

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.

Jesus Calls Us

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

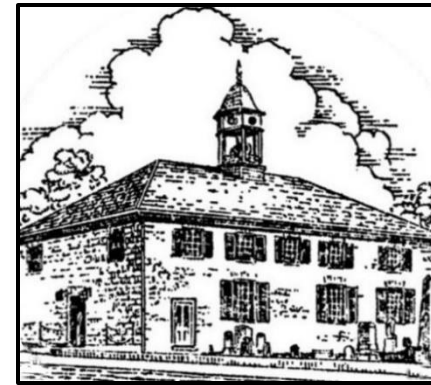
sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Worship note: The prayer of the day was written by Ruth Burgess, published in The Pattern of Our Days. Kathy Galloway, editor. New York: Paulist Press, 1996.

*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

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Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

April 8, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.
The Second Sunday of Easter
(also broadcast over 1310 AM, 97.3 FM, and 103.1 FM)

Striking of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

Introit "Forgive Us This Day Lord"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**Come among us, Jesus—you whom the angels worship
and children welcome. Come, Jesus, and meet us here.**

**Come among us, Jesus—you who hurled the stars into space
and shaped the spider's weaving. Come, Jesus, and meet us here.**

**Come among us, Jesus—you who walked the long road to Bethlehem
and lit a flame that dances forever. Come, Jesus, meet us here. Amen.**

*Hymn #103 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of Mercy, we need your forgiveness, and we hunger for grace.
You call us to follow, but we are easily distracted.
You ask us to love you by taking care of one another,
but sometimes we decide that's just too hard.
You show us a way, your way, that is bold and different,
but new things, even faithful new things, can be too scary to try.
Forgive us, God. Restore us and in your name send us forth. 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 #122 "Thine is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading John 21: 1 - 19 page 141

Anthem "O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge"

Sermon "What Do We Love More Than Jesus?"

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

*Affirmation of Faith A Declaration of Faith, 1977

Jesus is our living Lord. Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death and promised to be with them always.

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "The Lord is Blessing Me"

*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 (on back page) "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult" GALILEE

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you**

*Benediction Response "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

Postlude

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Minister: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Calvin A. McClinton
Sound Technician: John Rodgers
Youth Lay Reader: Andrew McLaughlin
Nursery Assistant: Brenda Jones
Acolyte: Kate Lehman

Welcome the Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston, Co-moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)!

Jan Edmiston was born, raised, and educated in Chapel Hill, NC, where she grew up in the University Presbyterian Church. She attended Andover-Newton Theological School and was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, having received a call to serve as pastor of the Presbyterian United Church of Schaghticoke, New York. She later earned a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. Edmiston and her husband, the Rev. Fred Lyon, moved to National Capital Presbytery in 1989 to serve as Designated Co-Pastors of Fairlington Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA. She served the congregation for twenty two years before moving with her husband to Chicago where he accepted a call. She served as an Associate Executive Presbyter for Ministry at the Presbytery of Chicago for five years and is now beginning a new call, General Presbytery for the Presbytery of Charlotte. If you'd like to know more about her, her blog is highly recommended- (<https://achurchforstarvingartists.wordpress.com>).

The Week Ahead

Today, SUNDAY April 8

11:00 Worship
Noon Youth Choir Rehearsal
12:30 Handbell practice
5:30 PYC

MONDAY

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY

10:00 Bulletin Deadline
6:00 Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:00 & 10:30 Preschool Chapel
1:00 Afternoon Circle- Activities Rm.
3:00 – 5:00 Logos
6:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Evening Circle- Hayes Room

FRIDAY

8:15 Mom's Cafe

Next SUNDAY, April 15

9:45 Coffee and Refreshments
10:00 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Worship
Noon Pizza Lunch / Logos Program
12:30 Handbell practice

The View from the Organ Bench by Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards

One of the suggested readings from the Lectionary for today is from 1 John, highlighting how the Word of God Incarnate tells us that Jesus' death and resurrection has atoned for our sins. Jesus has saved us with His redeeming love for us. This scripture was the inspiration for today's music.

The Prelude is a Choral Prelude by the German composer Johann E. Kindermann (1616-1653) "I Gave My Life for Thee". The Postlude is a piece by the German composer Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) "He is Arisen, Glorious Word". Music for Reflection is "Strong Son of God, Immortal Love" (hymn tune: St. Crispin).