



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 January 22, 2017 ~ 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany



**We Gather to Worship God**

**PRELUDE** "Praeludium" J. S. Bach  
*(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)*

**INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP & CALL TO ORDER OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

LEADER: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

PEOPLE: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

LEADER: I asked to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

PEOPLE: **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

LEADER: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

PEOPLE: **"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

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

PEOPLE: **Let us worship God.**

+HYMN #487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)



**WELCOME & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

+A DOXOLOGY #578 "Glory Be to the Father" OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
 The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all./And also with you.

**We Listen for the Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**  
 (You are invited to say the "amen" aloud.)

**LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE**

*Isaiah 9:1-4* **The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.**  
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18* **Paul urges church unity.**  
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



**ANTHEM** "The Heav'ns Are Telling" Ludwig van Beethoven

*Matthew 4:12-23* **Jesus calls fishermen to be his disciples.**  
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, TEAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE SESSION'S BUDGET FOR 2017

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

SERMON

*You Talkin' to Me?*

**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

+HYMN #429 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ABBOT'S LEIGH

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER & CHORAL REPOSE

"debts/debtors" (Traditional, Hymnal, p. 16)

(A Bidding Prayer: When you hear "Lord, in your mercy" respond with "hear our prayer.")

OFFERTORY "Bourrée" J. S. Bach

+A DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH

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 DEDICATION

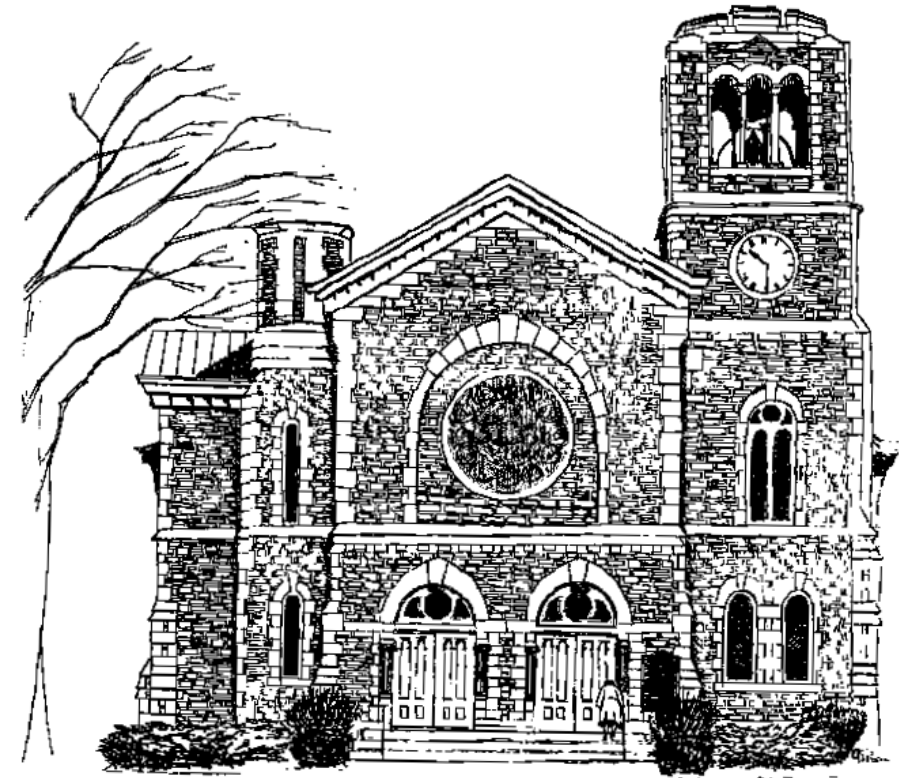
**We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ**

+HYMN #419 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" REPTON

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**  
January 22, 2017 – 3rd Sunday after the 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

Monday:	3 p.m.	Hope House
Wednesday:	10 a.m.	Presbytery meeting – Presbyterian Home
Thursday:	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Saturday:	10 a.m.	Living Healthy Workshop
	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday:	9 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Scott Leonard
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons' meeting

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate the **BAPTISM** of Kristen and Camryn St. Hilaire-D'Antonio.

**GREETER & HOST:** Mary Chamberlain

**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](http://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	<b>Members/Friends of the Week:</b> Souper Bowl of Caring 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.

**PLEASE READ THE ANNUAL REPORT PRIOR TO WORSHIP.** The presentations during the meeting will only be very brief overviews/notable highlights unless there are questions. The only scheduled business to be voted on is the election of officers.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Tomorrow is the deadline for submitting articles for the February issue of *The Corner Stone*. Questions? See Midge Bakos.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** of Stone Presbyterian Church will be held during worship TODAY - 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.

**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.