

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 three years of age or younger and children from age four – middle school are welcomed to attend Sunday School 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.

We are not only a historic church, we are an active, living congregation with fellowship, education, outreach, and music programs.

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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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.

Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #516 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation” *O Quanta Qualia*

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Benediction Response “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

**God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.**

* All who are able, please stand

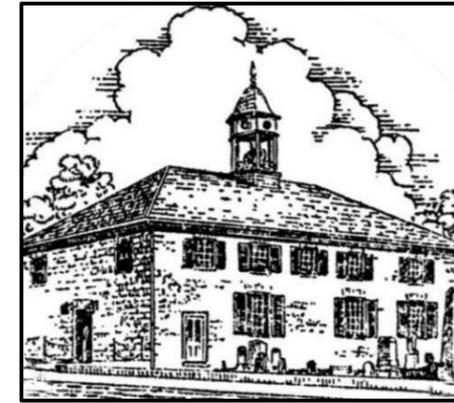
Worship Leaders:

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Youth Lay Reader: Mary Adeline Bicksler
Nursery Assistant: Suzanne Bicksler
Acolyte: John Bicksler

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The Fellowship Committee Would Like Your Input!

1. What would you like our after worship fellowship to be? _____
2. Do you want one every Sunday? _____
3. Do you want them 1 - 2 times per month? _____
4. Do you want a luncheon/covered dish? _____



Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

March 5, 2017

The First Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

(also broadcast over WRON ~ 1400 AM or 103.1 FM)

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Striking of the Chimes

Introit “All Glory to Our Lord and God ”

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**Wild God of wilderness,
as we devote these forty days to you,
shape us by your Holy Spirit
into the image of Christ our Lord,
so that we may be ready, by your grace,
to confront the power of death
with the promise of eternal life. Amen.**

*Hymn #466 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *Azmon*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt and the things that give us life.
You know our weaknesses, and you know our sin.
We confess that we have disobeyed you,
rejected your guidance and care, pretending to be self-reliant.
Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Savior 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 all children middle school and younger are dismissed for Sunday School)

*Hymn #81

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

St. Flavian

Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 32

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Anthem

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Renee Ahern, Soloist

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4: 1 - 11

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Sermon

“Tempting—Really Tempting”

Musical Interlude

(you are invited to use this time for prayer and personal reflection)

*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith, 1977

Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

**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.**

Hymn #592

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great 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 our thanks and praise.

Holy One, in this dry and weary land we give you thanks and praise. You provide for us in our need; you set a table for us in the wilderness. Even when we despair and complain against you, you feed us with bread from heaven. Even when we quarrel and question your grace, you give us water from a stone. How can we keep silent? Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your praise:

**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.

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus, our way in the wilderness, our companion in the desert. He knows our hunger and thirst; he gives us the bread of life to eat and living water to drink. He leads us beside still water and prepares this table for us, even in the presence of our enemies. The cup of blessing overflows!

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this bread, this cup, this dry and weary land. By the power of your Spirit, breathe life into our dust and hope into our bones.

As we receive this bread and cup, make us one flesh and one blood, one in the body of Christ. Let us live to sing your praise and show your love to all, until our wilderness wandering is over, and we feast with you forever in the land that you have promised.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, O God, now and always, and we pray, together, in your name.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

The Church At Work

Opportunities in the week ahead

TODAY

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
Noon Fellowship Time

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

TUESDAY

3:00 p.m. STAIR Tutoring
7:00 p.m. Growth Committee

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. History Meeting
1:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle meet in Hayes Room
3:00 p.m. Logos afterschool program
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle meet in the Hayes Room

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m. STAIR Tutoring
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Today is the deadline to register for the Women’s Retreat. Registration forms are located in the lobby of the Education Building.