

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, p. 16)

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

...we join with all the faithful to sing the eternal song of praise:

(SINGING:) EIN' FESTE BURG
**O holy, holy, holy Lord; O God of pow'r, O God of might,
Your glory fills both heaven and earth, hosanna in the high - est.
For blessed is the one, who in the Lord's name comes,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
Hosanna in the high - est.**

... singing with one voice the story of our faith:

(SINGING:)
**We sing the news that Christ has died; has risen and again will come.
The Spirit and the gift are ours, through Him who with us sid - eth.
When this bread we partake, and drink the cup also,
His death we do proclaim, his resurrection too;
His kingdom is forever.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION, COMMUNION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and individual cups, then return to your seat by the side aisles where we will partake together.)

We Go Out Reformed and Always Reforming Our Lives

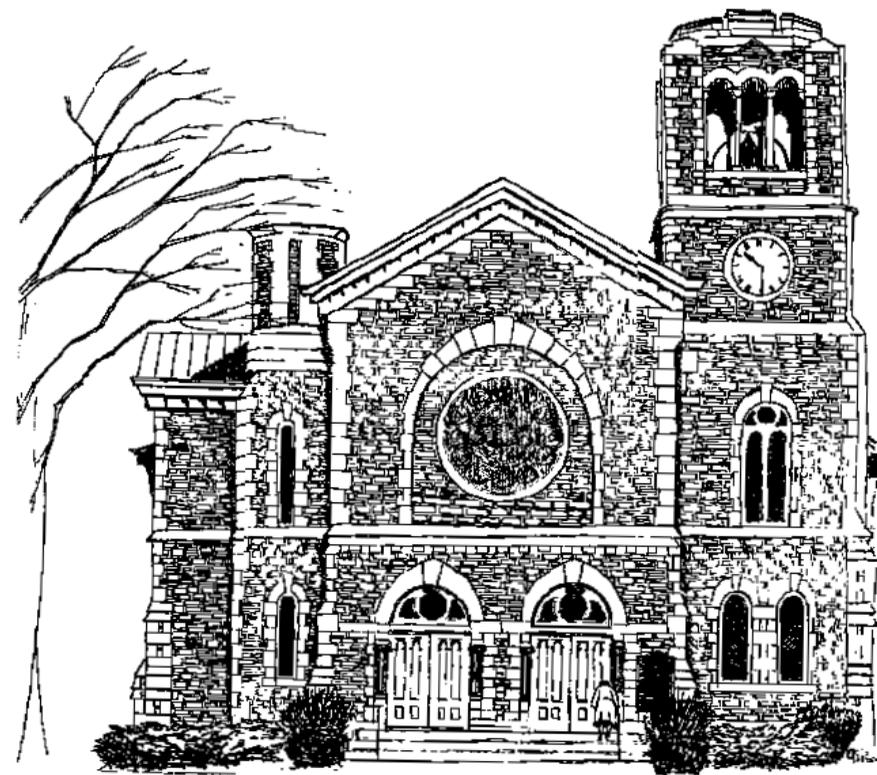
+ HYMN #481 "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show" LLANFAIR

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Ein feste Berg" J. G. Walther

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

October 31, 2021 ~ Reformation 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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An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 October 31, 2021 ~ Reformation Sunday



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

PRELUDE "Fantasia on 'Ein feste Burg'" Michael Praetorius
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP see insert

+ HYMN #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG
 (+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

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

Loving God, please forgive us for all the ways that we separate ourselves from you and from one another.
 You have heaped blessings upon us, yet too often we are ungrateful. We grumble, we complain, sometimes we flee, choosing our own path while avoiding your guidance.
 We prefer the anxiety we feel in our weakness to the confidence we might find in your power.
 In your mercy, forgive us, Lord. Restore to us the joyful confidence of those who belong to you.
 Help us to live generously in your strength—in the forgiveness and the freedom that you offer us.
 In the name of the one above all, Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 Reforming Word of God

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 *Hear, O Israel: the LORD is Our God.*
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 9:11-14 *The blood of Christ purifies us.*
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

DUET "A Mighty Fortress" J. H. Schein
 Sung by Lauralyn and G. Roberts Kolb

Mark 12:28-34 *The greatest commandment.*
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Hear"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+ HYMN #485 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles Creed*
 (Ecumenical Version – *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 14)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Fughetta on 'Ein feste Burg'" Johann Pachelbel



+**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*together*)

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

PEOPLE: I will sing praises to God all my life long.

