



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
Stone Presbyterian Church  
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary – October 10, 2010**

**We Gather to Worship God**

**PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**+HYMN #262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*** NATIONAL HYMN  
(+Those who are able may stand.)

**WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS AND INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**We confess to one another and to you our lethargy, our timid faith,  
our propensity to seek the quick fix and the easy way out,  
our willingness to let others do the work to which you call us.  
We are quick to level blame and slow to forgive,  
rushing to judgment but resisting being judged.  
We often dare not look inside ourselves to face our sin  
but look instead at others' faults and shortcomings.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Take away our rationalizations and self-justifications.  
Help us face up to ourselves in honesty, sincerity and simplicity  
that our transformed lives may honor you and show your love  
to a world in need of love and mercy;  
for we ask it in the name of Christ. Amen.**



**THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS**

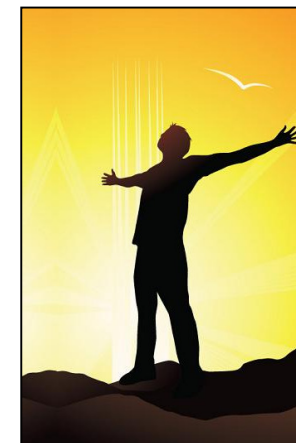
Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel...  
**in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**+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 29:1, 4-7* The people are urged to accept exile.  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

***Psalter - Psalm 66:1-12* – Psalm Paraphrase by Dennis Dewey** TO FOREST GREEN

**EAST:** O make a joyful noise to God,  
Let all the earth sing praise!

**EAST:** O let us bless the Lord our God,  
Let praises now be heard!

**WEST:** How awesome are your deeds, O Lord  
**Your pow-er and your ways.**

**WEST:** Praise to the one who keeps our steps  
**within the living word.**

**EAST:** Come see the things that God has done:  
A pathway through the sea—

**EAST:** For you, O God, have tested us,  
as silver is assayed.

**WEST:** That on dry land your people walk  
And pass through gloriously.

**WEST:** Though burdened by a heavy weight,  
**On you our minds were stayed.**

**EAST:** You rule forever by your might,  
the nations to reprove;

**EAST:** And then through the waters we did go  
as through a trial by fire,

**WEST:** You keep the humble in your sight,  
your enemies remove.

**WEST:** You brought us to a spacious place;  
Your words our hearts inspire.

**ANTHEM**

***2 Timothy 2:8-15* the power of Christ for endurance**

TOLD BY DONNA GOODFRIEND

***Luke 17:11-19* Jesus cleanses ten lepers.**

TOLD BY OWEN REYNOLDS

**SERMON**

***Remembering to Be Grateful***

*We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving*

**+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (together)**

New life in Christ takes shape in his community of faith, the church,  
in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of who we are.  
Therefore we can accept ourselves and love others,  
knowing that we have no other ground  
on which to stand than the grace of God.  
This new life does not release us from conflict  
with unbelief, pride, lust and fear.  
We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.  
Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness  
in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer,  
bearing witness on good days and evil days,  
confident that our new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.  
(from "The Confession of 1967")

**+HYMN #554**                      *Let All Things Now Living*                      ASH GROVE

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

**OFFERTORY**

**+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 #2036**                      *Give Thanks*                      GIVE THANKS

**+CHARGE, BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE**

**+POSTLUDE**

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

**October 10, 2010 ~ 28th 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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**THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Today:                      11:30 a.m.                      Deacons meet

Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Session meets
Wednesday:	5:30 p.m.	Game Night
Saturday:	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Apple Celebration
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

**LITURGIST:** Dave Forbes

**STORYTELLERS:** Donna Goodfriend & Owen Reynolds

**USHER/HOST:** Ann Smallen

**GAME NIGHT** is set for Wednesday, October 13 in the Norton Room. Join us at 5:30 for pizza, soda and dessert followed by games of all kinds. We'll provide games or you may bring your own. Sign up in the back of the Church today! We need an approximate count so we know how much pizza to get.

**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).

**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 blankets for the winter months.



**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 would like to include in the Stone Church website, please 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.

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  
Lisa Hyatt

Members/Friends of the Week:  
Mo & Sarah Lalonde  
Health Care Chaplin Ministry:  
Basset Hospital, Rev. Betsy Jay  
Presby. Home, Rev. Tom Lorenz  
Victims of Pakistan's floods  
Rosalie Lauber  
Lester Bretch  
Peter Forrester's Family  
Marlene  
Machold Family

**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.

**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.

**CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM (CSP)** of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties pays for breast and cervical cancer screenings for uninsured/underinsured women age 40 and older, and colon cancer screenings for uninsured/underinsured men and women age 50 and older during the week of October 18. Should there be any need for follow-up services based on the initial screening, the CSP pays for follow-up, and if there is a diagnosis of breast, cervical or colorectal cancer, there is a special Medicaid program that will pay for cancer treatment. The CSP has no financial eligibility, and neither does the Medicaid program with regard to breast and cervical cancer diagnoses. Registering for the CSP is easy and quick. It can be done by calling 798-5248.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** The New Hartford Presbyterian Church will have a rummage sale on Thursday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The bag sale will begin at 1:30 p.m.

**CROP WALK** is scheduled for Sunday, October 24 at 1:00 p.m. The walk will begin with registration at Stone Presbyterian Church and finish at St. James Episcopal Church with refreshments. Registration forms and maps are on the back table in the sanctuary.

## **Presbyterians are older, even more involved in their communities**

Almost half of worshipers in the Presbyterian Church (USA) are at or near retirement age, new survey results reveal. The median age of PC(USA) worshipers is 61 — up from 58 in 2001, the last time the survey took place. Along with this trend comes a decrease in the share of worshipers who have children living at home (down from 38 percent in 2001 to 34 percent now). The U.S. Congregational Life Survey (in which Stone took part) tallied responses from 40,000 worshipers in a national study of Presbyterian congregations. In the fall of 2008 and the spring of 2009 a random sample of 521 PC(USA) congregations participated in the U.S. Congregational Life Survey. The survey was given in worship and included the responses of all worshipers age 15 and older. In 2001, a random sample of 523 PC(USA) congregations participated.

Other, more hopeful news also emerged from the recent survey: Presbyterians were a well-educated group in 2001, and that's even more true today. Six in ten have a college degree, up from half in 2001. Among all Americans only one in four are college graduates.

Survey results also show an increase in Presbyterians' involvement in community service work either through their congregations or on their own. More than a third of worshipers (35 percent) participate in the community service activities, social justice ministries, or advocacy work of their congregation. Fewer worshipers reported doing so in 2001 (30 percent). Presbyterians' commitment to community service work beyond their congregations has also increased. Today almost half (46 percent) work through other organizations to make the community a better place to live. Fewer did so in 2001 (43 percent).

"Presbyterian congregations have abundant strengths, including well-educated worshipers and high levels of community involvement," commented Deborah Bruce, who manages the U.S. Congregational Life Survey. "This good news often gets lost in the stories of denominational decline."

Despite these changes, the survey results show that many other areas of congregational life have remained stable since 2001:

- Six in ten PC(USA) worshipers are women.
- Almost seven in ten are married.
- Half are employed either full- or part-time.
- Four in five are members of their congregation (most of the rest attend regularly, but haven't joined; a few are visitors).

- Large majorities say they "always or usually" experience God's presence, joy, and inspiration during their congregation's worship services.
- Most report their pastor is a good match for the congregation (86 percent).

The Survey results can be used to answer important questions: How can we become stronger? Where is God calling us?