known as God's peo - ple, Bap - tized in Christ! Wat - er - Spir - it -
Named in the Spir - it: Bap - tized in Christ! Dead to death and

marked for life,
sealed for life, We are the Lord's for the age to come!
raised for life,



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

THE CALENDAR

Thursday:	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Saturday:	10 a.m.	Your Neighbors' meal preparation
	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday:	9 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Helen Tracy
	11:30 a.m.	Budget review

GREETER & HOST: Brooke Villiere & Bev Miller

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 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 Kloldt-Gilligan family Family of Eleanor Palmer Emily Massi and family	Members/Friends of the Week: 1 st Presbyterian Church, Boonville 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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THE FLOWERS this morning are given in loving memory of Eleanor Palmer by her family. Eleanor passed away on December 13, 2016.

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 TODAY!

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.

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. If you have any questions, please see Mary Ann Stiefvater.

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.

YOUR PLEDGE ENVELOPES for 2017 are available in the back of the sanctuary. If yours are not there, please contact the church office, 853-2933.