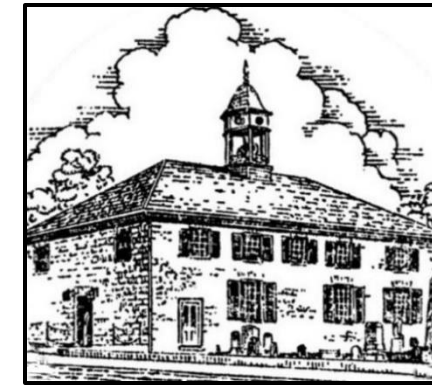


Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



February 25, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.
The Second Sunday in Lent
(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)

Minute for Mission

Introit "All Glory to Our Lord and God"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Staff

Anna Pinckney Straight ~ Pastor
Debbie Reed ~ Church Secretary and Financial Secretary
Amy Kesterson ~ Program Coordinator
Doris Ann Taylor ~ Director of Music
Richard Tincher ~ Sexton
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
Mary Adeline Bicksler	Townley Hamilton	Larry Jones
Michael Meadows	Sandra Hofmann	Meg Lewis Kirkham
Kaye Rodgers	Cam Huffman	Dick Marshall
Sharon H. Rowe	Andy Kelso	Joan Montgomery
Nancy Smallenberger	Molly McMillion	Rodney Weikle

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**

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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*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Scarborough’s birthday by her family.

*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.**

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer “God So Loved the World”

Time with the Young Church

Amy Kesterson

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

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 #82

“O Lamb of God Most Holy!”

O LAMM GOTTIES

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading

Psalms 22:27,28; 30,31

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*Hymn #358

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

BARONITA

Anthem

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Stephanie Bachman, soloist

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you**

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

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*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.**

Sermon

“Jesus the Messiah and Faithful Followers”

Postlude

Musical Interlude *(a time for prayer and personal reflection)*

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Tom Campbell
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Sound Technician: Al Petrie
Youth Lay Reader: Anna Ahern
Nursery Assistant: Amy Kesterson
Acolyte: Beverly Kucera
Fellowship Hosts: Molly McMillion and family

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Hymn #592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

We welcome into the pulpit today Becky Williams, an Authorized Lay Preacher in the Presbytery of West Virginia. Becky is a Greenbrier County Native, a member of Edgewood Presbyterian Church. She enjoys watching professional baseball and college basketball. She is a fan of the WVU Men’s Basketball team, even when they lose.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, Sunday February 25

11:00 Worship
Noon Fellowship Time
12:30 Handbell practice

TUESDAY

10:00 Bulletin Deadline
3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Preschool Chapel
3:00 – 5:00 Logos

THURSDAY

3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

FRIDAY

8:00 Mom’s Cafe

Next Sunday, March 4

9:45 Coffee and Refreshments
10:00 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Worship
12:30 Handbell practice

The View from the Organ Bench

For the 2nd Sunday of Lent, the Lectionary suggests the scripture readings of Genesis 17 and Romans 4:13-25. This is the story of God’s promise to Abraham that he and his descendants will inherit the word, not through law but through Abraham’s righteousness and faith. Mark 8:31-38, another suggested reading from the Lectionary, tells us to follow the way of the cross, through Jesus. If we take up our cross and follow Jesus, we will have everlasting life. The Prelude is a Choral Prelude, “The God of Abraham Praise” by the French Baroque composer and organist André Raison (c. 1640-1719). Music for Reflection is “Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said” (Hymn tune: *Breslau* from As Hymnodus Sacer – Leipzig 1625). The Offertory is another Choral Prelude, “Drawn to the Cross” by German composer Gottlieb Muffat (1690-1770), a contemporary of G.F. Handel. The Postlude is a hymn from the 1991 Baptist Hymnal “The Way of the Cross Leads Home” by Jesse Pounds (1906).