

February 7, 2010 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters)

see insert

+HYMN #274

*O God of Earth and Space*

LEONI

(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS, AND INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH

CONFESSION OF SIN (together)

God of the Ages, You ask us to be trustworthy, but we fail to keep our commitments to you and to others. You ask us to be loyal, yet we deny you by not proclaiming you. You ask us to be helpful, but we are too self-centered, ignoring others in need. You ask us to be friendly, but we are only friendly with those we know and not those alone. You ask us to be courteous, but we are rude to those who irritate us rather than trying to understand them. You ask us to be kind, but we lack compassion except when it's convenient or serves our own purposes. You ask us to be obedient, but we turn away from you to indulge ourselves. You ask us to be cheerful, but we sullen, unhappy with our economic and material life. You ask us to be thrifty, but we wasted our both our money and time on trivial things of this world. You ask us to be brave, but we are fearful of future, not trusting in you. You ask us to be clean, but fill ourselves with hate and partisanship. You ask us to be reverent, but we revere the material items in this world rather than you.

God of Mercy, Forgive us for our pettiness, self-centeredness, and lack of faith. Help us to be filled with your spirit and to do good works in your name. In your name, we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel—  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

GLORIA PATRI

+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 assent to every prayer by saying the concluding “amen” aloud.)

LESSON FROM THE SCRIPTURES



*Exodus 20:1-17 – The Ten Commandments*  
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

*Psalms 1 – The Way of the Righteous*  
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

*Philippians 4:8-9 – Code to Live By*  
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

*Praise Ye the Lord*

Gordon Young

*Matthew 5:1-12 – The Beatitudes*  
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

*The History of the Boys Scouts*

Bill Rudge

MESSAGE

*Boys Scouts and Stone Church*

Scott Leonard

SERMON

*The Road and the Code*

Glen Gardeski



Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Session meets
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Taizé service
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Chocolate Lovers' Sale
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Stone

**THIS MORNING'S USHERS** – Boy Scouts

**THIS MORNING'S HOSTS** – Judy LaGasse and Grace Whittemore

**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 are on Wednesday and Saturday mornings 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.

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.

**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 \$34.50 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.

**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). Thanks!

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




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**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.

**BOOK CLUB:** The next meeting of the Book Club is scheduled for Saturday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m. We are currently reading chapter 7 of *The Language of God*.

**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 sprosens@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:  
the Halls, the Harringtons  
Eleanor Palmer  
Elaine Schmidt and family  
Allen Solomon  
Colleen Britcher and family  
Myra Kazanjian  
First Presbyterian Church, Cherry  
Valley  
Flo and Keith Dewey  
The people of Haiti  
Sue Bishop  
Marilyn Wood

**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 is conducting the church service this morning. Participating in the service are: David Ross, Graham Callaghan, Michael Axel, Travis Huther, Tony Teodoro, Matt Zuchowski, James Zuchowski, Peter Jensen, Steve Zuchowski, Johnny Beach, Matt Hwang, Matt Popyack, Kevin Bering, Greg Jo, Brian Oehlsen, Bill Rudge, Scott Leonard, and Glen Gardeski.

**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.

**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.

**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.**