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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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 and Amy Bailey ~ Old Stone Presbyterian Pre-School Doris Ann Taylor, Linda Walls, and Bridgett Edwards ~ Organists Ves Buford ~ Director of Hand Bells Corrainea Kaebisch ~ Nursery Attendant

The Bession

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Jacqueline Bennett	Doug Bicksler	Carol Bland
Kurt Blankenship	Ellsworth Buck	Townley Hamilton
John Hofmann	Sharon H. Rowe	Sandra Hofmann
Glenn Lehman	Michael Meadows	Cam Huffman
Ben Lewis	Kaye Rodgers	Andy Kelso
Chuck Lewis	Nancy Smallenberger	Molly McMillion
Chuck Plumley		

Bession Committees

Care (Jackie Bennett), Christian Education (Kurt Blankenship and Townley Hamilton), Fellowship (Ben Lewis), Growth (Sandi Hofmann), Outreach (Molly McMillion), Personnel (Ellsworth Buck), Plans (Sharon Rowe), Property (Chuck Plumley), Stewardship (Doug Bicksler), Worship (Glenn Lehman)

Trustees

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Ronald B. Snyder	Thomas Greenstreet	James Rowe
Philip McLaughlin	Robert Perkins	

Sunday School Superintendent ~ Ben Lewis

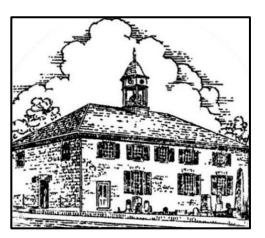
Presbyterian Women

Co-Moderators ~ Nancy Smallenberger and Carol Cales
Treasurer ~ Betty Dempsey
Secretary ~ Sue Rock
Historian ~ Nancy Greenstreet

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

April 2, 2017 The Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 A.M.

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

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

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

Striking of the Chimes

Introit "All Glory to Our Lord and God"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Lord God, Great I Am,
you are resurrection and life.
As we worship you this day,
show us who we are:
bearers of good news,
messengers of resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #309

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Divinium Mysterium

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We speak as though hope is lost, even while you are still speaking. We act as though death is the end, even while you are still acting. Forgive us, by your steadfast love.

Create a clean heart within us, teach us your way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

^{*}Call to Confession

^{*}Prayer of Confession (unison)

*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 #316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Threntham

Hebrew Bible Reading Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14 page 987

Anthem "God So Loved the World"

Gospel Reading John 11: 1 - 45 page 127

Sermon "Humanness"

Musical Interlude

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

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.

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.

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 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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 #366 "Jesus Thou Boundless Love to Me" St. Catherine

*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.

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight

Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Youth Lay Reader: Fielding Foster
Nursery Assistant: Lauren Rogers
Acolyte: Sofie Kelso

The Church At Work Opportunities in the week ahead

TODAY

12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)

followed by Logos Program

12:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. PYC

MONDAY

7:00 Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Presbyterian Men's Breakfast

at Shoney's

1:30 p.m. Comfort Outreach,

Greenbrier Manor

3:00 p.m. Logos

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Council

SUNDAY (April 9)

12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided) followed by

an Easter Egg Hunt and a visit with the Easter Bunny.

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MONDAY-FRIDAY (April 10-14)

7:00–8:00 a.m. Community Holy Week

breakfasts and worship services St. James Episcopal Church

(218 S. Court St.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 13)

7:30 p.m. Worship and communion

EASTER SUNDAY (April 16)

7:00 a.m. Community Sunrise Worship

Lawn in front of Carnegie Hall (no breakfast afterwards)

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP! CHRIST IS RISEN!

 $^{^{}st}$ All who are able, please stand