



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 November 28, 2021 ~ The 1st Sunday of Advent



We Gather to Worship the One Who Is Coming

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Alec Wyton
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

PEOPLE: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

LEADER: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

PEOPLE: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

LEADER: Good and upright is the LORD. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

PEOPLE: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

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

ALL: Let us worship God.

+ **HYMN #9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(+Those who are able may stand.) VENI EMMANUEL

THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE – GIFT OF HOPE
 Pat and Buzz Joseph



UNISON PRAYER

God of Hope, bring new light into our darkness. Give us ears to hear your still, small voice through the commercial din of the holiday season. Give us eyes to see your light still shining among all the Christmas lights and decorations. But most of all, God, give us hearts full of hope that we may watch, pray, and work for the coming of your kingdom. Amen.

+**THE ADVENT GIVING – HOPE HOUSE**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in silent reflection, then together)

Almighty God, we confess our sin to another and to you.

Give us grace to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Give us hearts to hope and hands to serve, that on the day when Christ comes again in power to sit in judgment of all peoples, we may be ready—not distracted by the anxieties of this life, but living out the law of love into life eternal; through the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+**A DOXOLOGY** (to the tune GLORIA)

To the God of hope we sing, To the Son let praises ring,
 And the Holy Spirit praise, As this song of hope we raise:
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo! Glo—ria in excelsis Deo!

+**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

Jeremiah 33:14-16 A branch will come from David.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God

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Dennis Dewey, 2009

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888



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Today is HOPE SUNDAY, the first Sunday in Advent. Today's Advent offering is in support of Utica's Hope House. Dedicated to feeding the hungry, Hope House also provides safe shelter and appropriate assistance to those in need. Hope House provides full meals every day, to all who arrive at their door. With only a very small percentage of funds coming from government sources, Hope House relies on the generosity of people such as the congregation of Stone Church to support its mission. As is our custom, this Advent offering will be separate from our regular giving. Please help support Hope House with your Advent offering.

Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols is Sunday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m. in the Hamilton College Chapel. Hamilton College welcomes the campus community and the public to join in the celebration of the Advent season, anticipating the joy of Christmas, reading together the biblical narratives and singing familiar songs with music provided by Tapestry and being conducted by G. Roberts Kolb. Officiating over the service will be the Rev. Jeffrey H. McArn, college chaplain, with the assistance of readers and clergy (including our Pastor Scott Leonard) and candle bearers from Hamilton College. A reception with Christmas cookies, punch and coffee will follow the service upstairs in the chapel. If you want to sing and hear all the Christmas carols to fill you for the month, this is the service to attend! The tradition of the Service of Lessons and Carols dates back exactly 100 years ago to Christmas Eve of 1918 and Cambridge University in England. Planned by the new dean of King's College, fresh from his role as army chaplain in World War I, which had ended the previous month, the service has become a tradition for many colleges around the world.

The Country Pantry: For Christmas they are focusing on collecting **children's lap blankets (but will take adult ones as well), canned soup, fruit and vegetables.** Any donation of food or money will be accepted. As always, the pantry is very thankful for your support.

Fair Trade Shoppe: Come and check out our roomful of beautiful, handwoven baskets from Ghana, Bangladesh and Guatemala; great to fill with homemade treats, towels or magazines. Our beautiful coiled spiced trivet keeps your beverage, kettle or plate warm while releasing the scent of cinnamon and cloves, made from 100% hand-woven Guatemalan fabric.



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Our colorful terracotta nativity scene brightens any home around Christmas and is a perfect faith-based decoration for any holiday festivities. Each set contains 8 figurines dressed in handwoven Guatemalan fabric with hand-painted faces, 4 hand-painted animals and a lovely natural terracotta plate on which to display them. We also have a large selection of grinder seasonings, cotton and wool socks, unique and elegant jewelry, ivory candlesticks, journals, hidden compartment boxes and **MANY** more wonderful Christmas gift ideas from 38 different countries in our **FAIR TRADE SHOPPE, STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 8 SO. PARK ROW, CLINTON.** Our hours are 10am to 4pm every Thursday, second Saturdays, Friday, November 26th during the Shoppers Stroll and every Saturday between Thanksgiving



and Christmas. development and hope to marginalized people. **LET US BE YOUR GO-TO GIFT SHOP!**

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 CALENDAR

Thursday – 12/02/21: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday – 12/04/21: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday – 12/05/21: 10:30 a.m.
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Worship
Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols
 (Hamilton College Chapel)



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

Greeter and Host: Bev 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:

Rob & Lauralyn Kolb
 Colleen Pellman
 Alan Petrie



Prayer Request:

Family of Robert D. Willson
 Lauralyn's Family
 Lauralyn & Rob Kolb
 Bonnie Felshaw
 Patty Lawson
 Michael Britton
 Sara Tolliver
 Erin Todd
 Pat Joseph
 Lori Chamberlain
 Sue Raitt
 Dave & Trish Harris
 Jeff Kolb
 Jim Kubat
 Debra LaFont

