



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 September 19, 2021 ~ 17th Sunday after Pentecost



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

PRELUDE "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Charles Callahan
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

INTROIT & POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?
We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.
 Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?
We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.
 Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?
We long to live lives of holiness and light.
 God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask. Come near, people of God!
Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

+HYMN #2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center" BEACH SPRING
(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

**God of the gospel, the One who sends, the one who is sent and returns,
 the One who is sent and remains with the church, we declare our need
 of the wisdom that comes from above: pure, peace-loving, considerate,
 open to reason.**
**We can be devious rather than straightforward, hypocritical rather than
 sincere, unforgiving rather than merciful, cruel rather than kind.**
**Forgive the bitter jealousy that leads to quarreling, the selfish ambition
 that destroys those who are in the way, the ungoverned passions that
 lead to disorder and evil of every kind.**
**Temper your justice with mercy for the sake of your obedient Son, Jesus
 our peacemaker. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and we are given a new way to live. Let us accept God's grace and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy. **Alleluia! Amen.**

+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 are whole. Let us share the peace and joy that knowledge gives us, with the world and with each other. Peace be with you.



We Listen for the Word of God

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 31:10–31 An ode to a capable wife.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Exhortations to wisdom and morality
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SOLO "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" African-American Spiritual
 Sung by G. Roberts Kolb arr J. Rosamond Johnson

Mark 9:30-37 Passion Prediction #2/How to Understand?
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Wisdom From Above" Helen Tracy

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #339 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

+ A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA (together)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
"debts/debtors"

Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision"

Quentin Thomas

+A DOXOLOGY #593 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH

We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

+HYMN #357 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MARYTON

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

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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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Today's Guest Worship Leader is The Rev. Helen Tracy, a Native Roman and a Licensed



Local Pastor for the United Methodist Church. Currently, she is a member of Trinity UMC in Whitesboro. She spends her weekdays working as office manager/bookkeeper at Delta Lake Bible Conference Center. Helen is married to Rob Tracy (a lifelong Presbyterian); she has two grown children, Mac and Megan.



Since we have become a Matthew 25 church and a supporter of the newly formed Center for Jubilee Practice, the session voted for us to change from the "Pride" flag that shows LBGTQ+ inclusion to the "Progress Pride" flag, which adds Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) with the black and brown stripes and transgender with the pink and blue stripes. More to follow in the October newsletter.

Hope House: This month's wish list includes the following: **shampoo conditioner, soap, toothpaste & razors.** Any donation that you designate for food or personal needs will be greatly appreciated. Any questions, contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or ceilgilbert@yahoo.com. Hope House is now serving dinners inside @ 4:00 p.m., one client at a time on Mondays through Saturdays at reduced hours. Also, there is a community refrigerator in their parking lot. People sharing food: taking when needed and stocking the fridge when they have surplus. Imagine something so unique—talk about creativity! If any servers are eager to come back, they are happy to accept volunteers. Questions, contact Ceil Gilbert at 315-853-8289, ceilgilbert@yahoo.com.

The Country Pantry will continue to take donations for the **kids paks; peanut butter, fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars, canned pasta & juice boxes.**
For the seniors; tuna, fruit & canned vegetables.

Fair Trade Shoppe: Our Cat Skillet Handle Holder comes in the shape of a kitty-how



adorable! It is perfect for covering the hot handle of a skillet or pot. This lovely colorful oven mitt has ample padding and a hand-woven outer layer to keep your hands protected from burns. This makes a great gift, especially paired with our other kitchen items! Our double-ended Oval Potheader provides dual protection from the heat with two pockets on each end, is sturdy and a great asset to any



kitchen. It is 9"L x 5"W, 100% cotton, and machine washable. These and many, many more unique handmade gift items from 38 different countries can be found in 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 and sustainable development and hope to marginalized people. Our hours are **10am to 4pm every Thursday and second Saturdays in the shop, plus 10am to 4pm every Thursday at the Farmer's Market on the Village Green in Clinton through the summer.** For now, face masks are required. **LET US BE YOUR GO-TO GIFT SHOP!** For more information, go to <https://buildingstonesshoppe.square.site> or www.facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe.



The Women's Association will be holding our annual **Harvest Pie Sale on Saturday, October 9th, 2021, from 10am to 2pm.** We would love donations of all kinds of pies, but the focus will be on apple. We will be featuring our "drive-thru pies" again. We

would appreciate monetary donations, if you are unable to bake. The proceeds from this sale will go to support our various mission projects. 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.



THE CALENDAR



Thursday – **09/23/21:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday – **09/25/21:** 10:00 a.m.
Sunday – **09/26/21:** 10:30 a.m.

Fair Trade Shoppe
Parkinson's Awareness Walk
Worship & Graham Massi's Baptism



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

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"

Members/Friends of the Week:

Christine Tuttle
Greg & Sarah Mathias
Jeff McArn & Georgia Frank



Just to be on the safe side, we are asking everyone to wear masks during worship services until further notice. Thank you.

Prayer Request:

Erin Todd
Pat Joseph
Lori Chamberlain
Sue Raitt
Doug White
Dave & Trish Harris
Anne Dunn & family
Andrew Bering
Sara Tolliver
Jeff Kolb
Jim Kubat
Debra LaFont

