



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 January 29, 2017 ~ 4th Sunday after the Epiphany



**We Gather to Worship God**

**PRELUDE** "From God I Will Not Stray" Johann Krebs  
*(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)*

**INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

+HYMN #405 "What Does the Lord Require" SHARPTHORNE  
*(+Those who are able may stand.)*

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
 too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
 We have not sought your justice.  
 We have not loved mercy.  
 We have walked away from you.  
 Forgive all that of which we are ashamed,  
 and which our hearts find hard to bear.



Set us free from a past that we cannot change.  
 Open to us a future in which we can be changed,  
 and grant us grace to grow more and more  
 in your likeness and image in which we are made;  
 through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**We Listen for the Word of God**

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

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

*Micah 6:1-8* **What does the Lord require of us?**  
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God

*I Corinthians 1:18-31* **Christ, the power and wisdom of God**

**ANTHEM** "What Does the Lord Require of You" Jim Strathdee

*Matthew 5:1-12* **The Beatitudes** TOLD BY SHERRY ROBINSON

**CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN**

**SERMON** *Bragging Rights*

**We Respond in Faith and Thanksgiving**

+HYMN #499 "Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed" PENTECOST

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

+++ *Camryn St. Hilaire-D'Antonio* +++  
 Daughter of Kristin and Lauren St. Hilaire-D'Antonio  
 +++ *Kristin St. Hilaire-D'Antonio* +++

**PRESENTATION**  
**THE MEANING OF BAPTISM**  
**QUESTIONS OF THE FAMILY AND CANDIDATE**



**QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE WATER**

**NAMING OF THE CHILDREN OF THE COVENANT & THE BAPTISM**

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE**

**PRESENTATION**

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

**OFFERTORY** "Pastorella" 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!

**We Go to Live Out Our Call to Discipleship**

**+HYMN #408** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY

**+CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**+CHORAL RESPONSE**

**+POSTLUDE**

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

January 29, 2017 – 4th 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

|           |                   |                            |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Today:    | 11:30 a.m.        | Deacons' meeting           |
| Thursday: | 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. | Fair Trade Shoppe          |
| Saturday: | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.    | Fair Trade Shoppe          |
| Sunday:   | 9 a.m.            | Choir rehearsal            |
|           | 10:30 a.m.        | Worship with Scott Leonard |

**GREETERS & HOSTS:** Hal and 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](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  
 Family of Eleanor Palmer  
 Emily Massi and family  
 Elizabeth Willson  
 Willis Monie

Members/Friends of the Week:  
 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  
 Robert Simon

**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 roses this morning honor the baptism of **CAMRYN** who was born September 28. Her parents are Kristin and Lauren St. Hilaire-D'Antonio. Also being baptized this morning is **KRISTIN**. Congratulations to the whole family!

**THE SHOPPE IS HAVING A SALE!** The Fair Trade Shoppe is holding a 25% off Valentine's Day Sale from January 26<sup>th</sup> through February 11<sup>th</sup>. (Some restrictions apply.) The shop is open every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For the sale, we will also be open on January 28 and February 4. The shop sells fair trade products from around the world. Purchasing fair trade items ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development, and hope to marginalized people. Items include jewelry, accessories, collectibles, clothing, baskets, carved stone and wood, and much more. Gift certificates are available. For more information, contact Lauralyn Kolb, visit our website at [www.stonepres.org](http://www.stonepres.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stonepres](http://www.facebook.com/stonepres).

Our annual **CHOCOLAE LOVERS SALE** will be held on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are asking for donations of any kind of chocolate goodies (pies being the most popular). If you are unable to bake, a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds from this sale will go to Hope House in Utica (a place where anyone can get a warm meal served with a smile). Come and help us celebrate Valentine's Day by purchasing something chocolate-y for yourself or some loved ones. Questions? See Ceil Gilbert or Donna Goodfriend.

**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.

**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.