

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 29, 2009 ~ 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***
(+Those who are able may stand.)

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WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS

THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE - GIFT OF HOPE FOR HOPE HOUSE

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.

+THE ADVENT GIVING - HOPE HOUSE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Almighty God, we confess our sin to you and to one another.

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light.

Give us hearts to hope and hands to serve,

that on the day when Christ comes again in power
to judge the living and the dead,

we may be ready, not distracted by the anxieties of this life,

living out the law of love into life eternal;

through the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.



HOPE HOUSE



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY (to the tune GLORIA)

To the Father praises bring,
To the Son, the coming 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

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

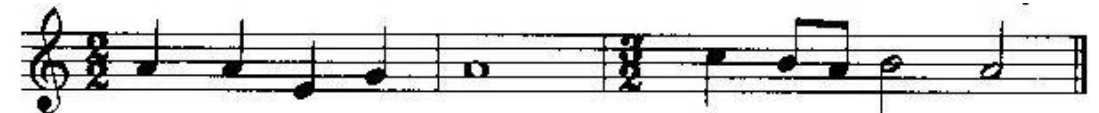
LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE



Jeremiah 33:14-16 – A branch will come from David.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalms 25:1-10 – Lord, show me your path.

HAL HOPSON



Lord, you are my strength; hasten to help me.

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 – Put on the helmet of hope.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Advent Grace

Lloyd Larson

Luke 21:25-36 – signs of the coming of the Son of Man Told by Scott Leonard
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*You are invited to “listen with your eyes” to the telling of the story instead of reading along.

SERMON

It's That Time Again



We Respond in 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 ***The One Who Comes Is Close at Hand*** REPTON
(Please see announcements insert.)

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

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 Anticipation

+HYMN #2 ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*** HYFRYDOL

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

November 29, 2009 ~ 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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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! Please let us know who you are by filling out the Visitor's Card in the pew and dropping it in the offering plate. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the back of the sanctuary following worship this morning. Please join us again for worship!

THE COUNTRY PANTRY NEEDS: The Pantry food bank 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.

HOPE HOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP! Hope House is currently experiencing financial problems with regular expense items. They would appreciate any help that we can provide.

Wish List:

Winter hats; mittens/gloves; scarves; hygiene items - especially shampoo, conditioner, lotion; new or lightly used children's books; toys for parent's choice giveaway; small gifts e.g. lip balm, perfume, handwarmers, sewing kits, etc. that will fit in a small gift bag; winter coats and jackets; work parties to help with yard work; seasonal decorations - especially for the autumn; chicken and beef broths for soups - especially low sodium types; cocoa packets; tea bags; large juices; soups of any type.

Please leave items on the table in the Norton Room. Questions? Call Ceil, 853-8289.

WWW.STONEPRES.ORG: If you have pictures or features you'd like to include in the Stone Church website, please contact Ceil Gilbert at 853-8289 or at jeepster98.1@netzero.net.



THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		• Adults – Dining Room
		• Children – Downstairs
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Stone
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch with Rev. McArn

THIS MORNING'S USHERS: Shelly & Ken Coe

THIS MORNING'S STORYTELLER – Scott Leonard

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE – Joyce and Dave Wilbur

HAVE LUNCH WITH REV. JEFF MCARN: The Mission, Stewardship, and Fundraising Committee invites you to attend a luncheon on Sunday, December 6th immediately following our church service. Our speaker will be Jeff McArn, chaplain at Hamilton College, who will also be our guest preacher that day. We hope to hear about Jeff's experiences with HAVOC, Hamilton Association for Volunteering, Outreach, and Charity. We may also hear from some current Hamilton students about the volunteering projects they are involved with right now. Please come and enjoy food, fellowship, and fun as we spend time with Jeff.

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. 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.

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!

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 sprosens@hamilton.edu. Please note that we will remove names after 6 weeks if we haven't received an update or request to keep them on.

Gil Adams Family
Padgett Family
Kaytryn Bentley and Family
Dortha and Bill Glaser
Karen Stockton's husband
Arthur Budich
Marty Miller
Carrigan and Katrina
Samantha Whittemore
Lori Sherwood
Doris Locke
Ken Coe
All victims of violence
Cookenham Family
Marge Chamberlain and Family

Members/Friends of the Week:
Dorothy Carpenter, Trudi Christeler
Eleanor Palmer
Dick and Elaine Schmidt
Allen Solomon
Brian Britcher's family
Pete Forrester
Myra Kazanjian
First Presbyterian Church, Whitesboro
Our Armed Forces
The children caught in war's
crossfire
Joan Kelly
Flo Dewey
Fay Brandis and Family

BELL RINGERS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY are needed throughout the holidays. If interested, please contact Doug Masters, 733-6041.

KIRKLAND COMMUNITY BLOODMOBILE: Saturday, December 5; 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., VFW Post 9591, Franklin Avenue, 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 to meet the goal. Please consider giving the "Gift of Life."