

**AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**January 31, 2010 - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**We Gather as the Storied People of Christ**

**PRELUDE**

**INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
**Let us worship God.**

+HYMN #376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* to the tune BEECHER  
(+Those who are able may stand.)

**WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in silence, then together)**

God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much from us. Forgive our ignorance, our stubbornness, and our stupidity, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love, and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the mandate of Jesus Christ when he made his proclamation in the synagogue so long ago. For it is in his name that 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**

*Jeremiah 7:1-7 – Jeremiah proclaims judgment against the nation.*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 71:1-6 – In you, O Lord, I take refuge.*



My tongue will pro - claim your right-eous-ness, O Lord.  
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*1 Corinthians 13:1-13 – Love is the more excellent way.*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*The Gift of Love*

Hal Hopson

*Luke 10:25-37 – The Parable of the Good Samaritan*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Who Is My Neighbor?*

Carole Grove

*Carole founded Your Neighbors, Inc. in 1982.*  
*Roberta Schiavi is the current Program Director.*

**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH      **The Apostles' Creed**      (Traditional, page 14)

+HYMN #422      **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**      BEACH SPRING

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

**We Go Out to Tell the Story in Word and in Deed**

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

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**  
**January 31, 2010 – 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.*

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**THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Today:	11:30 a.m.	Lunch with Carole Grove
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Stone

**THIS MORNING'S USHERS** – Midge Bakos and Barbara Stockbridge

**THIS MORNING'S HOST** – Helen Leonard

**HAVE LUNCH WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS TODAY:** Your Neighbors is a local volunteer organization that is dedicated to providing quality service and support to people who are frail, elderly or have a disability in their home setting. Your Neighbor's volunteers have offered friendly visits, medical transportation, supplemental frozen meals and shopping trips since 1981. Please join us for lunch following worship today and learn more about this organization and the opportunities to volunteer one or two times a month. Donations are also most welcome. Carole Grove, President of Your Neighbors, will be our speaker.

**EMERGENCY RELIEF KITS NEEDED:** Members and friends of Stone Presbyterian Church are spearheading what they hope will be a community wide effort to assemble emergency relief kits which they will send to the Church World Service to be disseminated to Haiti as soon as it is feasible to do so. Anyone interested in helping in this effort may drop completed kits or supplies for the kits off at the church on Monday - Friday mornings between 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon or on Sunday mornings. Monetary donations to help purchase supplies or defray cost of mailings would be most welcome. Checks may be made out to Stone Presbyterian Church and notated on check "for CWS Relief Kits." Kit assembly and packing times will be on Wednesday and Saturday mornings starting January 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

**Following is a list of needed items (per kit) as requested by Church World Service:**

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16 x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six band-aids
- One gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure

Please do not add toothpaste to the hygiene kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to hygiene kit shipments just prior to shipment.

**WELCOME** to the worship of God at Stone Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Presbytery of Utica. Please make use of the pew cards to indicate any prayer concerns, pastoral needs or suggestions for improvement.



**VISITORS** are always welcome! Please let us know who you are by filling out the Visitor's Card in the pew and dropping it in the offering plate. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the Norton Room following worship this morning. Please join us again for worship!

**THE COUNTRY PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pantry food bank is requesting donations of shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, and dish detergent. Other items are most welcome too! Please leave items in the basket in the narthex.

**WWW.STONEPRES.ORG:** If you have pictures or features you'd like to include in the Stone Church website, contact Ceil Gilbert at 853-8289 or at ceilgilbert@yahoo.com.

**HOPE HOUSE MESSAGE:** Anyone want to do some extra cooking at home or at church? Hope House has an abundance of turkeys and squash and is looking for people willing to do some cooking at home or as a group at church, and then bring back the cooked food for freezing. They are also looking for recipes that use lots of peanut butter. If you can help, please let them know. Contact info: Hope House, P.O. Box 161, Utica, 13503; Hope4Food@aol.com; hopehouseutica.com; 793-3723.

**EARLY PLEDGES WANTED:** Cash flow seems to be a problem for the Church more in the winter months (January through April) than summer months. Session is asking folks to consider giving more of their pledge upfront, if possible. We will, of course, keep good track of what you have paid towards your pledge.