LEADER: Happy are those whose help is in God, creator of heaven and earth,
who is forever faithful,

PEOPLE: seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;

LEADER: setting prisoners free and opening the eyes of the blind;

PEOPLE: lifting up those who are bowed down and loving the righteous.

LEADER: The Lord protects strangers and upholds the orphan and widow,

PEOPLE: but the way of the wicked is brought to ruin.

LEADER: The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations.

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: Let us worship God!

Martin Luther's Seal or "The Luther Rose"

While he was a professor at Wittenberg University, Martin Luther designed a seal which he declared was meant to be "expressive of his theology." The following letter was written to his friend, Herr Spangler, town clerk in Nuremberg, Germany and expresses his thoughts on his seal.



July 8, 1530

Grace and peace in Christ!

Honorable, kind, dear Sir and Friend!

Since you ask whether my seal has come out correctly, I shall answer most amiably and tell you of those thoughts which now come to my mind about my seal as a symbol of my theology.

There is first to be a cross, black, and placed in a heart, which should be of its natural color (red), to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saved us. For if one believes from the heart, he will be justified. Even though it is a black cross, which mortifies and which also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its natural color and does not ruin nature ... that is, the cross does not kill, but keeps man alive. For the just shall live by faith, by faith in the Savior.

Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose, to symbolize that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In a word, it places the believer into a white joyful rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy as the world gives. Therefore, the rose is to be white, not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of all angels.

This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy. It is already a part of faith, and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest.

And around this field is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and goods, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

May Christ, our dear Lord, be with your spirit until the life to come. Amen.

-(letter from *Luther's Works, American Edition; Volume 49, pp. 356 – 359*)

Today is the second Sunday of our **2021 Stewardship** event. As you participate in today's service, please consider your response to James 1:17, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father..." Sunday, November 7th will be Consecration Sunday, when we celebrate the reassurance of James 1:17 and formally make our commitments.

Mark Your Calendars: Sunday, November 7, immediately after our worship service, we will gather in our dining room to enjoy conversation and a delectable lunch. While planned as a celebratory luncheon to mark the final stage of our Stewardship campaign, this meal will be a festive opportunity for us to catch up with each other and share important and unimportant bits of our lives. Please plan to participate in this opportunity to enjoy good food, good company and our pleasure in working together to share all that has been imparted to each of us by our most loving God.

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: It's not too early to start your Christmas shopping! Our Cycling Santa ornament is crafted from banana fiber by artisans in Kenya. Good things come in threes! Our Good Things earrings are handcrafted by artisans in India, featuring Iolite, Smoky Quartz and Chalcedony gems. Our West Bank dipping bowls are crafted in the ceramic traditions part of the Palestinian city of Hebron, emphasizing the beauty of nature. Each holds 3 ounces, is 1 1/2" h x 3 1/2" dia. These and many, many more unique handcrafted gift items can be purchased in our **FAIR TRADE SHOP, STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 8 SO. PARK ROW, CLINTON.** Our hours are 10am to 4pm every Thursday and second Saturdays, plus every Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also, don't forget to visit us during the Shoppers Stroll on Friday, November 26th. Purchasing fair trade items ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development and hope to marginalized people. **LET US BE YOUR GO-TO GIFT SHOP!** Visit us at <https://buildingstonesshoppe.square.site> or www.facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe.



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THE CALENDAR



Today – **10/31/21:** After Worship
 Thursday – **11/04/21:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday – **11/07/21:** 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday – **11/07/21:** After Worship

Deacon's Meeting
Fair Trade Shoppe
Worship
Consecration 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 & Communion: Mary Chamberlain & Helen Leonard

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:

Anne Dunn
 Ruth Mogle
 Roger Moore

Prayer Request:

Patty Lawson
 Michael Britton
 Sara Tolliver
 Rosa Greene
 My precious dog Sadie
 Erin Todd
 Pat Joseph
 Lori Chamberlain
 Sue Raitt
 Dave & Trish Harris
 Jeff Kolb
 Jim Kubat
 Debra LaFont

