



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 February 12, 2017 ~ Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE "Cornet Voluntary" George Berg
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

INTROIT & POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

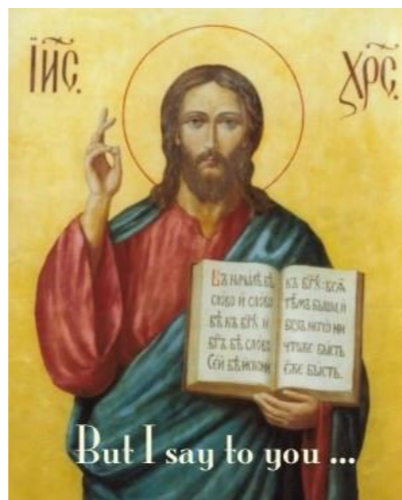
CALL TO WORSHIP
 ...For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.

+HYMN #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Holy and merciful God,
 in your presence we confess
 our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
 and our offenses against you.
 You alone know how often we have sinned
 in wandering from your ways,
 in wasting your gifts,
 in forgetting your love.
 Have mercy on us, O Lord.
 We are ashamed and sorry
 for all we have done to displease you.
 Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light,
 and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



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.)



THE WORD FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Choose life!
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 119:1-8 Happy are those who observe God's law.



O Lord, my de-light, ____ my de - light is in your law.

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I Corinthians 3:1-9 Paul is saddened by divisions in the church.
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** TOLD BY DONNA GOODFRIEND

ANTHEM "Hymn of Praise" George Blake

Matthew 5:21-37 Jesus goes beyond the requirements of the law.
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SERMON *Standards and Practices*

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #167 "God's Law Is Perfect and Gives Life" HALIFAX

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

David Duncan (ordination) as Ruling Elder; Helen Leonard, Jim Gavett as Deacons

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH Christ Is the Pattern for Our Life (“Confession of 1967”)

**The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ set the pattern for our life as the church.
His life as a human being involves us in the common life of all humanity.
His service to those in need commits us to work for every sort of human well-being.
His suffering makes us sensitive to all the sufferings of the world.
His crucifixion shows us God's judgment on our inhumanity and the awful consequences of our own complicity in injustice.
The power of the risen Christ is for us the promise of God's renewal.
And the hope of his coming is for us the hope for human life in society and for God's victory over all wrong.
As his church, we follow the pattern of his life in our life.
For us to live and serve is to confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY “Diapason Movement” Maurice Greene

+THANKSGIVING #2036 (vv.1-2) “Give Thanks” GIVE THANKS

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Choose Life and Do Justice

+HYMN #2132 “Come, Ye Disconsolate” CONSOLATOR

+CHARGE & BLESSING

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

February 12, 2017 – Sixth 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

Monday:	7 p.m.	Session/Deacons joint meeting
Wednesday:	8:30 a.m.	Clinton Area Ministerium – Lutheran Home
Thursday:	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday:	9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Jeff McArn

GREETERS & HOSTS: Bev Miller & Brooke Villiere

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 Florence Morgan Esther Kanipe Carolyn Barnum Debra LaFont Emily Massi and family Elizabeth Willson	Members/Friends of the Week: 1 st Presby. Church, Cooperstown Danuta and Boleslaw (Ewa’s parents) Carole Grove Chris Woods and his family Family of Kelly Connors-Sugarman Susanne Max (Emily Hughes’ sister) Shirley & JoAnn Tolbert Family & friends of Carol Gilley Robert Simon Willis Monie Ashley Harris
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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. Questions? See Ceil Gilbert.

Elders

Class of 2017:
 Donna Goodfriend
 John Menard
 Peter Massi

Class of 2018:
 Mary Ann Stiefvater
 Sherry Robinson
 Emily Hughes

Class of 2019:
 Elizabeth Smith
 David Duncan

Deacons

Class of 2017:
 Mary Chamberlain
 Emily Massi

Class of 2018:
 Gary LaGasse
 Judy LaGasse
 Bev Miller

Class of 2019:
 Jim Gavett
 Helen Leonard
 Brooke Villiere
 Grace Whittemore

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Be sure to reserve Wednesday evenings in March for the Lenten video series hosted by St. James.

FAIR TRADE SHOPPE: The shop is open every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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 or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stonepres.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY would appreciate donations of chili, soup, peanut butter, and beef stew. Please leave items in the back of the sanctuary. Please note that loose change collected in worship on third Sundays is sent to the Country Pantry. Questions? See Judy LaGasse.

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.