



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 October 9, 2011 – 16th Sunday in Pentecost Ordinary

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE *Prelude in D* Jan Baptist Vanhal

CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF THE 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 #291 *O God of Earth and Altar* LLANGLOFFAN
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

INVITATIONS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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

God of judgment and grace, we confess to one another and to you that we sometimes prefer falsehood over truth, that our lives are less than honorable, that we do not always seek justice, and that our motives are not always pure. We settle for less than the best in ourselves, even as we expect more of others. There are times when we turn our thoughts to the latest news scandal or juicy gossip, times when we seek unethical shortcuts for ourselves even as we focus on the shortcomings of others. Instead of doing what is pleasing to you and commendable in the sight of others, we often rehearse negativity, criticism and grudges. Forgive us our sin. Heal us. Mend us. Restore us. Let our changed lives glorify you and be helpful to our neighbors in this world of need and pain; in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

GLORIA PATRI

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We listen for God's Word

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 32:1-14

*The people of Israel
 make a golden calf.*

Told by Larry Reynolds

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.



Psalter – Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

HAL HOPSON



The might-y God is the God of Is - ra - el.

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Philippians 4:1-9 Rejoice and strive for excellence!

ANTHEM *Sing Praise to the Lord* Hal Hopson

Luke 14:15-24 the parable of the wedding banquet Told by Katrina Schell

SERMON *God's Change of Mind*

We Respond in Faith and Thanksgiving

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH - James 3:13-18 (TEV)

Do we claim to be wise and understanding? Let us prove it by our good life, by our good deeds performed with humility and wisdom. But if, in our heart, we are jealous, bitter and selfish, let us not sin against the truth by boasting of our wisdom. Such wisdom does not come from heaven. It belongs to the world. It is unspiritual and demonic. But the wisdom from above is pure first of all. It is also peaceful, gentle and friendly. It is full of compassion and produces a harvest of good deeds. It is free from prejudice and hypocrisy. Goodness is the harvest that is produced from the seeds that peacemakers plant in peace. Amen.

Adapted from "The Confession of 1967" in
The Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

+HYMN ***I Cannot Come to the Banquet***
(Please see announcements insert.)

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY ***Andantino in C*** Justin Heinrich Knecht

+A DOXOLOGY #591 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

We Are Sent Out to Serve

+HYMN #538 ***Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*** SICILIAN MARINERS

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

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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

Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Taizé service
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons' meeting

LITURGIST: Dave Forbes

STORYTELLERS: Larry Reynolds, Katrina Schell

GREETERS & HOSTS: Emily Hughes, Linda and Hal Rance

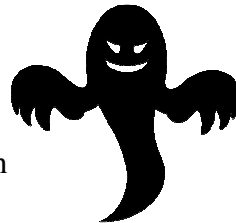
NAME TAGS: If yours is missing or your name is wrong, please let an usher know, and we will supply you with a temporary tag until a replacement is made. If you're visiting, an usher will be glad to make you a name tag.

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 Street.

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

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

The Village Storytelling Festival invites you to come hear and share chilling tales at our **SPOOKY STORY SWAP** 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at the Cider Mill (or should we say Spider Mill), 28 Elm St., Clinton, NY. Dress appropriately—there will be no heat, though there will be hot cider available to purchase!



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.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please go to our website www.stonepres.org and click on "Prayer Request" or call the church office at 853-2933. Announcements (with this list) are posted on-line each week. Please note that we will remove names after 6 weeks if we haven't received an update or request to keep them on.

Lori Sherwood
 Eleanor Palmer
 Elaine Schmidt and Family
 Allen Solomon
 Marius Thomassen
 Barbara Stockbridge
 Will
 Stan Shinkle
 Steve Zuchowski, Sr. and Family
 Buzz and Carol Sterling Barrows
 Peter Fay and Family
 Don Black
 Cookenham Family

Members/Friends of the Week:
 Tina & Larry Doroguzzi
 Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church
 Rosalie Lauber
 Machold Family
 Lisa Hyatt
 Family of Nancy Shaw
 Kathleen Putney
 People affected by natural disasters
 Thea Lamberson and the youth of Vienna
 Presbyterian Church and their families
 Carolyn Barnum and Family

HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST: Food: Garden produce is always welcome, Jiffy corn bread mix, sugar-free pancake syrup, cold cuts, tuna, pan spray, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, baked goods for Mondays and Thursdays. Food supplies: paper towels, 9" styrofoam plates, 6 oz. styrofoam cups, cleaning rags, plastic grocery bags, brown bags, and a volunteer to sew a cover for the slicer (fabric will be donated). Please leave items in the Norton Room, but if you have perishable food, please call Ceil Gilbert, 853-8289.

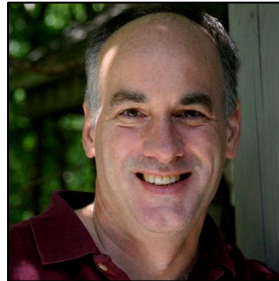
The New Hartford Presbyterian Church will have a **RUMMAGE SALE** on Thursday, October 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The bag sale will begin at 1:30 p.m.



KIRKLAND COMMUNITY CROP WALK: Sunday, October 23.
Register with donations at 12:30 p.m.; Walk starts at 1:00 p.m.
Donations help reduce hunger all over the world. One quarter of the contributions will be returned to two Kirkland organizations: the Country Pantry and the Clinton Salvation Army community). Watch for more details.

“Digital Media in Worship: More than Words on Pretty Pictures”

A Workshop by Tim Coombs
Sunday, November 6, 2 – 5 pm
First Presbyterian Church, Rome



By now everyone is aware of the vast cultural changes that are happening in the world around us. People of the emerging digital culture think, feel, and even come to faith differently than they did under the former print-based culture under which our denomination both grew and thrived.

Words are still important, but today their meaning can be transformed by the use of visuals and music. This workshop will offer key strategies to effectively communicate the gospel and facilitate people’s worship today. Emphasis will be placed on the use of story and metaphor and the effective and affective use of digital media.

The Rev. Dr. Tim Coombs began his digital journey interning at Lumicon, Inc., a non-profit company that designed graphics and video for use in worship. In 2006, he earned a Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio in the area of Biblical Storytelling in Digital Culture. He now serves as Co-pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Scotia, New York and as Albany Presbytery’s staff resource person for Congregational Health and Transformation.

The Wedding Banquet Sister Miriam Therese Winter

REFRAIN:
I cannot come!
I cannot come to the banquet, don’t trouble me now!
I have married a wife, I have bought me a cow!
I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum;
Pray, hold me excused, I cannot come.

A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town;
He laid a festive table and wore a wedding gown;
He sent invitations to his neighbors far and wide
But when the meal was ready, each of them replied –
REFRAIN

The master rose up in anger, called his servant by name,
Saying, "Go into the town; call the blind and the lame,
Call the peasant and the pauper, for this I have willed,
My banquet must be crowded, and my table must be filled.
REFRAIN

When all the poor had assembled, there was still room to spare,
So the master demanded: "Go and search everywhere,
To the highways and the byways and force them to come in.
My table must be filled before the banquet can begin.
REFRAIN

Now Jesus told us this story for us to keep in mind;
If we're slow in responding, we may just be left behind.
He's preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day;
So when your Savior calls you, be certain not to say:
REFRAIN