



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Stone Presbyterian Church**  
**A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation**  
**October 21, 2018 ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



**We Gather in the Name of the One Who Came to Serve**

**PRELUDE** "Prayer Is the Souls Sincere Desire" C.S. Long  
*(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)*

**INTROIT & POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Because we have made the LORD our refuge,  
**People: Because the Most High is our dwelling place,**  
 Leader: God will command his angels concerning us  
**People: And will guard us in all your ways.**  
 Leader: On their hands they will bear you up,  
**People: So that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**  
 Leader: When we offer love to God,  
**People: We will be delivered.**  
 Leader: When we call to the Lord  
**People: God will answer us, and be with us in troubled times.**  
 Leader: The Lord honors us with life,  
**People: And shows us salvation! Let us worship the Lord our God.**

+ **HYMN #370** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" WOODWORTH  
*(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)*

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)** Leslie Weatherhead (1883 – 1975)

Dear Lord, forgive me in that so much of my religion is concerned with myself. I want harmony with you, I want peace of mind, I want health of body... and so I pray. Forgive me, for I have made you the means, and myself the end. I know it will take long to wean me from this terrible self-concern, but O God, help me. For hell can be nothing else but a life on which self is the center. Can we ever abandon our selves as one would a sinking ship, only to find that

the waves will bear us up and a divine hand will rescue us? My salvation can come only from you, O Lord. Leave me not. Forgive and uphold me and make me truly yours in utter commitment to you ... (Silent prayer...) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

+ **A DOXOLOGY** "From All That Dwell below the Skies" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**From all that dwell below the skies,  
 Let the Creator's praise arise—Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung,  
 And praise the Spirit every tongue,  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



+ **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen for the Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**  
 (You are invited to say the "amen" aloud.)

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Isaiah 53:4-12** *All we like sheep have gone astray*  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**Hebrews 5:1-10** *Christ is a humble, sympathetic high priest*  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "What Does the Lord Require?" Eric Nelson

**Mark 10:35-45** *James and John request the best seats*  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.** Told by Donna Goodfriend

**SERMON** "I Am So Humbled..."

**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

+ **HYMN #85** "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations...

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God's reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize their fellowmen, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

Adapted from the "Confession of 1967," *Book of Confessions*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, p. 16)

OFFERTORY "Joyful March" Alan Bullard

+A DOXOLOGY #593 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Avery and Marsh

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ**

+HYMN #372 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**  
October 21, 2018 ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~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.*

**All the People, Ministers**

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**WELCOME BACK REV. JEFF MCARN:** He has been College Chaplain for Hamilton College since 1996 and has served as summer minister for a small church on Grindstone Island in the St. Lawrence River since 2005. A NATIVE OF Laurinburg, NC, Jeff is a graduate of Davidson College and Harvard Divinity School. He is married to Georgia Frank, Professor of Religion at Colgate University and have three children Madlyn, Halley, and Theo.

**COUNTRY PANTRY UPDATE:** Country Pantry is getting ready for the holidays. Stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce and yams are needed. Also \$10 gift cards for turkeys. Any questions please see Judy LaGasse.



Also, donating pet food would be a great help!



**BLANKET & TOOL CAMPAIGN:** Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. hold **Blankets Plus** events in order to assist Church World Service in this program which provides blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster; supplies tools and seeds to refugees; builds safe wells for communities in drought prone areas; and creates literacy training and microcredit for women. Please generously support these programs by donating to our **Blankets Plus** campaign. Contributions can be clearly marked “**Blankets Plus**” and put in the collection plate or be mailed to the church office. If you have any questions, please see Mary Ann Stiefvater.

### **OUR HARVEST PIE SALE**

The Harvest Pie Sale will be held on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. We are asking for donations of all kinds of pies, apple being the most popular. Everyone's help is needed. Sign-up sheets are available. **Ceil is in need of sales clerk volunteers.** She can be reached at 315-853-8289. **Donna is in need of volunteers for the preparation of the pies** on October 26<sup>th</sup>. She can be reached at 315-749-4085.



**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:** Consecration Sunday is approaching. Today is the second Sunday of our 2018 Stewardship campaign based on Psalm 139, verse 1: **“You have searched me Lord, and you know me.”** Continuing until Oct 28, this series is designed to help each of us to consider our relationship to God who created us and to Stone Church where we listen, learn, pray and worship. Our joyful giving, and accompanying pledge to labor towards a better world, is a way to show our appreciation and gratitude. As you worship today, please consider how special you are and how you can best share the gifts bestowed upon you. Additionally, please make plans to attend the special Consecration luncheon immediately after worship next Sunday, October 28.

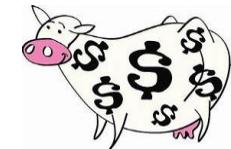
### **FAIR TRADE SHOP**

We're coming into the season when warm, fresh bread will taste great with our fall comfort foods. A bread warmer is a popular gift item. Our whitewashed terra cotta stone (from Bangladesh) is deeply incised with a nature-inspired design and sits within a hand woven kaisa grass basket with palm wrap and is oven safe. These and many, many more unique handmade items from 38 different countries are available at our **Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton.** Purchasing fair trade items ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development and hope to marginalize people. The entrance to our shop is on Williams Street. Our hours are every Thursday from 10am to 6:30pm and second Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. For more information, contact Lauralyn Kolb, [lkolb@hamilton.edu](mailto:lkolb@hamilton.edu), 315-725-1326, visit our website at [www.stonepres.org](http://www.stonepres.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stonepres](http://www.facebook.com/stonepres)



**THE CLINTON FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL:** Will be held November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton High School. The hours are 10 – 5 on Saturday and 10 – 4 on Sunday. It is sponsored by the Kirkland PBA and all proceeds go back to the school and community.

**HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST:** This month's wish list includes the following: **Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Razors, Granulated Garlic, Coffee/Tea, Sugar, Cereal, & Milk Money.** Any donation that you designate for food or personal needs will greatly be appreciated. If you have questions, contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or [ceilgilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:ceilgilbert@yahoo.com).

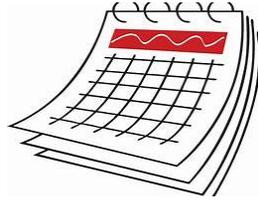


**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** A big thank you to all that participated on Sunday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. The rain held off for another great ecumenical Blessing of the Animals in the Village Area Ministerium. About 40 people came out with mostly dogs. And a good amount of pet food Donations were made for The Country Pantry because those who need food have animal companions who need food.





## THE CALENDAR



Today:	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Today:	11:45 a.m.	WEP Meeting
Today:	3:00 p.m.	B Sharp Music Club
Thursday:	10: a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Sunday:	11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon

**GREETERS & HOSTS:** Jim Gavett

**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](http://www.stonepres.org) and click on “Prayer Request” or call the church office at 315-853-2933.

### **Prayer Request:**

Peter & Donna Goodfriend & Family  
 Fred Kaiser  
 Bill Porter  
 Donna Robinson  
 Tom Soja  
 Tanya Hamshar and Family  
 Debra LaFont  
 Faye Campbell  
 Tiffany Heintz  
 Lora Schilder & Family  
 Patricia Joseph & Family  
 All our children & grandchildren get to know Jesus

### **Members/Friends of the Week:**

Pat & Buzz Joseph  
 Jeff & Georgia McArn  
 Beth McGuffin

