



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**September 26, 2010 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Stone Presbyterian Church**  
**A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation**

**We Gather to Worship God**

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in D* César Franck

**CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**+HYMN #461** *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

**WELCOME, JOYS & CONCERNS, NEWS OF OUR MISSION**

**CONFESSION OF SIN – (first in silence, then together)**

Merciful God, we are not very good at making our confession of our sin. Sometimes we do not feel particularly repentant about anything. At other times we can be overwhelmed with guilt over trivial issues, but ignore our weightier shortcomings in matters of righteousness and justice. Yet we realize that everything we think, feel and do becomes contaminated by the foolishness and evil around us and by the folly and evil within us. Loving God, continue with your saving patience toward us. Look upon and within each of us today. Uncover and correct all that is amiss, everything that is second best or less. Create in us a spirit of honest repentance. Enable us to rid our lives of self-justification to make room for your forgiveness and renewal. And bring us nearer that hour when our liberation shall be complete; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**+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.**

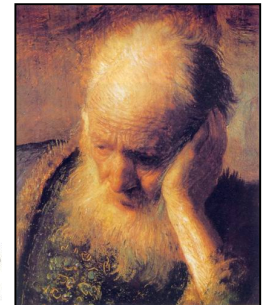


**We Listen for the Word of the Lord**

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE**

**Jeremiah 32:6-15 – God's plan for the redemption of Israel**  
 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Rembrandt's  
Jeremiah

**Psalter**

**PSALM 91**  
 (1-6, 9-16)

Presbyterian Refrain 6  
 Hal H. Hopson



God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

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**1 Timothy 6:6-19 – Share all things from the God who gives us enough.**

**ANTHEM**

***On Eagles' Wings***

Joncas/ Ferguson

**Luke 16:19-31 – Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and his servant.**  
 Told by Larry and Nikki Reynolds

**SERMON**

***We Have Our Good Things***  
*A Dialogue by Larry and Nikki Reynolds*

*We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving*

**+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (together)**

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.

(from "The Confession of 1967")

**+HYMN #400**

*When We Are Living*

SOMOS DEL SENOR

**OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Traditional) p. 16, Hymnal  
*"debts" & "debtors"*

**OFFERTORY**

*Andantino in D Minor*

C. Franck

**+A DOXOLOGY #592**

*The Old Hundredth*

**+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

**+HYMN #420**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

**+CHARGE, BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

**+POSTLUDE**

*Sortie in D*

C. Franck

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

September 26, 2010 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary ~ 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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All the People, Ministers

THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today:	3:00 p.m.	MFS Team meets with Guest Leader
Monday:	3:00 p.m.	Hope House
Tuesday:	5:00 p.m.	Presbytery meets – Lowville
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals – Village Green



blankets for the winter months.

**LITURGIST:** Lora Schilder  
**STORYTELLERS:** Nikki & Larry Reynolds

**OUR ANNUAL APPLE CELEBRATION** will be held on Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be asking for donations of apple pies and other kinds of apple baked goods. Use your imagination! Everyone's help will be needed. Sign-up sheets will be available and we will be calling everyone. If you have any questions, please call Donna Goodfriend (853-8405) or Ceil Gilbert (853-8289).

**BENEFIT CRAFTS SHOW FOR HOPE HOUSE:** Saturday, October 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Park Avenue Municipal Building, Old Forge. Many skilled crafters. Cookie walk. Lunch available. Come and leaf peep and check out the crafts.

**HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST:** Brown sugar, Italian seasoning, taco seasoning, Splenda or similar products in bulk for fruit crisps and cobblers, lasagna noodles, toothpicks (they put one in each sugar-free dessert so the guests who are diabetic will know it is sugar-free). Also needed are sheets and

**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.

**BUILDING STONES MISSION SHOP:** You are invited to visit our Building Stones Mission Shop, located in the narthex, to see our wonderful selection of Fair Trade teas, coffees, chocolates, soups, and clothes which are all for sale.

**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.

**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 at 853-2933 or stonepres@verizon.net or Sarah Rosenstein at 859-1037 or sprosens@hamilton.edu. A prayer request may also be made on the church's website, www.stonepres.org. Please note that we will remove names after 6 weeks if we haven't received an update or request to keep them on.

