



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
December 3, 2023 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent**



We Gather in Hope

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

Alec Wyton

CHORAL INTROIT AND POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 80)
(see insert)

+HYMN #1 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
STUTTGART

WELCOME

THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE: Gift of Hope for Hope House
Grace Whittemore and Deb LaPointe



UNISON PRAYER
**God of hope, make us hopeful people
in anticipation of your making all things new.**
**Take from us any lingering despair,
and let the light of Christ shine on us and in us,
that we may abound in the hope that is ours
through his incarnation, his taking flesh and
dwelling among us, and his death and resurrection;
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

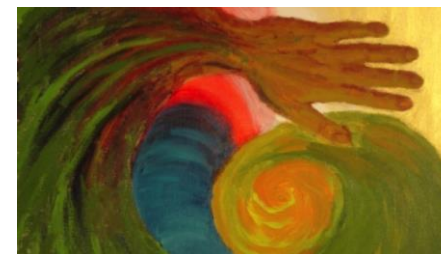
+THE ADVENT GIVING - HOPE HOUSE
You are invited to bring forward your offering of hope for Hope House

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

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 God's Word of Hope

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 64:1–9 A plea for God's mercy.
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 1:3–9 God gives spiritual gifts that we might be blameless.
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Natalie Sleeth (arr. Jane Marshall)

Mark 13:24–37 Signs of the end of the age.
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Glimmer of Hope"

We Respond in Hopeful Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #7 "Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth" MIT FREUDEN ZART

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from The Prologue of John)
(see insert)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "Savior of the Nations, Come" Andreas Nikolaus Vetter
(The loose offering today supports the work of the deacons.)



+A DOXOLOGY

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O Come, let us adore him, O Come let us adore him,
O Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

ADESTE FIDELES

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

December 3, 202 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent ~ 10:30 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

... who praise the glory of your name:

SINGING # 581:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

... Let all your people now tell your story, singing:

SINGING #582:

**Dying, you destroyed our death;
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord— Jesus, come— in glory.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 16)

THE COMMUNION (*Please come forward by the center aisle to receive and partake the bread and individual cups, then return to your seat by the side aisles.*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out In Hope

“Live into Hope”

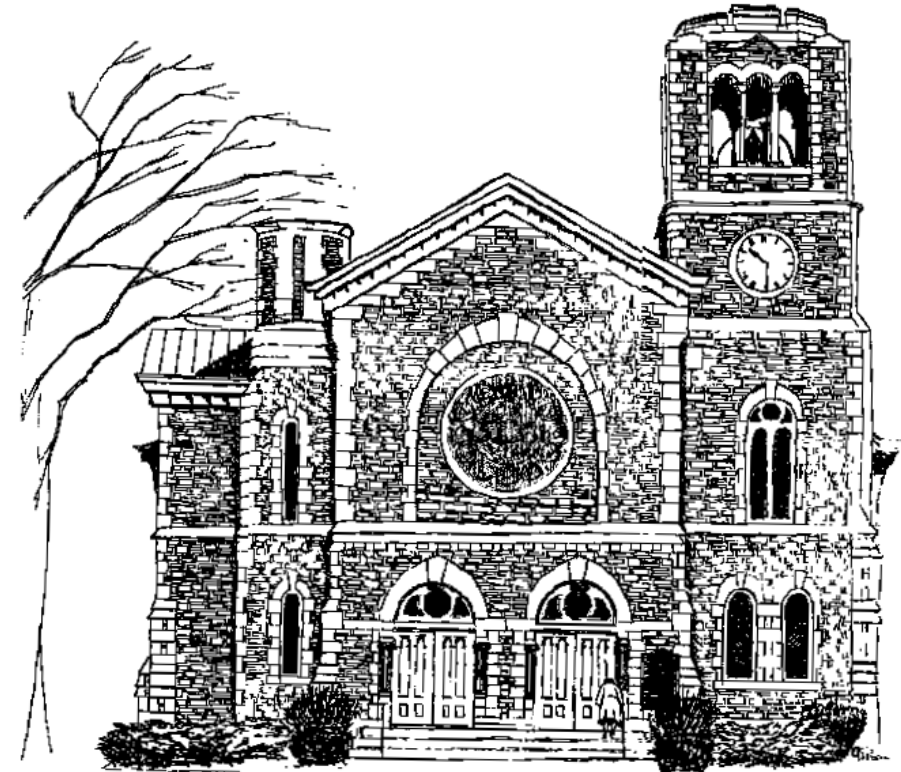
TRURO

+HYMN #332

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE



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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CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 80)

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph's flock! Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry despite your people's prayers? You have fed them tears for their bread, an abundance of tears for their drink.

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be on the one you have chosen, the one you have given your strength.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life that we may call upon your name.

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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

All: Let us worship God.

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

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

**Give us grace to trust and hope in the Good News,
the light that shines in the darkness.**

**Give us hopeful hearts and hands to serve, to put on Christ each day,
showing his light and love in our lives.**

**Help us always to be ready, not distracted by the anxieties of this life, but
living with expectant hope in your loving plans for the future, working
for the day when your will is done on earth as it is in heaven;
through the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from The Prologue of John)

In the beginning was the Word.

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made.

What was made in him was life, and the life was the light of humankind.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not been able to
overcome it.**

ADVENT

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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STUTT GART 8.7.8.7

Charles Wesley, 1744

Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; alt.

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,
4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 2

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

Walter Russell Bowie, 1928; alt.

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

1. Lord Christ, when first You came to earth, Up -
 2. O won - drous love, which found no room In
 3. New ad - vent of the love of Christ, Shall
 4. O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build In

on a cross they bound You, And mocked Your sav - ing
 life, where sin de - nied You, And, doomed to death, must
 we a - gain re - fuse You, Till in the night of
 us Your new cre - a - tion: Our pride is dust, our

king-ship then By thorns with which they crowned You; And
 bring to doom The power which cru - ci - fied You, Till
 hate and war We per - ish as we lose You? From
 vault is stilled, We wait Your rev - e - la - tion. O

still our wrongs may weave You now New thorns to pierce that
 not a stone was left on stone, And all a na - tion's
 old un - faith our souls re - lease To seek the king - dom
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, We bring our hearts be -

stead - y brow, And robe of sor - row round You.
 pride, o'er-thrown, Went down to dust be - side You.
 of Your peace, By which a - lone we choose You.
 fore Your cross: Come, fin - ish Your sal - va - tion.

This tune in a higher key, 483

Live Into Hope

TRURO LM

Jane Parker Huber, 1976

Thomas Williams, 1789
 Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -
 2. Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight
 3. Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to
 4. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, The right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear — A vi - sion of our God brought near,
 dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.

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