

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
March 1, 2009 – The First Sunday in Lent

We Join Jesus in the Wilderness

PRELUDE ***Sonata for Flute in E Minor: Andante*** J. S. Bach
Patty Lawson, flute

CHORAL INTROIT
& POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

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



+HYMN ***Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*** REPTON
(+Those who are able may stand. Please see announcements insert for this hymn.)

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS AND INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH

THE LENTEN WALK

You are invited to come down the right side aisle, leaving your scroll plea in the desert,
and then to pass by the communion table to receive your Lenten discipline.

CONFESSION OF SIN (in silence, then together)

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness.
He was tempted in every way as we are, and yet did not sin.
Help us in this season to cultivate an honesty and openness
about our own failures and shortcoming, our own sinfulness.
Help us change our behaviors, our attitudes and our lives.
Keep us safe from the wild beasts that lurk within us—
from self-centeredness and defensiveness, from doubt and despair.
Help us to practice a sincere repentance.
And make us day by day more like the one with whom we sojourn
for these forty days.

+KYRIE #573 ***Lord, Have Mercy***

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

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

+A DOXOLOGY #578 ***Glory Be to the Father*** OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

(You are invited to say the concluding “amen” aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Genesis 9:8-17*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

God makes a covenant with Noah.

Psalm 25:1-10 - a prayer for guidance

HAL HOPSON



Lord, you are my strength; has - ten to help me.

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1 Peter 3:18-22*

The flood prefigured baptism.

ANTHEM

Stay With Us

Walter L. Pelz

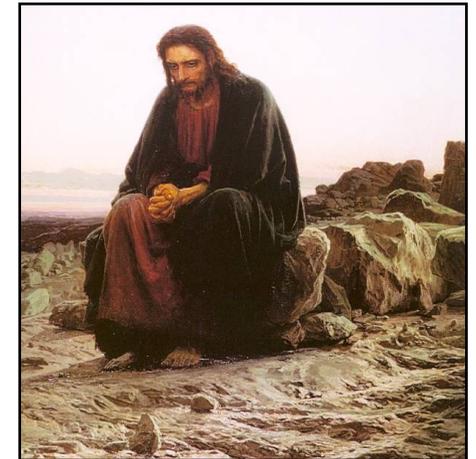
Mark 1:9-15*

Jesus' baptism and temptation in the wilderness

SERMON

Where the Wild Things Are

*You are invited to “listen with your eyes” instead of reading as the texts are spoken.



We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving at Table

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

By grace through faith we believe that salvation is the work of the Spirit of Christ in our lives. This work is nurtured and strengthened by the ministry of the Word and sacraments and prayer. Through faith we respond to the truth and authority of the Word of God with changed lives. We stand in awe of God's judgment, and we embrace God's promises for this life and for the life to come. We accept Christ, receive Christ, and rely upon Christ alone to set us right with God, and to give us abundant new life in the covenant of grace. Our faith is a journey which passes over high peaks and through deep valleys. Though our way be threatened and though we become lost, Christ will prevail, and we shall be found. Amen.

Adapted from XIV.1-3, *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (1647)

+HYMN #2105 *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* EBENEZER

OFFERTORY *Jesus Paid It All* John Grape/arr. Karen Kuehmann
Patty Lawson, flute

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSIVING (p. 13 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

We will use the first acclamation in the prayer:

Christ died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve

+HYMN #80 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* LONESOME VALLEY

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

March 1, 2009 ~ The First Sunday in Lent ~ 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

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| Today: | 12 noon | Sunday Brunch Study |
| Wednesday: | 12 noon | Lunchtime Study |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Suppertime Study |
| Thursday: | 7:00 p.m. | Taizé service |
| Next Sunday: | 9:00 a.m. | Choir rehearsal |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Church School |
| | | Adults – Norton Room |
| | | Children – Downstairs |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 12 noon | Sunday Brunch Study |

Today is a LOOSE CHANGE (AND BILLS) SUNDAY for the Deacons.

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 downstairs in the Dining Room at 9:45 a.m. while the children meet downstairs for Church School.

