



**The Stone Church of Willow Glen -
Presbyterian Church (USA)
San José, California**

**November 21, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.
Christ the King Sunday**

The Preparation for the Word

*Before worship, speak with God. During worship,
let God speak to you.*

After worship, speak with those around you.

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome

Moment for the PW Thank Offering

Call to Worship

Let us proclaim the kingdom of Christ:

Christ's kingdom is one of justice and peace.

Let us proclaim the kingship of Christ:

Christ's kingship is one of mercy and love.

Let us proclaim the truth of Christ:

Christ calls us to make peace, to seek justice, and to follow him.

Come; let us worship Christ, our King!

Opening Hymn #142

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (choir singers only)

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Call to Confession

While there are many with power in our world - power to hurt us, power to hire or fire us, power to control us - only God has the power to forgive us and make us new people. Let us confess how we fear the power of the world, and welcome the power of God's grace. Let us pray together,

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have chosen the lies of the world, and your Word has been far from our lips. We have chosen independent and isolated lives, and failed to reflect your Spirit in our actions towards one another. We have chosen to exalt the powerful of our day, preventing us from truly following the One whose weakness gives us life.

Forgive us, O God, the one who became weak for our sake. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly.

Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus, the Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The Rev. Sharon LeClaire, Parish Associate

*The Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please remain seated and greet folks seated around you with a sign of peace

We Listen To God's Word

The Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (O.T., p. 828)

Anthem

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

*Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Stone Church Choir Singers*

Children's Sermon

*Mary Jo Blazek, Church School Administrator
(Children dismissed to church school)*

Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37 (N.T., p. 112)

Sermon

"The Kin-ship of Christ"

The Rev. Sammie Evans

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" from Cantata No. 147

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) arr. by E. Power Biggs (1906-1977)

*Dedication of the People and Their Gifts Hymn #592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

Closing Hymn #343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

1 Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God's chosen end.	3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense, Help us bear each other's burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care, Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.
2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old, Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.	4 So God grants us for tomorrow Ways to order human life That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase, Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.

Recognition of the Rev. Sharon LeClaire, Parish Associate

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

arr. Pam Hood

*Feel free to depart quietly. Please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude.
Please exit thru the back doors, thru the Narthex to the patio.*

***Those who are able may stand.**

ASL Interpreter ~ Amberle Walsh

Original bulletin art created by Willow Glen Artist **Lynden Keith Johnson**.

We welcome the sound of little ones during worship:

If your baby gets too wiggly for you, you may take them to the nursery, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Social Hall.

Announcements

Welcome Guests and Visitors! We hope you already feel at home among us here at Stone Church. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after worship. If you have children, they are welcome to worship with you for the entire service, or to join the other children during the Children's Sermon & Church School.

Visitor/Prayer Request Card – Visitors who'd like to give the office their contact information can complete one of the "cards" located in the pew-back holders and place it in the offering plate.

“Regulars” may also use these to update their contact info, or for anyone to make a prayer request to the Pastors and Deacons.

The Thank Offering, taken today, is one of Presbyterian Women’s two yearly offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the offering will fund health ministries. Presbyterian Women of Stone Church thank you your contribution to the important mission work of Presbyterian Women, both nationally and internationally. Put “Thank Offering” on memo line.

Rev. Sharon LeClaire - After 3 years of preaching, teaching, and providing pastoral care at Stone Church – first as our temporary Stated Supply Pastor and then as a Parish Associate – the Rev. Sharon LeClaire will be leaving the staff at the end of this year. During worship **today**, we’ll celebrate Sharon’s gifts to Stone.

Today’s Retable Floral Display, in fall mixed greenery, whites and warm harvest colors/items, will also be used to enhance the tonight’s Interfaith Sunday event. Also, the 2021 Floral Calendar, displayed in the Narthex, is available for sign ups.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service TONIGHT! - Join us at **6pm tonight** as we host this year’s 2021 Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service. In the past several years, we have seen a rise in hate speech and hate crimes, hoarding resources, scapegoating immigrants and refugees, and so many other horrors committed against marginalized communities. In all of our faith traditions, we are called to love, give generously, and cooperate so that all people may thrive. We’ll gather in-person and on Zoom. We will pray. We will sing. And together, we will imagine and co-create a future that is built on cooperation and a desire for all people to belong. Sign-up online to attend in-person (<https://rsvp.church/r/G6MPyS7U>); to attend via Zoom, use the link at www.stonechurch.org.

Chrismon Tree – We need help with the Chrismon Tree **this coming Tue, Nov 23rd** (5pm). It requires many strong bodies, so please contact Tammy Coleman to help (tammymccoleman22@yahoo.com). Meal provided.

Human Trafficking Action Stand will take place on **Mon, Nov 29th**, with gathering in the church patio at 8:15 a.m., where we will get our signs and then take our “stands” on various corners on Lincoln Ave. All interested folks are encouraged to join us as we stand up for the “end of modern-day slavery.” Questions or to volunteer? Contact Claudia Hamm at jnchamm@gmail.com.

Parents’ Day Out – On **Sat, Dec. 4th** (12:30-3:30) let the Deacons watch your kids (13 & under) so you can shop, exercise, run errands, or do nothing at all. Activities & crafts are provided, and it’s all **FREE!**

Sign up using this [Google Form](#) by Nov. 24th. Contact Wendy Lord (lordfamily5@comcast.net) with any questions.

