



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 February 9, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" Georg Böhm
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CHORAL INTROIT AND POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God.

+ HYMN #483 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART
(+Those who are able may stand.)

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

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior and Master,
 we confess that we have not walked with you
 in the path of selfless service.
 We have been preoccupied with the strains and cares of our own lives.
 We have not shared with others the winning word of love.
 We have failed to model your patience in our own lives
 and have allowed our faith to grow stale,
 not triumphing over wrong, but succumbing to the world.
 Forgive us our sin, we pray,
 and grant us the peace that only you can give,
 that we may, hereafter, walk with you in joyful service;
 in your name we pray. Amen.

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

Isaiah 58:6-9a *The true worship of God is justice.*
 The Word of the Lord. /Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 2:1-16 *True wisdom comes from the Spirit of God.*
 The Word of the Lord. /Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "King of Glory, King of Peace" Alfred V. Fedak
Matthew 5:13-20 *Your righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees.*
 The Word of the Lord. /Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Repairers of the Breach"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+ HYMN #282 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"
 WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH James 3:13-18 (TEV)

Do we claim to be wise and understanding?
 Let us prove it by our good life, by our good deeds performed with humility
 and wisdom.
 But if, in our heart, we are jealous, bitter and selfish, let us not sin against the
 truth by boasting of our wisdom.
 Such wisdom does not come from heaven. It belongs to the world.
 It is unspiritual and demonic.

But the wisdom from above is pure first of all.
It is also peaceful, gentle and friendly.
It is full of compassion and produces a harvest of good deeds.
It is free from prejudice and hypocrisy.
Goodness is the harvest that is produced from the seeds that peacemaker's
plant in peace.

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

John Menard and Sherry Robinson as Ruling Elders; Bev Miller as Deacon

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

"debts/debtors"

(Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

OFFERTORY

+A DOXOLOGY

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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Live and Think and Act in the Name of Christ

+ HYMN #339

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

+ CHARGE & BENECTION

+ CHORAL RESPONSE

+ POSTLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

Quentin Thomas



STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

February 9, 2020 ~ Presentation of the Lord ~ 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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RISE AGAINST HUNGER: Throughout February, our worship services will include an opportunity for each of us to come forward during a special offering dedicated to supporting the community-wide Rise Against Hunger project. **Rise Against Hunger's mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable.** As we each consider how to respond to this mission and, more practically, to our congregation's \$2000 commitment, we are challenged to consider our own relationships to God's people throughout the world: these are REAL people whose lives can be lengthened and altered by our generosity. *You are asked to give as you are able.* Contributions should be clearly marked and offered during Sunday worship or be clearly marked and sent to Stone Church, PO Box 33, Clinton NY 13323. Your generosity will provide desperately needed food to those on the edge of starvation.

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: Thank you for your ongoing support of The Country Pantry. We are seeking kid-friendly food for our **KIDPAKS PROGRAM.** We will be running this program monthly, not only during summer months. This bag of goodies is filled with nutritious food and given to each child, age 3-18, on food distribution day. We are requesting: **PEANUT BUTTER, SNACK BARS, BREAKFAST BARS, RAISINS, FRUIT CUPS, CANNED SOUP (INCLUDING RAMEN), & NUTELLA .** Any similar items, not listed above, are gladly accepted. The pantry will be adding fresh fruit and milk/juice to these KIDPAKS. Also, the pantry can always use **soup, peanut butter, tuna and canned chicken.** And let's not forget about the 4-legged friends!

FAIR TRADE SHOPPE: Enjoy the moisture-wicking comfort of our organic wool lightweight dress socks available in unique patterns (colors vary) that wrap around the leg and foot. Organic farming practices, adhering to organic processing standards, and minimizing our carbon footprint by producing only within the Americas, Maggie's is a leader in textile sustainability. These and many more varieties, along with handmade gift items from 38 different countries. We will be holding a **25% off Winter Sale during and February** (some restrictions apply). Purchasing fair trade ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development and hope to marginalized people.



THE CALENDAR



Thursday – 02/13/20:	10:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Friday – 02/14/20:	Happy Valentine's Day!	
Sunday – 02/16/20:	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday – 02/16/20:	10:30 a.m.	Worship-Guest Rev. Stuart Wattles
Sunday – 02/16/20:	After Worship	Session/Deacon meeting

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



GREETERS: Hal and 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:

Hal & Linda Rance
Mandy Machold
Jamison
Gene Lawson
Debra LaFont
Jason & Tanya Hamshar
Andrew Bering
Grace Whittemore
Jack Cassidy
Elaine Heekin
Tiffany Heintz
Sue Riggles
Anna Gogel
David Harris

Members/Friends of the Week:

Buffy Haley
Carol Steele
Bev Sullivan

