



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 December 19, 2010 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

We Gather to Worship the One Who Is Coming

PRELUDE

Sleepers, Wake

J. G. Walther

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)



**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the promised Emmanuel.
 You are God-with-us. Forgive us our sin.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Savior;
 you come to save us from ourselves
 and make us whole.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Lord Jesus, you come as one of us, fully human,
 in order that we might become fully human.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Pour out on us your forgiving love.
 Increase in us a righteousness that will not shame.
 And lead us to an abundant and everlasting life
 in your great mercy. Amen.**



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY (to the tune GLORIA)

To the God of joy 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!

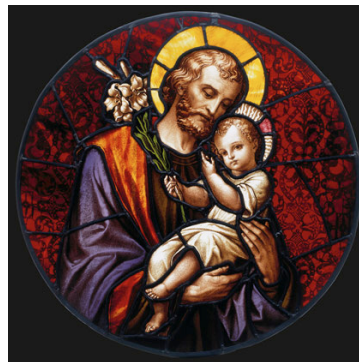
+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE 4th ADVENT CANDLE – LOVE

Donna Goodfriend and Sherry Robinson

*You are invited to bring forward
your gift for Emmaus House and Abraham House.*

We Listen for the Word of God



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:10-16 – A young woman will bear a son named Immanuel.

TOLD BY NIKKI REYNOLDS

Psalm 80 – a prayer for the restoration of God’s people

Presbyterian Hymnal #206 – Congregation will sing the refrain of each stanza.

Romans 1:1-7 – Paul is a servant of Jesus, son of David and son of God.

ANTHEM

Arise, Arise and Shine!

Mary McDonald

Matthew 1:18-25 – the birth of Jesus Christ

TOLD BY OWEN REYNOLDS

SERMON

Full Strength Love



We Respond in Loving Faith with Thanksgiving

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 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. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. We have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. And from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. Because the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is close to the

heart of the Father, has made God known.

+HYMN #1 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* STUTTGART

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

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Alec Wyton

+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

We Go Out to Serve with Love



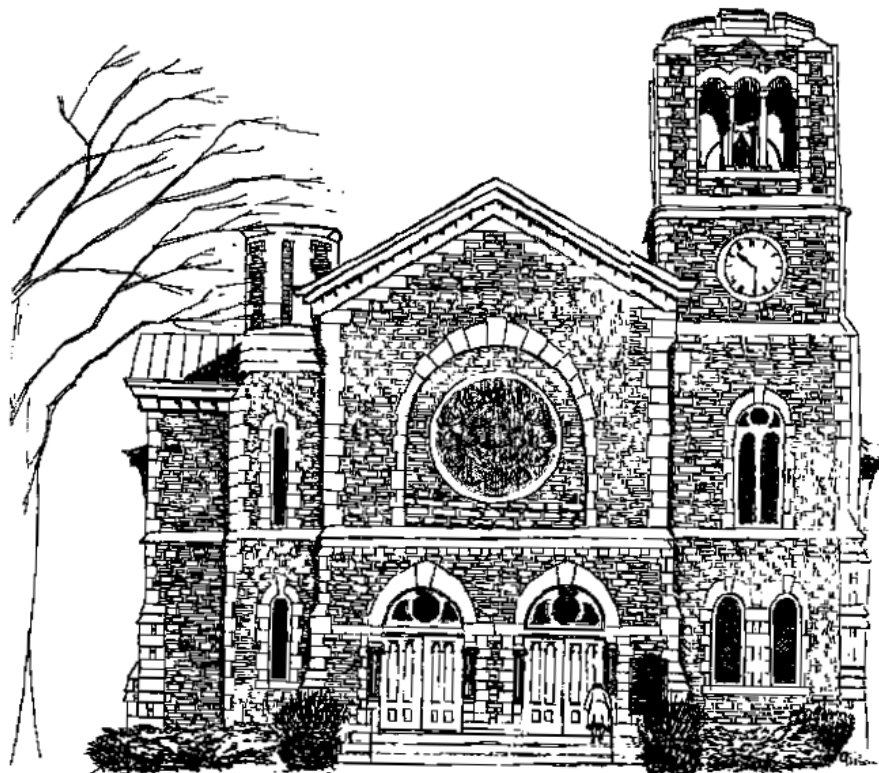
+HYMN *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*
(Please see announcements insert.)

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

December 19, 2010 ~ Fourth 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:	11:30 a.m.	Gift Wrapping
	12:00 p.m.	Advent Study
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

LITURGIST: DAVE FORBES

STORYTELLERS: NIKKI REYNOLDS & OWEN REYNOLDS



ADVENT STUDY AFTER WORSHIP TODAY: Make your celebration of Christmas richer and deeper by joining your friends for a study of the true meaning of Christmas. Lunch will be provided for this after-worship study in the Norton Room.



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.



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 go to our website www.stonepres.org and click on “Prayer Request” or call the church office at 853-2933. 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
Sue Bishop
Marius Thomassen
Ginny Francis and Family
Will
Barbara Wallace

Members/Friends of the Week:
William Porter, Dick and Sue Raitt
The Moderator, Stated Clerk and Staff of
the Presbytery of Utica
Rosalie Lauber
Machold Family
Lisa Hyatt
Family of Gladys Audas
Betty Kolb and her daughter Dawn
Kurt Whittemore (in Afghanistan)

POINSETTIAS: Please leave your poinsettias in the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service. They may be picked up after that service. Look for your name on your plant.

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.

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

J. Olearius 1673/D. Dewey 1988

TUNE: MENDELSSOHN

**Comfort, comfort ye, my people,
Speak ye peace; the weak uphold.
Comfort those who mourn in darkness,
Suff'ring 'neath their sorrow's load.**

**Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them God forgives their sin,
now their war and strife shall end,
Tell them God forgives their sin,
now their war and strife shall end.**

**Hark! A voice cries in the desert
That salvation's hope draws near;
Calling all to true repentance,
'Ere the heav'nly reign appear.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way!
Valleys, rise thy Lord to meet;
Hills, bow down, thy Christ to greet!
Valleys, rise thy Lord to meet;
Hills, bow down, thy Christ to greet!**

**Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let thine heart be true and humble,
To receive God's holy reign;
Prophets this good news foretold;
Now all flesh shall God behold!
Hark! The herald angels sing;
Glory to the coming King!**

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God

in memory and honor of the following:

Given in memory of:

Marie Fox (mom)
Our Parents
Elmer Bud Morgan and Mickey Adams
Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morgan
Parents, Dr. and Mrs. Herman Dykema
Lawrence and Lillian Bering, Bernard Gogel

Clarence Locke
kids

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Menard
Lonnie Lawson
Loved Ones
The Josephs
The Stenslands
Harry Schell and Frances Schell
Our Parents
Our Parents
Clarence Locke, Sr.
Loved Ones

Given in honor of:

Barbara Stockbridge
Christeler
Grace Schell

Given by:

Doris Ackerman
Hal and Linda Rance
Florence Morgan
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Gerry Gogel, Andrew Bering,
Kevin Bering
Buffie Brothers, Tiffany Fletcher and

Christine and John Menard
Christine and John Menard
Wilma and Gene Lawson
Ceil Gilbert
Pat and Buzz Joseph
Pat and Buzz Joseph
Pat and Buzz Joseph
Dave and Joyce Wilbur
Grace and Frank Whittemore
The Locke Family
Sherry Robinson

Given by:

Carolyn Barnum and Trudi

Katrina Schell