



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 October 16, 2011 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary after Pentecost

We Gather to Praise God



PRELUDE

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 #2158 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* CLOSER WALK
 (+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*)

Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sin.
 Make us over from the inside out as a new creation.
 Christ, have mercy upon us and make right in us all that is wrong.
 Help us strive to do what is right and good.
 Lord, have mercy upon us and remove from us all hardness of heart.
 Renew a right spirit within us and guide us in the way of life.
 In your holy name 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 33:12-23 Moses seeks a more intimate knowledge of the Lord.
 TOLD BY DAVE FORBES
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

Psalter – Psalm 99

Hal Hopson



Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly is the Lord.

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1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Paul commends the faith of the Thessalonians.

ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Lloyd Larson



Matthew 22:15-22 Jesus is questioned about paying taxes.
 TOLD BY DONNA GOODFRIEND

SERMON

What Belongs to Whom?

We Respond in Faith and Thanksgiving

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (together)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life: social and cultural, political and economic, individual and corporate. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from God's creation.

The Reign of God represents the triumph of God over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring our hope and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. We do not identify limited progress with the Reign of God on earth, nor do we despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, we look beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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

+HYMN #434 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

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

OFFERTORY

+A DOXOLOGY #592 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH
(The traditional words of this doxology will be sung to the original rhythm as found at #591.)

We Are Sent Out to Serve

+HYMN #425 *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining* ABBOT'S LEIGH

+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

Today:	11:30 a.m.	Deacons' meeting
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Storytellers' meeting
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	CROP Walk

LITURGIST: Dave Forbes

STORYTELLERS: Dave Forbes, Donna Goodfriend

HOST: Pat Joseph

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.

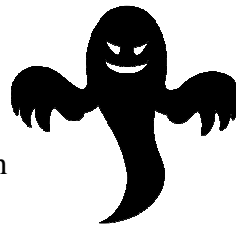
A REST ROOM (wheelchair accessible) is located off the narthex to your left as you enter the church. More restrooms may be found downstairs in the hall that parallels Williams Street.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting articles for the November issue of *The Corner Stone* is Thursday, October 20.

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:
 Marge Egger, Alice Ehrhart
 Health Care Chaplain Ministry:
 Bassett Hospital, Rev. Betsy Jay;
 Presbyterian Home, Rev. Tom Lorenz
 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.



KIRKLAND COMMUNITY CROP WALK: Sunday, October 23.

Register with donations at 12:30 p.m.; Walk starts at 1:00 p.m.

Donations

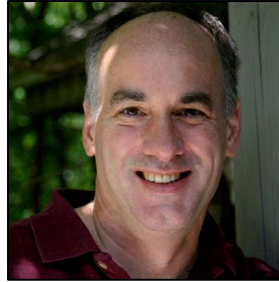
help reduce hunger all over the world. One quarter of the contributions will be returned to two Kirkland organizations: the Country Pantry and the Clinton Salvation Army community). Watch for more details.

“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.

VANDERKAMP CENTER’S ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL & SILENT AUCTION:

November 5, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, 5299 Jamesville Rd., Dewitt. Tickets \$15/person. This fundraiser supports camperships and program needs for Summer Camp 2012. For more information, call 675-3651.

BROOKS CHICKEN BARBEQUE: Sunday, October 23, noon to 3:00 p.m., Clinton Fire Department. Dinners include: BBQ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, beverage, and a dessert. Only \$9!!! This fundraiser benefits the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department.

QUESTION: *While acknowledging that each individual’s journey is unique, is there a most prevalent way that the unchurched begin their search for the faith missing in their lives? Attend a worship service? Sign up for an educational class? Attend a special presentation?*

Answer: Several studies agree that approximately 75 percent of unchurched adults “begin their search” when someone invites them to a worship service. And about 15 percent begin their search by attending worship in a church they selected from the Yellow Pages. And 10 percent begin their search by worshipping at a church building they had noticed while driving past on a weekday. But why do individuals begin their search at that particular time? Most such individuals begin their search because they feel an inner need. This is usually during a period when their life is more stressful than usual, often during times of negative life change and sometimes during times of positive life change. But a few individuals report that “it was just time to find a church.”

Beneath that research data lurks two larger questions for congregations: Since inviting is the most important reason why unchurched adults visit a church’s worship service the first time, (a) what causes a church’s people to do a high volume of inviting and (b) what causes a church’s first-time worship visitors to return a second time, a third time, and eventually make a spiritual connection with Christ and that congregation? The majority of today’s adults who respond to invitations base their decision to attend worship the first time and subsequent times on whether the church exhibits seven magnetic factors.

1. The style and tempo of the worship hymns fit newcomers’ ages and preferences.
2. The sermons inspire newcomer-adults with biblical insights about how to live a meaningful life.
3. The pastor and staff exhibit strong spiritual traits and possess personalities to which prospective adult attendees can relate, chiefly spiritual enthusiasm, a joyful attitude, and a spiritual vision for the congregation.
4. The excellent children and youth ministries meet an important need felt by young-adult parents.
5. A wide variety of programs make newcomers feel “there is something here for every member of the family.”
6. The congregation is friendly, and newcomers feel welcomed and wanted.
7. The church is a reasonable driving-distance from most of the newcomers’ residences.

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