

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
December 20, 2009 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship the One Who Is Coming

PRELUDE *Sleepers, Wake* J. Gottfried 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

THE 4th ADVENT CANDLE – LOVE

SINGING AS THE LOVE CANDLE IS LIT:

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 – EMMAUS HOUSE & ABRAHAM HOUSE

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION & 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!
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+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE

Micah 5:2-5a – A ruler will come from Bethlehem.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *He Comes to Us* Jane Marshall
(Albert Schweitzer)

Luke 1:39-55 – Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth.*

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

Luke 1:46b-55 – #600 Mary’s Song MORNING SONG

SERMON *Turning the World Upside Down*

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 *Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People* MENDELSSOHN
(Please see announcements.)

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



OFFERTORY *Fughette on “O Morning Star”* J. Christoph Bach



+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 in the Joy of Anticipation

+HYMN ***O Lord, How Shall We Meet You*** GOD REST YE MERRY
Paul Gerhardt, 1653; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; Alt., Dennis Dewey 2007

**O Lord, how shall we meet you to welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, our hope and hearts' delight.
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within our breast,
To do that which pleas—es you best, pleases you best,
To do that which pleas—es you best.**

**Love caused your incarnation, love gave you human birth.
Your thirst for peace and wholeness salvation brought to the earth.
Your love beyond all telling for all the human race,
Brings you near to save and embrace, save and embrace,
Brings you near to save and embrace.**

**Abundant life you offer, a life that will not die.
You will not fail or leave us as earthly treasures fly.
Our hearts with joy overflow, our lips with songs anew,
To give you the praise you are due, praise you are due,
To give you the praise you are due.**

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

December 20, 2009 ~ 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 flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God

in memory and honor of the following:

Given in memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lockwood
 Marie and Henry Fox
 Steven Smallen
 Our Parents
 Clarence Locke, Sr.

Loved Ones
 Lawrence and Lil Bering, Bernard Gogel

Parents and Brother Kenneth
 Lonnie Lawson
 Elmer Morgan, Jr.
 Our Parents and Grandparents
 Grandparents
 Carmie, Lois, and John Allen

Given by:

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 Grace and Frank Whittemore
 Emily Hughes
 John and Nannette Allen

Given in honor of:

Our Children and Grandchildren

Given by:

Grace and Frank Whittemore

THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today:	11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Christmas Play Community Christmas Caroling with St. James Episcopal Church
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Storytellers meet
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve service
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Choir rehearsal Church School
	10:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults – Dining Room • Children – Downstairs Worship – Stone

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 Norton Room following worship this morning. Please join us again for worship!

THIS MORNING'S USHERS: Wilma and Gene Lawson

THIS MORNING'S HOST: Ceil Gilbert

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: David Kolb

JOIN US FOR THE CHRISTMAS PLAY "The Case of the Missing Meaning" after worship today. This is described as a very funny detective spoof which will delight all ages. A light lunch of finger foods will be provided before the play.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: St. James Episcopal Church invites the community to join them for Christmas caroling beginning at 5:00 p.m. today. We meet at the Parish Hall, go around the village singing carols and return to the Parish Hall for hot chocolate and cookies. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Music booklets will be provided.



THE ADVENT LOVE OFFERING TODAY will be divided between Emmaus House (a women's shelter) and Abraham House (a ministry to those at the end of life).

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.

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
Kaytryn Bentley and Family
Dortha and Bill Glaser
Carrigan and Katrina
Lori Sherwood
Doris Locke
Ken Coe
All women in need of shelter
All those dealing with end of life
issues
Marge Chamberlain and Family

Members/Friends of the Week:
Pam & Jack Denison and family
Eleanor Palmer
Elaine Schmidt and family
Allen Solomon
Colleen Britcher and family
Myra Kazanjian
The Presbyterian Home of Central NY
Our Armed Forces
Flo and Keith Dewey
Fay Brandis and Family

PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2010 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

J. Olearius 1673/D. Dewey 1988 - TUNE: MENDELSSOHN

**1. Comfort, comfort ye, my people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them I forgive their sin,
and their warfare now shall end,
Tell them I forgive their sin,
and their warfare now shall end!**

**2. Hark! the voice of one that crieth,
in the desert far and near,
Calling all to true repentance,
for the heav'nly Reign is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way!
Valleys, rise thy God to meet;
Hills, bow down, thy God to greet!
Valleys, rise thy God to meet;
Hills bow down, thy God to greet!**

**3. Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let thine heart be true and humble,
As befits the holy Reign;
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is spread abroad;
This good news the Lord foretold;
Now all flesh shall God behold!
This good news the Lord foretold;
Now all flesh shall God behold!**

