



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 December 5, 2010 – The Second Sunday of Advent

**We Gather to Worship the One Who Is Coming**

PRELUDE *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* Gottfried Mueller

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* to ST. CATHERINE  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)



God of the future,  
 you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.  
 We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,  
 that we have lived casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment,  
 that we have not known the things that make for peace.  
 We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors,  
 abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and *shalom*.  
 Lead us to true repentance.  
 Baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire,  
 and in your great mercy,  
 forgive us all our sin and raise us to new life.  
 Let our lives bear the fruits of repentance and forgiveness  
 that we may prepare the way of the one who comes  
 to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found;  
 for his sake we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY (to the tune GLORIA)

To the God of Peace we sing, to the Son let praises ring,  
 To the Holy Spirit raise this our song of grateful praise:  
*Glo—ria in excelsis Deo! Glo—ria in excelsis Deo!*

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE 2<sup>nd</sup> ADVENT CANDLE – PEACE – Gary & Judy LaGasse and Doris Locke

**We Listen for the Word of God**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 11:1-10 – a vision of the peaceable kingdom*  
 TOLD BY DAVID KOLB

*Psalms 72:1-19 – a prayer for the guidance and support of the king*  
 (The Red HYMNBOOK, #16, p. 484)



ANTHEM

*To Bethlehem*

Douglas E. Wagner

*Romans 15:4-13 – The gospel is for Jews and Gentiles alike.*  
 TOLD BY SCOTT LEONARD

*Matthew 3:1-12 – John the Baptist announces the coming of the Messiah.*

SERMON

*Is Peace Possible?*

**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on John 1 – Please see announcements insert.)

+HYMN #10 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESTER NEW

OFFERTORY

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Gottfried Mueller

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

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 join with all the faithful to sing the eternal song of praise...

*(singing to W ŻLOBIE LEŻY:)*

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, God of pow-er, Lord of might,  
Your great glory fills the heav-ens and the earth with glorious light.  
Loud hosanna in the highest; blessèd is the One who's coming:  
Jesus Christ, the Lord of all!**

...we announce to the world the story of our faith...

*(singing to W ŻLOBIE LEŻY:)*

**Christ was born to live among us,  
share the life of humankind.  
Teaching wisdom in self-giving,  
life eternal there to find.  
Crucified, he died to save us.  
Then he rose new life to bring us.  
Christ the Lord will come again!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional, *The Hymnal*, p. 16)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

(Please hold the bread to partake together, but drink of the cup as you are served.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***We Go Out in the Peace of the Prince of Peace***

+HYMN

***Prepare the Way, O Zion***

ST. LOUIS

*(Please see announcements insert.)*

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

**December 5, 2010 ~ Second 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.	Advent Study
	4:00 p.m.	Lessons & Carols – Hamilton College
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Taizé service
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

**LITURGIST:** Dave Forbes

**STORYTELLERS:** David Kolb and Scott Leonard

**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 today and December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:stonepres@verizon.net) or Sarah Rosenstein at 859-1037 or [sprosens@hamilton.edu](mailto:sprosens@hamilton.edu).

A prayer request may also be made on the church's website, [www.stonepres.org](http://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:  
Beverly Miller, Florence Morgan  
The Church and Society Committee of  
the Presbytery of Utica  
Victims of Pakistan's floods  
Rosalie Lauber  
Machold Family  
Lisa Hyatt  
Family of Gladys Audas  
Betty Kolb and her daughter Dawn

**KURT WHITTEMORE** is currently stationed in Afghanistan. His address:  
Corporal Whittemore, Kurt, G

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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.

**STAFF SUPPORT:** Because of the flat line cost of living and the unfriendly condition of the economy, the Session is looking at maintaining the current compensation levels for staff for the next year. We would, however, like to express our support for their work in this holiday season with a monetary gift. If you are interested in donating to this staff recognition effort, please see Scott Leonard or Lora Schilder.

**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](http://www.compassionatefriends.com) or [www.dimblebyfriedelfuneralhomes.com](http://www.dimblebyfriedelfuneralhomes.com).

**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.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
(From the Prologue to the Gospel of John)

**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. The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own home, and his own people did not receive him. But to those who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.**

**PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION**  
(TUNE: ST. LOUIS, "O Little Town of Bethlehem")  
Frans Mikael Franzen (1771-1847)  
Adapted by Dennis Dewey (2001)



- 1. Prepare the way, O Zi-on, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let ev'ry hill and val-ley a level way appear.  
Greet him who comes in glory, foretold on sacred page.  
O Bles-sed is the one who comes to save this needy age!**
- 2. Christ brings God's rule, O Zi-on; he comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and free-dom, with justice, truth and love.  
All lands will bow before him, their adoration bring.  
O bles-sed is the one who comes, our Savior and our King!**

**3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi-on, your savior's rule embrace.  
And tidings of salva-tion announce in ev'ry place.  
Let every tongue and people, his praises now proclaim.  
O bles-sed is the one who comes in God's most holy name!**