



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
September 8, 2019 ~ The 13th Sunday after Pentecost**



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE "Winchester New" Christopher Tambling
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CHORAL INTROIT AND POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them
I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.

+HYMN #10 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" WINCESTER NEW

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

Gracious God:
We confess our sin to one another and to you.
We often think of ourselves as deserving more than we have.
We sometimes count ourselves among the righteous.
We forget that it is by your grace that we are made whole.
We forget that forgiveness is to be our way of life because we have so freely been forgiven.
Help us be a people changed, a people different, a people set apart for love and service.
Let us not grumble and complain, but rejoice at being found, saved, and made whole for service to you and to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN #2275 "Kyrie"
("Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.")

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WELCOME

We Listen for the Word of God

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 18:1–11 *The Lord as a potter.*
The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "New Beginnings" Carlton R. Young

Philemon 1–21 *Paul appeals to Philemon for a favor.*
The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

Luke 14:25–33 *Giving up possessions.*
The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Call of Wisdom"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #358 "Help Us Accept Each Other" BARONITA

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Based on "Of Saving Faith" (XIV.1-3), *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (1647)

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. Thanks be to God!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "Sonata in A: Allegro" Thomas Arne

+A DOXOLOGY #592 Avery and Marsh

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.**

... who forever sing praises 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.**

... as we declare the great mystery of our faith, singing:

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)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

(Please hold the bread to eat together; please drink the cup as you are served it.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN #326 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

+ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+ POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

September 8, 2019 ~ 13th 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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RISE AGAINST HUNGER: We now need volunteers for the day of the event – **September 28th** to help pack meals at Clinton High School cafeteria. Anyone interested can sign up in the back of the church. It takes many hands to pack over 40,000 meals. Please mark your calendar & plan to participate.

HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST: This month’s wish list includes the following: **BREAKFAST CEREAL, COFFEE, SUGAR, HOT CHOCOLATE, BUTTER OR MARGARINE, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, NAPKINS, TOILET PAPER.** Any donation that you designate for food or personal needs will greatly be appreciated. Any questions, contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or ceilgilbert@yahoo.com.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY: A big thank you for making the annual kids packs a success. Now it is time to think about Thanksgiving. The pantry will be collecting **STUFFING, CRANBERRY SAUCE AND GREEN BEANS,** I will let you know as certain needs become known.
PLEASE NOTE: They have a shortage of **PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA AND PEAS**

FAIR TRADE SHOPPE: UPAVIM’s mission: To support the women of La Esperanza, Guatemala in their fight for better economic, healthcare and educational opportunities for themselves, their families and their community. The oven mitt, potholders and worry dolls are all made by women in the UPAVIM organization.



ANNUAL PIE SALE: Will be on Saturday, 9/28/19 from 10am to 2pm. We would love donations of all kinds of pies, but the focus will be on apple. As in the past, we will be featuring our “drive-thru pies” again (which seems to be very popular). We would appreciate monetary donations, if you are unable to bake. As always, we will be needing help selling the pies, too. For more information, contact Ceil Gilbert at 315-853-8289 or Donna Goodfriend at 315-749-4085. Sign-up sheets will be available.

P.E.O CHAPTER BG PRESENTS: Chuck D’Imperio - Stories From the Road on Saturday, 9/21/19 - 2:00 p.m. at Clinton United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Please contact Linda Rance or Grace Whittemore for more information or to purchase tickets.

PLEASE JOIN US! There’ll be a brunch after worship today. We will have lots of fun, food and fellowship time!



THE CALENDAR



Monday - 9/09/19:	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Session
Thursday – 9/12/19:	10:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Saturday - 9/14/19:	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday – 9/15/19:	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday- 9/15/19:	10:00 a.m.	Worship-Guest Preacher-Bob Umidi

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



GREETERS & 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:

Lauralyn Kolb
 Bob Miller
 Tiffany Heintz
 Christine Tuttle
 Sue Raitt
 Dorothy Alberico
 Sue Riggles
 Anna Gogel
 David Harris
 Debra LaFont

Members/Friends of the Week:

Peter & Emily Massi
 Dennis & Sue Dewey
 Keith Del Rosa