Staff Reviews – The Session is beginning its annual review of all staff members. If you have any feedback for any staff member, please email the co-chairs of the Personnel & Administration Committee. Emily Meac-ham (emilymm@pacbell.net) or Amity Bateman (amity.bateman@gmail.com),

Ushering – We have an immediate need for ushers for December. It’s a fun job, minimal training required. Ushering is a great way to be involved and it doesn’t take very much time. Please email Jodi Lax (Jodi.d.lax@gmail.com). Thank you for helping!

Please Continue Sign-ups for in-person worship <https://rsvp.church/r/G6MPyS7U>. You’re welcome to sign up for multiple events with this link.

Advent Taizé will be held weekly *in the Sanctuary (in-person) only* and no sign-up is needed. Join us each **Tuesday** (6:45–7:15pm) **11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21**. The service will *not* be on Zoom.

Pledge for 2022 – Stone Church relies on your pledge to create its annual budget. Last week we celebrated Consecration Sunday, when we made our pledges to Stone Church. If you haven't yet done so, here are some ways to make a pledge: 1) Pick up a form in the Narthex (as you exit worship); 2) Online stonechurch.org/2022-pledge-campaign; 3) At www.stonechurch.org, click on "Pledge Online", complete the form or click on the image and download/print a form, complete and return it to the office during office hours, or mail it to 1937 Lincoln Ave, SJ CA 95125; or 4) Email your pledge details to office_manager@stonechurch.org. Pledge information is confidential and is not shared with the pastors or other members of the church.

Donate to Stone Church – **1)** Place your donation in one of the offering baskets in the Narthex. **2) Via PayPal:** Use your own PayPal account to send money to office_manager@stonechurch.org. Check on PayPal website to see when fees are applied. **OR** Use Stone's PayPal account via the "donate" button at www.stonechurch.org ~ **2.89% + 49¢** per transaction fee will be applied. **3)** Use your bank's online bill pay to send a check. **4)** Drop a check in the **locked** mailbox outside the office door (at church). **5)** Mail to 1937 Lincoln Ave, SJ CA 95125. **6.** Sign-up for auto withdrawal from your checking. Contact the office manager for more info.

2021 In-Kind Donation Receipts are due the first week of December. In-kind donations are goods or items rather than money (or cash) that are given to the church: food or supplies to be used for the church or an event (church workday, choir retreat, youth group, office supplies, etc.). Turn receipts in soon so they appear on your year-end giving tax statement. Itemized summary, receipts, name of program/event supported, and your name are required. If you have questions, contact Jennifer (office_manager@stonechurch.org).

Our liturgist this morning is **Suzanne Wolf Nilson**.

Today's Deacon greeter is **Maureen Searing**.

This week's ushers include: **Dhar Blackwood** and **Pauline Moore**.

You are cordially invited to continue enjoying God's grace by joining us at our coffee fellowship on the Patio after the Worship service. During November, **Buildings and Grounds Committee and friends** are serving coffee and refreshments.

Membership Inquiry Luncheons

Held twice a year; our next will be in March of 2022.

November 21 - 28, 2021

Sunday (11/21) Irene off
9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
10 - 10:30am Church School
10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio
11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom
6 - 7pm Inter-Faith Worship - SA/SH

Monday (11/22) Irene off
1pm PW Book Group #1
6 - 8pm Vivace - SA
6:30 - 8pm Vivace (Ensemble) - SH

Tuesday (11/23) Irene off
10:30am - 12pm Post Covid Group - Room 1
5 - 8:30pm Chrismon Tree Set-up - SA
7pm Deacons - Zoom

Wednesday (11/24) Irene off
7:30 - 9pm Chancel Choir Practice - SH

Thursday (11/25) Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

Friday (11/26) Native American Heritage Day – Office Closed

Saturday (11/27)
1 - 3pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next Sunday (11/28) 1ST Sunday in Advent
9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
10 - 10:30am Church School
10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio
11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom



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ELECTED LEADERS

The Elders of the Session		
Clerk of Session ~ Mel Goertz		
<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Amity Bateman	Bob Cole	Fran Basso
Tammy Coleman	Derk Johnson	Carter Edwards
Todd Davidson	Emily Meacham	Gary Fritz
Julie Ludwig	Nina Mundi	Meredith Hurley
Alice McNelis	Fred Oliver	Barbara Krause
Charlotte McNelis	Kathy Stark	Brad Tips
Mike Raby-Brown		
The Board of Deacons		
Moderator ~ Jodi Lax		
<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Sue Evans	Tim Collins	Malia Clark
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Kelsey Lax	Ronni Pahl	Kathleen Oliver
Scott Nelson	Nancy Shearer	Maureen Searing
Nancy Paul		Brandon Walters

NOVEMBER Birthdays

(2) Don Skipwith, Julie Ludwig; (7) Madeline Henry,
 (8) Ida Raby, Chris Lococo; (9) Marsha Wadley; (10)
 Mike Donald; (12) Charlotte Dickson; (13) Dick Kistler;
 (15) Doug Williams; (16) Cathy Marlatt; (18) Aby
 Ryan, Carole Brandt; (19) Sandi Lococo; (23) Louis
 Burgyan

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

Jean & Dan Raby 11/29/1987