

Welcome!

We welcome you to Old Stone Presbyterian Church. We hope that you will enjoy the beauty, simplicity, and inspiration which has sustained worship within these walls for over 200 years.

Children are valued and nurtured here at Old Stone Presbyterian Church. During worship a nursery is provided for children second grade and younger (normally they depart after the Time with Young Church). If your children would like to stay in the worship service, we celebrate that, too. They might not always understand what is going on or being said, but they can understand that this is a place where they are loved, accepted, and needed.

Are you interested in learning more about the life of faith? Would you like to know more about what it means to be a part of a community of faith? Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a part of the life of Old Stone Presbyterian Church? We hope that you will ask and look forward to talking with you.

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Old Stone Presbyterian Church Staff

Anna Pinckney Straight ~ Pastor
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Pat Boisvert ~ Old Stone Presbyterian Pre-School
Doris Ann Taylor, Linda Walls, and Bridgett Edwards ~ Organists
Ves Burford ~ Director of Hand Bells
Corrainea Kaebisch ~ Nursery Attendant

The Session

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Doug Bicksler	Carol Bland	LeeAnn Gillilan
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Nancy Smallenberger		

Session Committees

Care (LeeAnn Gillilan), Christian Education (Townley Hamilton), Fellowship (Dick Marshall), Growth (Sandi Hofmann), Outreach (Molly McMillion), Personnel (Nancy Smallenberger), Plans (Sharon Rowe), Property (Andy Kelso), Stewardship (Doug Bicksler), Worship (Carol Bland)

Trustees

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Thomas Greenstreet	James Rowe	Shirley Runyon
Robert Perkins		John Wilson

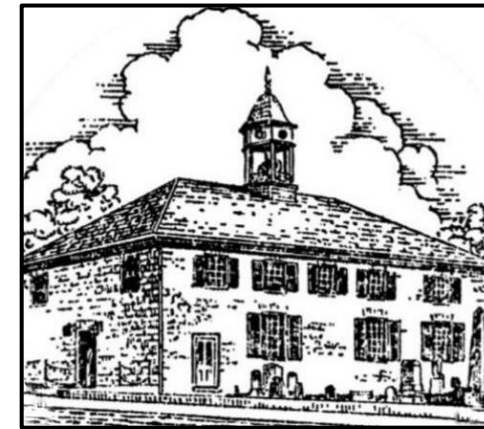
Sunday School Superintendent ~ Ben Lewis

Presbyterian Women

Co-Moderators ~ Amy Brown and Lynn Weikle
Treasurer ~ Betty Dempsey
Secretary ~ Sue Rock
Historian ~ Merle Shank

Each Sunday we hearken back to the words inscribed on the portal of Old Stone Presbyterian Church

THIS BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN THE YEAR 1796
AT THE EXPENCE OF A FEW OF THE FIRST INHABITANTS
OF THIS LAND TO COMMEMORATE THEIR
AFFECTION & ESTEEM FOR THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
READER IF YOU ARE INCLINED TO APPLAUD THEIR VIRTUES
GIVE GOD THE GLORY



Old Stone Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Organized 1783

January 21, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(also broadcast over 1310 AM, 97.3 FM, and 103.1 FM)

Striking of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

(Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor)

Introit

“We Worship Thee, Almighty Lord”

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn #460

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name “

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Creator, we confess that we have sinned. You speak to us with tender mercy, yet we fail to recognize your voice. You know everything about us, yet we do not learn enough about you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to heed your voice of truth, to follow your way of faithfulness, and to glorify you with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Time with the Young Church

(afterwards children 2nd grade and younger who wish to go to the nursery are dismissed)

*Hymn #319

“Spirit”

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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Anthem

“Classic Praise”

Hebrew Bible Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20

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Sermon

“Who Gets the Call?”

Musical Interlude

(a time for prayer and personal reflection)

*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith, 1977

Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Hymn #592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer

“Spirit of the Living God”

Prayer 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

*Hymn #426

“Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

CANONBURY

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you**

*Benediction Response, Hymn #535

“Go With us Lord”

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Sound Technician: John Rodgers
Youth Lay Reader: Suzanne Bicksler
Nursery Assistant: Debbie Taylor
Acolyte: John Bicksler

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the Glory of God with gratitude and in honor of the Old Stone family by Jim and Marcia Leitch. We love you!

The Week Ahead

TODAY, Sunday January 21

11:00 Worship
12:00 Soup & Salad Lunch- PYC Fundraiser
12:30 Handbell practice

TUESDAY

10:00 Bulletin Deadline
3:00 – 5:00 STAIR
6:00 Dinner & Devotion Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Preschool Chapel
3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours
3:00 – 5:00 Logos

THURSDAY

3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

A View From the Organ Bench by
Bridgett Edwards

Psalm 139 begins “You have searched me, Lord, and you know me”. With this theme in mind and using the Presbyterian Scriptural Allusions Index for Psalm 139, the Prelude is a Choral Prelude by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) called “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”. (You can view the text for this piece on page #456 of our hymnbook.) The Postlude is “Be Thou Our Vision (hymn tune: *Slane*) and is a traditional Irish folk melody. The Offertory is “O Lord, My Inmost Heart and Thought” (hymn tune: *Walsall*) with this beautiful text:

O Lord, my inmost heart and thought, Thy searching eye doth see; Each spoken word, each silent thought, the Lord dost understand. Before me and behind art Thou, restraining by Thy hand. Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me, my thoughts to know. O lead me, if in sin I stray, in paths of life to go.

Music for Reflection continues with this theme in “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” (hymn tune: Adelaide)...*search me and try me, Master today.*

In I Samuel, Eli realizes it is God speaking to Samuel and urges him to answer God by saying “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening”. The children will come down to the African-American Spiritual “Somebody's Knocking at Your Door” (hymn tune: *Somebody's Knockin'*). The second verse asks “Can't you hear him?”... a very good question for all of us to answer.