

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

The reconciliation of humanity through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation.
Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples.
The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations.
It encourages those forces in human society that raise people's hopes for better conditions and provide them with opportunity for a decent living.
A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence, makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.
The church calls all people to use their abilities, possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to us by God for the maintenance of God's family and the advancement of the common welfare.

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)
(in response to "We pray to you, O God," please say, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

OFFERTORY "Récit tendre pour le nasard" Gaspard Corrette

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

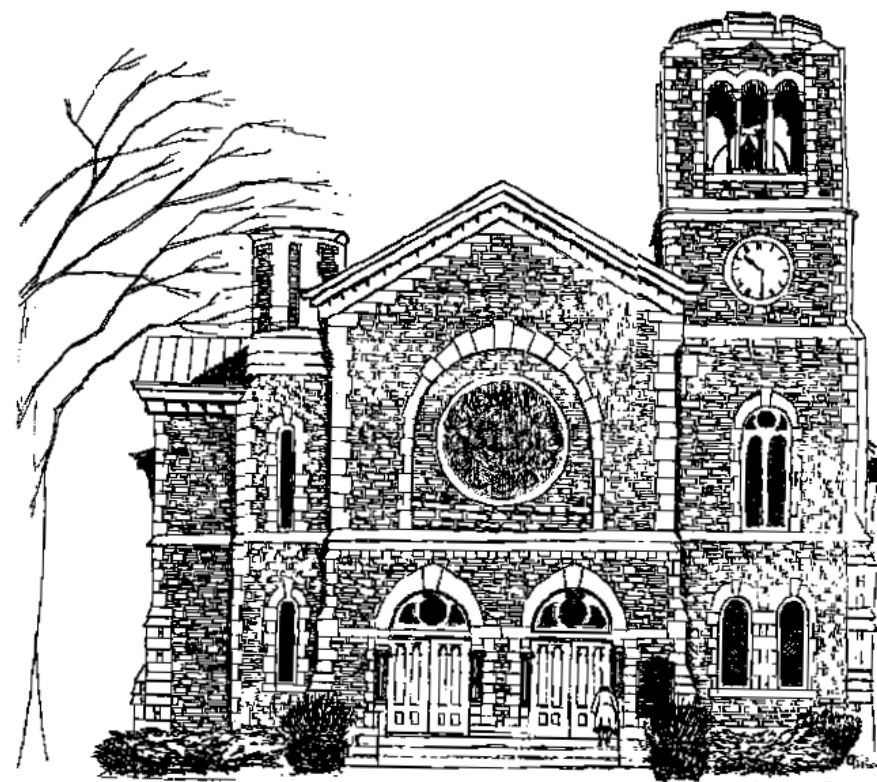
We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

+HYMN #422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP
October 10, 2021 ~ 20th 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.

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An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 October 10, 2021 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather in the Name of the One in Whom We Serve

PRELUDE "Flute Solo" from *Sonata in A* Thomas Arne
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O LORD, teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands.

O prosper the work of our hands!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let us worship God.

+ HYMN #2132 "Come, Ye Disconsolate" CONSOLATOR
 (+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

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

Almighty God, we say we seek you, but we turn justice to bitterness and bring righteousness to the ground.

We burdened the poor, while we complained about how much more we want. While the oppressed cry out, we turn a deaf ear because we do not want to deal with them.

Forgive our greed and selfishness and help us to seek not to increase our own fortunes, but to better the lives of others; not to merely do what is comfortable, but what is needed. Help us to approach the challenges with boldness, knowing that with you and through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that all things are possible. 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 concluding "amen" aloud.)



LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15 Israel is warned about social injustice.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 4:12-16 The word of God is active; we have a great high priest.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SOLO "We Are Called"
 Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

Mark 10:17-31 Jesus and the rich man.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Good Life"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+ HYMN #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

Souper Sunday is **next Sunday**, October 17th. Please help Your Neighbors by bringing a tasty pot of soup to church. After our regular service, we will work on packaging and labeling our various soups which then will be transported to be stocked into Your Neighbors' freezers at Zion Lutheran church. Thanks so much for participating in this activity.

Coming Attraction!! Don't miss participating in our Sunday Stewardship events. October 24, 31 and Nov 7 will be special Sundays as we explore and celebrate James 1:17 during worship.



Baptism of Graham Massi, son of Peter and Emily Massi, 10/3/21—World Communion Sunday! Such a joy for all after a year and half of a pandemic!



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Blessing of the Animals: Though the rain had stopped, a light turnout, but appreciated by those who came for the Blessing of the Animals! Thanks to Michael Terrell, Jean Skinner, and Janet Griffiths along with me for doing the service!



Hope House: This month's wish list includes the following: **shampoo conditioner, soap, toothpaste, razors and VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN COMMIT TO ONE OR TWO REGULAR PICKUPS A WEEK.** IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL HOPE HOUSE AT 315-793-3723. 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

The Country Pantry needs packages of gravy mix, no glass bottles please, and cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving. For Christmas they are focusing on collecting children's lap blankets but will take adult ones as well. Any donation of food or money will be accepted. As always, the pantry is very thankful for your support.

Fair Trade Shoppe: Our owl and sunflower stakes are recycled metal garden stakes



which add color and movement to autumn gardens and flower beds. They are hand cut, embossed and painted by Haitian artists and clear coated for weather resistance. Our hummingbird stake also makes a colorful companion in the garden. The flower wreath, recycled from oil drums makes a dynamic work of art



for the wall, indoor or out. In July, Haiti experienced an earthquake in which nearly 2,400 lives were lost, 10,000 people injured and 13,000 homes were destroyed. You can help the people of Haiti by shopping at our **FAIR TRADE SHOPPE**. Our hours are 10a.m. to 4p.m. every Thursday and second Saturday of the month. For now, face masks are required. **LET US BE YOUR GO-TO GIFT SHOP!** For more information, go to <https://buildingstoneshoppe.square.site> or www.facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe.



THE CALENDAR



Monday – 10/11/21: 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
 Thursday – 10/14/21: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday – 10/17/21: 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday – 10/17/21: After Worship

Session Meeting
 Fair Trade Shoppe
 Worship
 Souper Sunday



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

Greeter and Host: Beverly Miller

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:

Mary Chamberlain
 Kevin Lawson
 Rose Leonard

Prayer Request:

Rosa Greene
 Erin Todd
 Pat Joseph
 Lori Chamberlain
 Sue Raitt
 Doug White
 Dave & Trish Harris
 Anne Dunn & family
 Jeff Kolb
 Jim Kubat
 Debra LaFont



Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again.