**WANTED: YOUR PER CAPITA!** Per capita payments for 2009 are now being readily accepted! Our per capita charge went up this year to \$33 per member. The church has to pay this fee per member whether or not you chose to pay. The per capita is sent to Presbytery to support its work. What they do has a very direct impact on our church so it is money well spent. Please consider sending your per capita either directly to the church office or enclosing it in your pledge envelope. Thank you in advance for your help.

**NAME TAGS:** If yours is missing or your name is wrong, please let an usher know, and we will supply you with a temporary tag until a replacement is made. If you're visiting, an usher will be glad to make you a name tag.

**A REST ROOM** (wheelchair accessible) is located off the narthex to your left as you enter the church. A diaper-changing table is there for your convenience. More restrooms may be found downstairs in the hall that parallels Williams St.

**THE QUIET ROOM** is located off the narthex to your right as you enter the church. If you need to leave worship for any reason, you are welcome to use the Quiet Room where you may go to be apart but still take part in worship.

**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 contact the church office, 853-2933, or Sarah Rosenstein at 859-1037 or [srosens@hamilton.edu](mailto:srosens@hamilton.edu). Please note that we will remove names after 6 weeks if we haven't received an update or request to keep them on.

Gil Adams Family  
Kaytryn Bentley and Family  
Dortha and Bill Glaser  
Carrigan and Katrina  
Lori Sherwood  
Doris Locke  
Marge Chamberlain and Family  
Ann and Dave Smallen  
Dennis' colleague, Rev. Tim Eberhardt  
Norma Sengupta  
Fay Brandis and Family  
Peter Forrester  
Brenda

Members/Friends of the Week:  
Ceil Gilbert, the Goodfriends  
Eleanor Palmer  
Elaine Schmidt and family  
Allen Solomon  
Colleen Britcher and family  
Myra Kazanjian  
The Personnel Committee, Presbytery  
of Utica  
Flo and Keith Dewey  
The people of Haiti  
Sue Bishop  
Marilyn Wood

**WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!** The WEP (Worship, Education, and Program) Team is considering the creation of an evolving worship space in the Norton Room that would house the prayer labyrinth. We are looking for people with a flair for artistic design to help with this project. If interested, please speak with David Kolb (724-0701, [castlerook619@hotmail.com](mailto:castlerook619@hotmail.com)). Thanks!

**SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP:** The Women's Spirituality Book Group, which meets Mondays at 1:30 p.m., at the home of Ann Smallen, is currently reading *The Chronicles of Narnia*, by C.S. Lewis. Our next book will be Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead's *The Christian Agnostic*. For more information, call Ann at 853-6603, Lauralyn at 853-8738, or Donna at 853-8405.

**SCOUT SUNDAY:** The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official chartering of the Boy Scouts of America is February 8 and for the last half of that time Stone Church has been a sponsor of a Boy Scout troop. Duty to God and being reverent are critical parts of Boy Scouts' "Timeless Values." Every year at this time the troop participates in a worship service in the community for Scout Sunday. This year in honor of the Boy Scout Centennial and troop's Semi-centennial with its charter organization, the Stone Church, Troop 9 will be conducting the church service on February 7.

**OUR ANNUAL CHOCOLATE LOVERS' SALE** will be held on Saturday, February 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day! We will be looking for donations of anything made with chocolate. Pies are especially popular. We are hoping to have everyone's help. Please sign up to bake, work or donate money. Sign-up sheets will be available. Call Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or Judy LaGasse (725-2217) with questions.

**UPDATE ON THE WE WISH YOU WELL AT THE VEZULWAZI PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SOUTH AFRICA:** We have raised another \$1250 for the Vezulwazi water well project and will be sending this to *Soup at Schools in South Africa*. When added to the \$2000 we sent a year ago, this will be used for an elevated storage tank

and pipes which will link the bore hole well to the school. When completed, our well will provide an integrated supply of water and electricity to the school. This project now has the attention of the South African Education Department, and the expectation is that it will be a prototype for other schools, not just in South Africa, but throughout the continent. In addition, we have learned that *Soup at Schools in South Africa* will now be *Soup at Schools in Africa*. **Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m. for the next concert to benefit this project.**