EARLY PLEDGES WANTED: Cash flow seems to be a problem for the Church more in the winter months (January through April) than summer months. Generally the Church has to draw more on its Wachovia funds during those months to pay its bills. To delay having to do that and to keep as much as possible in the Wachovia account, (with the hope that the market will rebound) Session is asking folks to consider giving more of their pledge upfront, if possible. We will, of course, keep good track of what you have paid towards your pledge. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this program. If you have any questions, please ask Ann or Scott or Dennis.

ALSO WANTED: YOUR PER CAPITA! Per capita payments for 2009 are now being readily accepted! Our per capita charge went up this year to \$33 per member. The church has to pay this fee per member whether or not you chose to pay. The per capita is sent to Presbytery to support its work. What they do has a very direct impact on our church so it is money well spent. Please consider sending your per capita either directly to the church office or enclosing it in your pledge envelope. Thank you in advance for your help.



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 AND STORYTELLER: Donna Goodfriend

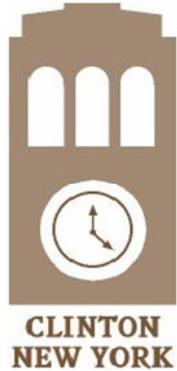
USHERS: Carolyn Barnum & Trudi Christeler

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Dave Wilbur



CHOCOLATE SALE A SUCCESS! We would like to thank EVERYONE who baked for, worked at or bought items from our Chocolate Lovers Sale on February 14th. It was a huge success! We made a profit of \$406. Our best one so far!

The Mission Interpretation/Stewardship Committee



REMEMBER THE CLOCK TOWER CAMPAIGN!
Invite your friends and neighbors to consider a gift to
“the community’s clock!”

. . . and don’t forget to set your clocks ahead before going
to bed on Saturday, March 7!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY IN LENT

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME STUDY AT NOON

Begins March 4 at Stone and alternates weekly between the two churches.

THEME: “What Does the Bible Say about Jesus?”

WEDNESDAY SUPPERTIME STUDY AT 6:30 P.M.

Begins March 4 at Stone and moves to Paris and Deansboro the next weeks.

THEME: “Who Do You Say That I Am: Looking at the Person, Message
and Images of Jesus”

SUNDAY BRUNCH STUDY AT NOON

Begins March 1 at Stone and continues every Sunday except March 15.

AN INTENSIVE LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING WEEK’S LECTIONARY

FOUND: Have you lost a woman’s brown wool pea coat? It’s hanging outside the Norton Room.

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 859-1037 or by e-mail at rosenstein@earthlink.net. Please note that we will remove the names after 6 weeks if we haven’t received an update.

Gil Adams Family
Padgett Family
Kaytryn Bentley & Family
Mary Ellen Brandis
Cookenham Family
Dortha & Bill Glaser
Karen Stockton’s husband
The Reynolds Family
Arthur Budich
Marty Miller
Bernie Rosenstein, Ian’s father

Members/Friends of the Week:
Beth & Bryan Roy
Eleanor Palmer
Chris & Peter Jensen
Dick & Elaine Schmidt
Allen Solomon
Brian Britcher and his family
Ewa & Tom Lawrence
Pete Forrester
Matthew LaVine
The Committee on Ministry,
of Presbytery of Utica

THE COUNTRY PANTRY NEEDS: The Pantry is requesting donations of shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, and dish detergent. Other items are most welcome too! Please leave items in the basket in the narthex.

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE needs volunteers to work with patients and families, participate in bereavement support activities, help in The Siegenthaler Center, and assist in the office. Spring training is scheduled for Tuesdays, March 10-April 14, 1-4 p.m. in Oneida or Wednesdays, March 11-April 15, 6:15-9:15 p.m. in New Hartford. Contact Kate Doran, 735-6487, to register.

THE BOY SCOUT TROOP 9 Annual Ham Dinner will be held Saturday, March 7 from 4-7 p.m. at the Clinton VFW. This is the Troop's major fundraiser for the year and raises money for camping equipment and summer camp expenses. Tickets at the door are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$3 for children. Advance tickets are \$1 less. Please see Kevin Bering, David Ross, or Gerry Gogel (853-6461) for advance tickets. There will also be a bottle drive to support the Venture Crew 9's high adventure trip. Please bring your bottles to the VFW. We appreciate your support!