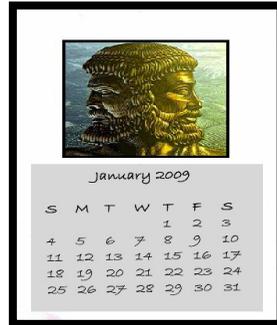




AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
11th Day of Christmas – January 4, 2009

We Gather in the New Year



PRELUDE

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

+HYMN #292 *All Beautiful the March of Days* FOREST GREEN
+Those who are able may stand.

INVITATIONS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God: you make all things new and forgive old wrongs that we cannot forget. We confess that we have spent time without loving and years without purpose. The calendar condemns us, reminding us of our shortcomings. Daily we neglect to do what you expect. Forgive our sin, we pray. Do not let the past hobble or shame us. Liberate us from pettiness and wastefulness. Make us good stewards of the time you give us. Lead us into your future freed from our sin, freed to love, and ready to do the work of discipleship; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel—
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+A DOXOLOGY (to the tune GLORIA)

**To the Father praises bring,
 To the Son, the manger king,
 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 peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

You are invited to say the “Amen” aloud for this and all prayers.

LESSONS FROM THE FIRST TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6* *Arise, shine, for your light has come!*
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter - Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *a prayer for the guidance of the ruler*
(Please see announcements insert.)

LESSONS FROM THE FIRST TESTAMENT

Ephesians 3:1-12* *The mystery of Christ reveals God's purpose.*
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Matthew 5:14-16* *You are the light of the world.*
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION – The Year of Our Lord 2008



We Gather at Table in Faith and Thanksgiving

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH **The Apostles' Creed** (Traditional, p. 14)

+ HYMN #2223 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* ST. BRENDAN'S

OFFERTORY

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (p. 13, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)
The Words of Institution
The Communion
Prayer of Dedication

We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

+HYMN #275 *God of Our Life* SANDON

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

*Scripture references are provided so that you may read the scriptures of the day in advance as you prepare for worship, but please "listen with your eyes" as they are read and told aloud instead of following along in the text.

Again today we welcome our guest keyboardist, Nancy Ketz, while the Kolbs are on vacation in England. Because of repairs being made to the organ, we are using the piano to accompany this morning's worship.

**STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

11th Day of Christmas ~ January 4, 2009 ~ 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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Cros Harvey, Sexton
All the People, Ministers**

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THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today:	11:30 a.m.	SWAK meeting
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Taizé service
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Disaster Preparedness Workshop – Our Saviour Lutheran Church
	6:00 p.m.	Candlemas – Three Steeples Parish
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Church School Adults – Norton Room Children – Downstairs
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Town Meeting

CANDLEMAS was the traditional celebration of the dedication of the infant Jesus in the temple (according to Luke 2). Join us for stories, songs, food, drink, dancing and merriment at the Three Steeples Parish on Saturday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to bring some sort of finger food to share. Also bring a poem, a skit, a story or a game. And don't forget to bring a candle for a very special ceremony of blessing!

The session decided at its meeting in December to hold two informal TOWN MEETINGS on the two Sundays prior to the Annual Meeting, specifically January 11 and 18, to give people a chance to discuss the financial situation before us. Because of the precipitous decline in our endowment in the past few months due to the financial market meltdown, we can no longer continue to do business as we have been. We can no longer trim the budget and dip into the endowment to sustain us—we need to make major decisions in how we do our ministry, and we would like to solicit broad-based input from our membership. Trimming or growing hundreds or even a thousand dollars here or there is not sufficient—we need substantive changes. Please join us as we search for ways to continue the wonderful ministry and mission that we have grown together.

LOOKING AT THE LECTIONARY – You're invited to come to church a little earlier on Sunday and join others for a quickie look at the day's scripture lessons. The adults will meet in the Norton Room at 9:45 a.m. while the children meet downstairs for Church School.



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.

VISITORS are always welcome with us. To help us know you better, please introduce yourself to one of the ushers, fill out the pew card with your contact information and drop it in the offering plate. An usher will be glad to make a name tag for you.

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.

A REST ROOM (wheelchair accessible) is located off the narthex to your left as you enter the church. A diaper-changing table is there for your convenience. More restrooms may be found downstairs in the hall that parallels Williams St.

THE QUIET ROOM is located off the narthex to your right as you enter the church. If you need to leave worship for any reason, you are welcome to use the Quiet Room where you may go to be apart but still take part in worship.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for coffee and conversation in the entryway following worship this morning.

CHURCH SCHOOL for children is held from 9:45 to 10:25 every Sunday morning. Please meet downstairs in the video room. All young people in grades 1-10 are welcome to join us!

MISSION SHOP: You are invited to visit our Mission Shop, located in the hallway near the Norton Room, to see our wonderful selection of Fair Trade teas, coffees, chocolates, soups, and clothes which are all for sale.

LITURGIST: John Menard



PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2009 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

DON'T FORGET THE DEACONS! Today, and the first Sunday of each month, all loose change and bills in the offering are given to the Deacons to support their ministry.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY NEEDS: The Pantry is requesting donations of cranberry sauce, stuffing, canned sweet potatoes, and gravy or gravy mix. Please leave items in the basket in the narthex.



**CLINTON
NEW YORK**

REMEMBER THE CLOCK TOWER CAMPAIGN!

Invite your friends and neighbors to consider a gift to “the community’s clock!”

Boy Scout Venture Crew 9 will hold a BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE FUNDRAISER on Saturday, January 10 from 9 am - noon at Stewart's Shops, Route 12B, Clinton. Please bring your cans and bottles. It is to raise funds for their high adventure trip.

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, 853-2933, or Sarah Rosenstein at rosenstein@earthlink.net.

Gil Adams Family
Padgett Family
Kaytryn Bentley & Family
Mary Ellen Brandis
Cookenham Family
Lori Chamberlain
Dortha & Bill Glaser
Eli Anderson
Henry Delwo, Bonnie Hyde's father
Karen Stockton's husband
Cynthia Arthur
Gwen Lallier

Donna Goodfriend & Family
Meadows Family
James Taurisano
Members/Friends of the Week:
Elizabeth Reardon & her family
Eleanor Palmer
Chris & Peter Jensen
Maria Dynek-Matyszczyk
Dick & Elaine Schmidt
Augusta/Vernon Center Presbyterian Church
Allen Solomon

PSALTER – Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's heir.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him,
and all nations give service to him.
For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

This Psalm is a prayer for God's blessing on a king, perhaps used at coronation in Jerusalem or at an annual liturgy on its anniversary. It either confirms the king as legitimate and not a usurper (“king's son”) or it seeks that his dynasty may continue. The prayer emphasizes the desire that the ruler guarantee justice, to do what is right, especially for the helpless “poor” and “crush” those who harm them. It asks that his reign be marked with “prosperity.” Ancient people saw the king as almost divine; the health, fertility, right living and peace of the nation was bound up with those of the monarch. The early church read this Psalm as a hymn to Christ, that his empire might be universal, with other kings falling down to worship before him. The genius of the Jewish prophets was in thinking of the king as the champion of the underdog.