



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 November 14, 2010

We Gather in Grateful Praise

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively; based on Isaiah 12)*

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name.

Make known his deeds among the nations.

Sing praise to the Lord, for he has done gloriously.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in our midst
 is the Holy One of Israel.**

+HYMN #376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS AND INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH

CONFESSION OF SIN (together)

Merciful God, before whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another:

We invoke the name of Christ, but we do not make his presence real in our lives.

We speak of your truth, but we fear the truth about ourselves.

We sing of your grace, but we cling to illusions that keep us from experiencing your healing power.

We claim to live by faith, but we want to have our own way.

We want to be free, but we avoid the discipline that would set us free.

We lay claim to your promises in *our* need, but we fail to be instruments of that promise in meeting the needs of others.

Forgive us and cleanse us, we pray, and give us new life through 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!

+A DOXOLOGY #577 *Glory Be to the Father* AVERY & MARSH

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We Encounter the Word of God

A Meditation in Word and Song on Today's Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 65:17-25 — Isaiah's vision of a new age

Hymn #2030 Isaiah 12 — The "First Song of Isaiah"

Luke 21:5-19 — Stand firm, whatever!

ANTHEM *How Firm a Foundation*

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 — Do not be weary in doing what is right

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving and Commitment

+HYMN #436 *We Are Your People* WHITFIELD

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

OFFERTORY

+A DOXOLOGY #229, v. 1 *From All That Dwell* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Out into the World to Let Christ Live in Us

+HYMN #415

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE



Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP
November 14, 2010 ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 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
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m.	SSSF meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee meets
Thursday:	8:30 a.m.	Clinton Area Ministerium – Lutheran Care
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Gerry Platz
	7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service - CUMC

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 17 is the deadline for submitting articles for the December issue of *The Corner Stone*.



**ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE
7:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 21 AT CUMC**

The annual Community Thanksgiving service will take place Sunday evening, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clinton United Methodist Church with Fr. John Croghan preaching. Worshipers are asked to bring canned goods as their offering to help supply the Country Pantry.

Join the **ECUMENICAL CHOIR** for the Clinton Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Clinton Methodist Church. We will be singing an easy anthem called *All Good Gifts* by Natalie Sleeth, based on the shaker tune, *Simple Gifts*, that can be put together in half an hour and performed that evening. Rehearsal will be at 6:00 p.m. before the service. What a great way to thank God for all our good gifts!



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
Eleanor Palmer
Elaine Schmidt and Family
Afghanistan troops
Allen Solomon
Kurt Whittemore
Marius Thomassen
Ginny Francis and Family
Will

Members/Friends of the Week:
Doug & Rose Lockwood
First Presbyterian Church,
Westernville
Victims of Pakistan's floods
The homeless
Rosalie Lauber
Machold Family
Lisa Hyatt

KURT WHITTEMORE is currently stationed in Afghanistan. His address:
Corporal Whittemore, Kurt, G
MWHS-3 DET A (G-2)

UNIT 41007 FPO-AP 96427-100

Please consider sending him a note or holiday card and be sure to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

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 SHOPPERS STROLL IS ALMOST HERE! Be sure to stop in the narthex to take a look at some of the items for the Stroll and don't forget to purchase a raffle ticket while you are there. If you have additional items for the sale, please leave them in the Norton Room. Questions? Call Bev Miller, 853-2548, or Ceil Gilbert, 853-8289.

Note: Volunteers are needed to help decorate the sanctuary following worship on Sunday, November 21.

COUNTRY PANTRY CHRISTMAS STAR PROGRAM: Each year we have been helping families through the country pantry. A list of suggested items will be available early November. Items need to be returned to church by November 28th, wrapped and with their "star" attached. If you are interested in participating but may not be in church early November, call Judy LaGasse at 725-2217.

HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST: The following is a list of donations being requested by Hope House: Empty coffee cans with plastic lids for grease, brown bags for their Brown Bag Lunch Program, individual serve fruits or snacks, lasagna noodles, parsley, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, sugar substitute in bulk for baking, a Pyrex glass measuring cup for 8 cups and for 4 cups, a good baster to remove grease, sea salt, taco seasoning, beef and chicken broth. They especially need toiletries such as soap, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes and paste, etc. Since people

are not traveling as much, Hope House is not receiving as many toiletries. Please leave items in the Norton Room.

SMART SHOPPERS COUPON BOOKS are available from Judy and Gary LaGasse.

Come browse through the one on display. They make wonderful Christmas presents at just \$20 each. All proceeds go to the general fund.

**JANE DEWEY TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON AFTER WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 28:**

Jane Dewey, daughter of Dennis and Susan, will do a presentation after worship at a pot luck luncheon on Sunday, November 28 on the topic of her Ph.D. dissertation: *Faithful Allies: The Experience of LGB-affirming Christian Clergy*. Jane's research into the effects

of supportive church environments on lesbian, gay and bi-sexual persons reveals some very interesting insight. As a church that has made a commitment to be "open and affirming," members of Stone Church will find this presentation of interest. Her research begins with the observation:

The intersection of a person's lesbian, gay or bisexual identity with his or her religious identity can be very challenging to reconcile. Sexuality and religiosity represent two important components of cultural diversity that have, separately, received much attention in the scholarly literature of psychology. Yet, the reach of religious homonegativity is far wider than the confines of a place of worship. Religious messages often become entangled in the cultural ethos in such a way as to render them virtually inextricable.

She'll put all that in language the average non-psychologist can understand! Please join Jane for this informative discussion. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy good fellowship while learning something important!

A TIME TO SAY GOODBYE! As most of you have heard by now, the beloved Executive Director of Hope House, Rose White, will be retiring this month. They are

planning a time for volunteers and guests to wish Rose well in her retirement!
Wednesday, November 17th from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Hope House, refreshments will be served.

In addition, the Board of Directors is sponsoring a Celebration Dinner in Rose's honor at Daniele's Banquet Specialists on Route 5 in New Hartford, November 30th, 5 p.m. cash bar, 6 p.m. dinner and program. For reservations, please contact Barb or Betty at Hope House (793-3723).