



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
October 30, 2011 ~ Reformation Sunday

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Ein' feste Burg

CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF THE WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: *A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a well proved help in trouble.

Congregation: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam.**

Choir: *Protecting us with staff and rod, and power all-prevailing.*

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. And God is in the midst of her.

Congregation: **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; God utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Choir: *What if the nations rage and surging seas rampage? What though the mountains fall?*

Leader: Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nation!

Congregation: **God makes wars cease to the end of the earth. God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear.**

Choir: *The Lord is God of all; the Lord of hosts is with us.*

* HYMN 260 (vss. 2-4) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG
(+Those who are able may stand.)

INVITATIONS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

We Come Humbly Before God

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, please forgive us for all the ways that we separate ourselves from you and from one another. You have heaped blessings upon us, yet often we are ungrateful. We grumble and complain, sometimes we flee, choosing our own path while avoiding your guidance. We prefer to worry in our weakness rather than rely on your power.

In your mercy, forgive us, Lord. Restore us to the joyful confidence of those who belong to you. Help us to live in your strength—in the forgiveness and freedom you offer us.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

GLORIA PATRI

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Reforming Word of the Lord

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Joshua 3:7-17 *The Israelites enter the promised land on dry ground.*

TOLD BY SCOTT LEONARD

The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

Psalter – Psalm 107:1-7,33-37

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 *Paul gives thanks that his word has been received as God's.*

ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress Johann Hermann Schein

Matthew 23:1-12 Jesus scolds the religious leaders.
TOLD BY DAVE FORBES

SERMON

What's a Reformation, Anyway?

We Respond in Reformed Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 16, "debts" & "debtors")

OFFERTORY

Ein' feste Burg

+A CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION

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Protecting us with staff and rod, and power all-prevailing.
What if the nations rage and surging seas rampage?
What though the mountains fall? The Lord is God of all!
The Lord of hosts is with us.**

We Go Out to Continue the Reformation in Our Lives

+HYMN #418

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

DIADEMATA

+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.	“What do our Neighbors Believe?”
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	SSSF meeting
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	WEP meeting
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Gerry Platz
	11:30 a.m.	Consecration luncheon

LITURGIST: Dave Forbes

STORYTELLERS: Scott Leonard, Dave Forbes

GREETERS & HOSTS: John & Mary Ann Stiefvater

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.

BARBARA STOCKBRIDGE WILL CELEBRATE HER 80TH BIRTHDAY on November 2nd. Best wishes can be sent to her at 108 Utica Rd., Willow Way, Room 550, Clinton, NY 13323.

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
 Jennifer, Zach & Emma

Members/Friends of the Week:
 Roberta Ferris, Ginny Francis
 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program
 (PDA), PC(USA)
 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
 Sarah Ziegler

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.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD: Over 40 Scouts, Cubs, and Adult Leaders and Parents from Packs 9 & 44 and Troops 9 & 44 and Venture Crew 9 will be “Scouting For Food” on **Saturday, November 12th**. They hope to obtain over

3000 bags of food (canned or boxed, no glass) from Clinton and Clarks Mills (Kirkland) area residents who receive notice of this pickup when door hangers with donation information are distributed **Saturday, November 5th**. All the food collected goes to the Country Pantry Food Bank in the basement of the Church of Annunciation in Clark Mills. This food bank provides food for over 100 families in the Kirkland area.

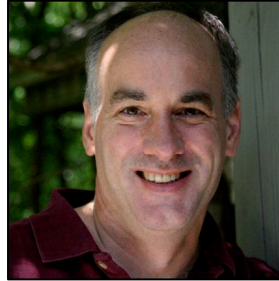
Bags of food should be put out before 9:00 a.. on Saturday, November 12th. They should be hung on door knobs or placed on door steps or street side entrances **in clear sight from the street.**

“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.

Rev. Gerald Platz,
Guest Preacher