

An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 January 6, 2019 ~ Epiphany Sunday



We Gather to Worship the Light of the World

PRELUDE

(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

PEOPLE: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

LEADER: A multitude of camels shall cover you,
 the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
 all those from Sheba shall come.

PEOPLE: They shall bring gold and frankincense,
 and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

LEADER: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

PEOPLE: Let us worship God.



+HYMN #68

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

(+Those who are able may stand.)

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first together, then in silent reflection)

God of glory,

you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
 to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;
 we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,

and baptize us once again with your Spirit,

that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory

shining in the face of Jesus Christ, for whose sake we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #579

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

+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 ILLUMINATION

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 60:1-6 – Arise, shine for your light has come.

The Word of the Lord. /

Thanks be to God.



Ephesians 3:1-12 – Paul’s Ministry to the Gentiles

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

Hymn #205

“All Hail to God’s Anointed”

ROCKPORT

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 – A prayer for guidance and support for the king

Matthew 2:1-12 – The coming of the Wise Men

Told by Donna Goodfriend

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

SERMON

“Foreign Affairs”

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #62

“Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love”

EPIPHANY SONG

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

(Traditional), p. 14

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

+A DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, you heav'nly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. /
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SINGING # 581:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

... We offer our selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to seeking you and serving you, as we sing together the mystery of our faith:

SINGING #582:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord— Jesus, come— in glory.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 16)

THE COMMUNION (Please take a piece of bread and dip into the cup as you are served.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Light of Christ

+ HYMN #275

"God of Life"

SANDON

+CHARGE & BLESSING

+POSTLUDE

We welcome Nancy Ketz as our guest organist this morning while Rob and Lauralyn Kolb are in England.

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

January 6, 2019 ~ Epiphany Sunday ~ 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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PLEASE NOTE: We will be worshipping in the Norton Room for all services in January. It's much cozier and it will give our hard working boiler a rest.

HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST: This month's wish list includes the following: **Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Napkins, Toilet Paper, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Butter/ Margarine Sugar, Breakfast 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.

COUNTRY PANTRY is collecting of all types of hygiene products thru January 13th. Please note that loose change collected in worship on the third Sunday of each month is given the Country Pantry.

REMINDER: There will be an informal review of the budget after worship on Sunday, January 20th, in the Norton Room.

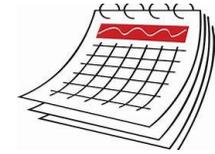
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held during worship on Sunday, January 27th.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS: The January, February and March Daily Devotional Booklets are now available in the back of the sanctuary for anyone who wishes to take one.

FAIR TRADE SHOPPE: Damaris Chonay (15 years old) is on her way to her new secondary school, moving closer to her dream of becoming a doctor, in order to bring medical care to her community where there is none. Damaris lives in a Mayan agricultural community in Guatemala where her family resides in a small cement home with dirt floors. You can purchase baskets made in Guatemala from pine needles, along with a large selection of exquisite jewelry, collectibles, wood items, chocolate and food items, clothing and toys from 38 different countries in our **Fair Trade Shop at Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton.** Purchasing fair trade ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development and hope for marginalized people. **We will be holding a 25% off Winter Sale during January and February (some restrictions apply).**



THE CALENDAR



Thursday – 1/10/19:	10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Saturday – 1/12/19:	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday – 1/13/19:	10:30 a.m.	Worship (Norton Room) Guest Organist – Nancy Ketz
Monday – 1/14/19:	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

Want to see what else is on the calendar? Go to our Web page – stonepres.org & click on the “CALENDAR ICON”



GREETERS: Hal & Linda Rance
COMMUNION: Hal & Linda Rance

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 and click on “Prayer Request” or call the church office at 315-853-2933.

Prayer Request:

Fred Kaiser
Donna Robinson
Tom Soja
Debra LaFont
Lora Schilder & Family
The Family of Hermine Williams
The Family of Bill Porter
For all children & grandchildren to attend church

Members/Friends of the Week:

Jesse & Sarah Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Pugh
Sue Rambo