<p>Lori Sherwood  Doris Locke  Eleanor Palmer  Elaine Schmidt and Family  Allen Solomon  Kurt Whittemore  Marius Thomassen  Lori Chamberlain and Family  Ginny Francis and Family  Marilyn Wood's Family</p>
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<p>Members/Friends of the Week:  LaFont family  First Presbyterian Church,  Utica  Victims of Pakistan's floods  Rosalie Lauber  Lester Bretch  Peter Forrester's Family  Marlene</p>
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**THE COUNTRY PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pantry food bank is requesting donations of crackers, granola or cereal bars, canned spaghetti or ravioli, canned

fruit, and shampoo.

We also hope to add some small toys for the children. These include playing cards, jump ropes, bubbles, crayons, activity books, and sidewalk chalk. Please leave items in the basket in the narthex.

**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. More restrooms may be found downstairs in the hall that parallels Williams St.

**THE NURSERY** is located off the narthex to your right as you enter the church. A diaper-changing table is there for your convenience.

**HOPE HOUSE** is in need of the following items: lunch bags, individual size snacks, fruit, paper supplies, and leftover food.

If you are having a party and have plenty of leftover food or paper supplies, remember Hope House. If the cooked food is kept properly iced or warm, they can accept it and actually need it for the growing number of guests they are seeing at lunchtime. Paper plates, napkins and utensils are one of their biggest expenses, not covered by any grants.

**HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE** needs volunteers to work with patients and families, participate in bereavement support activities, help in the Siegenthaler Center, and assist in the office. Training dates: Thursdays, October 7 – November 11 from 6:50 to 9:15 p.m. Contact Kate Doran, 735-6487, ext. 240 to pre-register.

**PIANO RECITAL:** In celebration of Stephen Best's 40 years as Minister of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Utica, you are invited to a recital on Saturday, October 2 at 7:30 at the church. Guest artists are 14-year-old George Li and 10-year-old Andrew Li, piano virtuosos from the Boston area. The concert is free of charge.

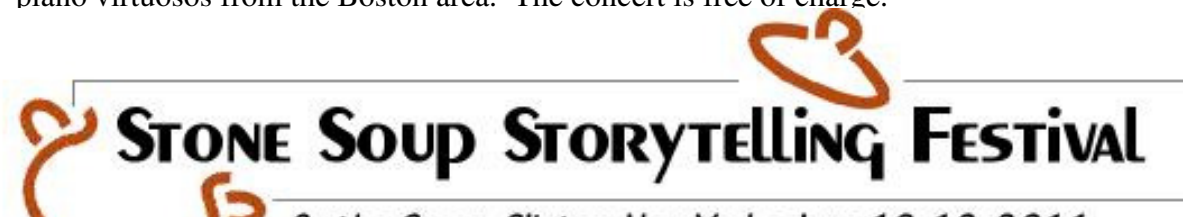
## Rich and Poor

A three-day United Nations summit to push global leaders to meet U.N. goals to significantly reduce poverty by 2015 wrapped up last Wednesday with new financial pledges from countries, but no certainty there will be enough money and political commitment to meet the targets.

Although there is a movement by Bill Gates and Warren Buffet, two of the wealthiest men in the United States—in fact, the world—to encourage those in similar income brackets to give away a substantial portion of their income, they are the exception to the rule. One reason many rich people stay rich is they sure don't "waste" their money on such things as charity. And the poor? Well, it appears that those who have little give much. Hard to believe, isn't it? The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2007 data show that the poorest Americans gave the largest percentage of their income (4.3 percent) to charity while those earning over \$100,000 gave only 2.1 percent of what they make.

We are regularly told by politicians and the media, that America is the world's most generous nation. This is what some call an instance of "knowledgeable ignorance." The US ranks twenty-second of the 22 most developed nations in proportionate giving. As former President Jimmy Carter commented, "We are the stingiest nation of all." Denmark is top of the table, giving 1.01% of GDP, while the US manages just 0.1%.

The United Nations has long established the target of 0.7% GDP for development assistance, although only four countries actually achieve this: Denmark, 1.01%; Norway, 0.91%; the Netherlands, 0.79%; Sweden, 0.7%. Apart from being the least generous nation, the US is highly selective in who receives its aid. Over 50% of its aid budget is spent on



middle-income countries in the Middle East, with Israel being the recipient of the largest single share.

As we contemplate today's Gospel Lesson and the message of the Old Testament prophets, it's hard for us to feel comfortable with business as usual. What are we called to do? How are we called to act? How can we make a difference? As our sermon asks today, "What can we do for Lazarus?"