



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
January 18, 2026 ~ Second Sunday after Epiphany



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE

(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 40)

The Lord has put a new song in our mouths,

A song of praise to our God.

Happy are those who trust in the Lord and do not go astray after false gods.

For God has done wondrous deeds, more than we can count.

We delight to do your will, O God.

Your words are within our hearts.

We share the glad news of our deliverance.

We proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation.

For you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

Let us sing praises to the Lord our God.

+HYMN #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

(+Those who are able may stand.)

DIX

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

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to follow you with faith, to trust in you with hope, and to serve you with love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #579

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

+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

Isaiah 49:1-7 God's servant will be a light to the nations

The Word of the Lord. /Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 A greeting of grace and peace from Paul to the church in Corinth

The Word of the Lord. /Thanks be to God.

John 1:29-42 John identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God, and disciples follow the Lord

The Word of the Lord. /Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Jesus, Lightbringer, Lamb of God"

Helen Tracy

We Respond in Faith and Thanksgiving

+ HYMN #2113

"Lamb of God"

SWEET LAMB OF GOD

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor and binds us together with all believers in one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or
in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord. Amen.

(from "A Brief Statement of Faith", 1983, Presbyterian Church USA)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER. (Traditional Version, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 16) "debts/debtors"

OFFERTORY

+A DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go to Live Out Our Call to Discipleship

+ HYMN #339

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

+ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

January 18, 2026 ~ Second Sunday after Epiphany ~ 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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