



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 November 28, 2010 – The First Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship the One Who Is Coming

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Rudolf Moser

INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

+HYMN #9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Almighty God,
 we confess our sin to you and to one another.
 Give us grace to trust and hope in the Good News,
 the light that shines in the darkness.
 Give us hopeful hearts and hands to serve,
 to put on Christ each day, showing his light and love in our lives.
 Help us be always ready, not distracted by the anxieties of this life,
 but living with expectant hope in your loving plans for the future,
 working for the day when your will is done on earth as it is in heaven;
 through the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen.



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY (to the tune GLORIA)

To the God of Hope we sing,
 To the Son let praises ring,
 To the Holy Spirit raise
 This our song of grateful praise:
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo!
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HOPE HOUSE

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE – HOPE – Pat and Buzz Joseph

Romans 13:11-12, 14a Put on Christ because salvation is close at hand.
 You are invited to bring forward
 your offering of hope for Hope House.

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5 The word of the Lord will go out from Zion. TOLD BY PAT JOSEPH
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

Psalms 122 – a song for ascending to the temple
 (Red Hymnbook, Selection #29, page 501)

ANTHEM *Come to Set Thy People Free* Lloyd Larson

Matthew 24:36-44 the necessity for watchfulness TOLD BY JOYCE WILBUR

SERMON *Caffeinated Hope*

We Respond in Hopeful Faith with Thanksgiving

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on John 1)

In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made. What was made in him was life, and the life was the light of humankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not been able to overcome it.

+HYMN #7 *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth* MIT FREUDEN ZART

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

OFFERTORY *From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come* J. G. Walther

+A DOXOLOGY ADESTE FIDELES

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O Come, let us adore him, O Come let us adore him,
O Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

+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 in Hope

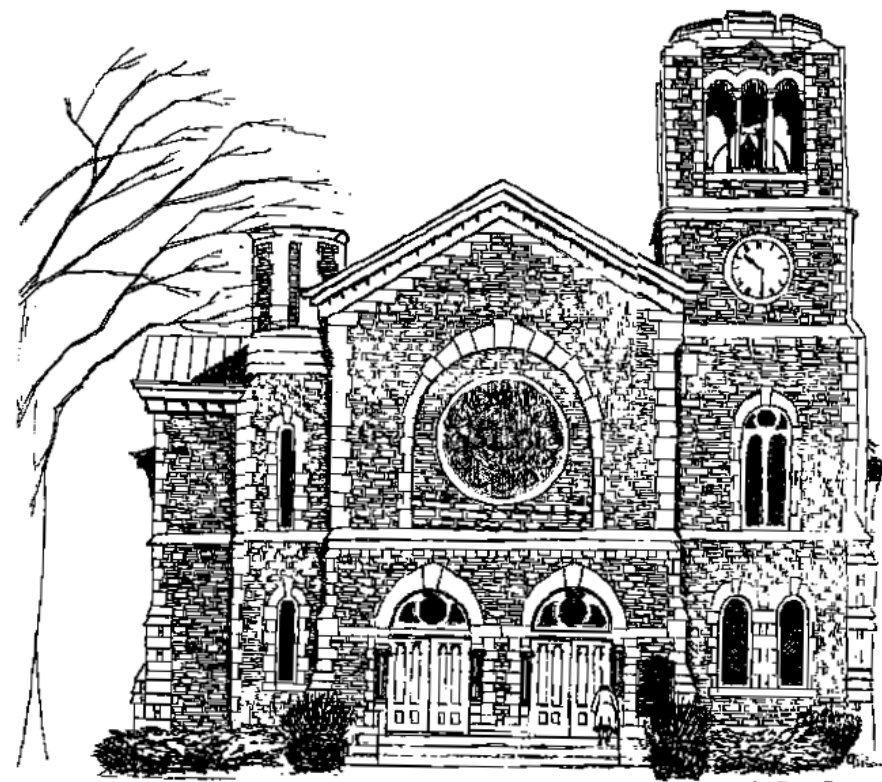
+HYMN *O Lord, How Shall We Meet You* GOD REST YE MERRY
(Please see announcements insert.)

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

November 28, 2010 ~ First Sunday of Advent ~ 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:	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon presentation – Jane Dewey
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Storytellers meet
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Book Club
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons meet
	12:00 p.m.	Advent Study
	4:00 p.m.	Lessons & Carols – Hamilton College

LITURGIST: Pat Joseph

STORYTELLERS: Pat Joseph and Joyce Wilbur

WE HAVE A NEW FAMILY! Look for tree ornaments with the needs and wants of our Christmas family. The ornaments will adorn the sanctuary Christmas tree on Sunday, December 5. **This is Stone Church's 25th year of adopting families through the Neighborhood Center!** Please return gifts - unwrapped, but with tags attached – by Sunday, December 19. Be sure to join us that morning after worship for the wrapping party. Questions? See Donna Goodfriend.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE? Come to our after-worship Advent Studies December 5th, 12th, and 19th and find out! Make your celebration of Christmas richer and deeper by joining your friends for a study of the true meaning of Christmas. The handout for the December 5th Session is on the back table in the sanctuary. Please pick one up or ask Peggy to send you a digital copy via email!



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
Barbara Wallace

Members/Friends of the Week:
Frank & Kara Milana
First Presbyterian Church, Whitesboro
Victims of Pakistan's floods
The homeless
Rosalie Lauber
Machold Family
Lisa Hyatt
Troops

KURT WHITTEMORE is currently stationed in Afghanistan. His address:

Corporal Whittemore, Kurt, G

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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.

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. 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).

KIRKLAND COMMUNITY BLOODMOBILE: Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Schillings Burns Young VFW Post 9591 on Franklin Avenue in Clinton. New and past blood donors are needed. Contact Bill Rudge at 853-6300 or Rudge44@aol.com to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins are essential and will be very welcomed. Donations are being requested to help Red Cross Blood services "maintain lives" including a young Clinton Elementary School Student who is being treated for leukemia. This young man has to make frequent trips to the Children's Hospital at SUNY Up State Medical in Syracuse for blood transfusions, platelets, and chemotherapy. Our blood donations provide the needed blood for these transfusions and blood medicine products. Thank you for continuing to share "God's Gift of Life."

WORLD WIDE CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE: On Sunday, December 12 the first candles will be lit just west of the International Date Line and an hour later in the next time zone, eventually creating a 24-hour wave of light to remember all children who have died, no matter

their age or country of origin. An area candle lighting service in memory of children who have died will be held from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. on December 12 at the United Methodist Church in New Hartford. You may bring a picture of your child to display during the ceremony. If you wish to have your child's name read, please arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, call Sr. Rose Troy, 724-2221. For more information, visit these websites: www.compassionatefriends.com or www.dimblebyfriedelfuneralhomes.com.