



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 January 15, 2017 ~ Second Sunday after Epiphany



We Gather to Worship God

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

PRELUDE "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" J. G. Walther

INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen, O coastlands. Pay attention, you people of God.

All: God has called each of us to be servants that God may be glorified.

One: The Lord has put a new song in our lives, a song of praise to our God.

All: We will sing of God's salvation. We will shout of God's faithfulness.

One: God has called each of us to be a light to the nations, that his salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

All: Let us rejoice in our calling to worship and service.

+HYMN #454 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" LIEBSTER JESU
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

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

Faithful God,
 you call us to be saints,
 but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner;
 you call us to be your servants,
 but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work;
 you put a new song of praise in our mouths,
 but we stumble on unfamiliar words;
 you show us the work to be tackled,
 but we turn away defiant,
 insisting we have more important things to do.
 Put your song on our lips and in our hearts,
 and remind us of the joy that awaits us
 when we put our trust in you.

**Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending,
 and grace-filled love. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is faithful and ever-present.
 The God who knew us before our birth
 loves us still and strengthens us,
 that we will one day be blameless.
 Through the gift of Jesus Christ,
 God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy.
 Enter into the light!

+A DOXOLOGY #579 **Glory Be to the Father** OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING
(You are invited to say the concluding "amen.")

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 49:1-7 *God's servant will be a light to the nations.*
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-11

DENNIS DEWEY



Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

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1 Corinthians 1:1-9 *We are enriched in Christ*



ANTHEM "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

John 1:29-42 John witnesses to Jesus, and disciples follow the Lord.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SERMON *State of the Individual*

We Respond in Faith and Thanksgiving

+HYMN #434 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY "Fantasia" J. S. Bach

+A DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let our Redeemer's name be sung,
And praise the Spirit, every tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go to Live Out Our Call to Discipleship

+HYMN #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

January 15, 2017 ~ Second Sunday after Epiphany ~ 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

Today:	11:30 a.m.	Budget review
Monday:	6 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday:	8:30 a.m.	CAM – Lutheran Home
Thursday:	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Saturday:	11:30 a.m.	Hamilton College students
Sunday:	9 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Annual Meeting with Scott Leonard

GREETER & HOST: Hal & Linda Rance

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: Presbyterian Home 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.

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

LIVING HEALTHY SEMINAR: At 10:00 a.m. Saturday January 28 as part of our continuing mission to reach out beyond our walls, Stone Presbyterian Church will host a community-wide informational seminar on Living Healthy New York, a series of courses offered by Oneida County Office for Aging to the community to help people manage their conditions and live a more active and fulfilling life. Attendees will learn about classes they offer in Chronic Disease Self-Management, Diabetes Self-Management, Chronic Pain Self-Management with the Moving Easy Program, Active Living Every Day, and their newest class, Healthy Eating Every Day. Classes are held throughout the county at no cost to the participants. Spread the word for those who might benefit from these classes!

TRANSPORT ANGELS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to assist residents of the Presbyterian Home so they may attend religious services at the in-house chapel on Wednesdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bridget Reilly, Director of Volunteer Services, at 272-2266 or Tom Lorenz, Director of Pastoral Care, at 272-2214.