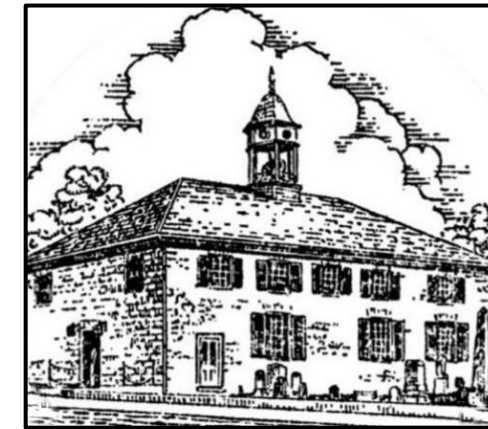


Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



April 23, 2017

The Second Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

(also broadcast over WRON ~ 1400 AM or 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

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Almighty and eternal God,

the strength of those who believe

and the hope of those who doubt,

may we embrace the faith of those who have seen,

receive, and witness to the love of Jesus Christ

who is alive and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn #113

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Llamfair

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead.

We want to receive forgiveness, but we are not ready to forgive.

We want to see Jesus’ wounds, but we ignore the wounds of others.

Forgive us; give us new life!

Embrace us in Christ’s body so that we may embody for the world

the life that death cannot destroy;

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 and Amy Bailey ~ 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 2017

Jacqueline Bennett

Kurt Blankenship

John Hofmann

Glenn Lehman

Ben Lewis

Chuck Lewis

Chuck Plumley

Class of 2018

Doug Bicksler

Ellsworth Buck

Sharon H. Rowe

Michael Meadows

Kaye Rodgers

Nancy Smallenberger

Class of 2019

Carol Bland

Townley Hamilton

Sandra Hofmann

Cam Huffman

Andy Kelso

Molly McMillion

Session 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

Ronald B. Snyder

Philip McLaughlin

Class of 2018

Thomas Greenstreet

Robert Perkins

Class of 2019

James Rowe

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

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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*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 #111

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

Gelobt Sei Gott

Gospel Reading

John 20: 19 - 31

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Anthem

“All in the April Evening”

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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Sermon

“Be a Witness”

Musical Interlude

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

*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God’s word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord’s Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world’s affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church’s evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity.

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

“The Strife is O’er”

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 #105

“Because You Live, O Christ”

Vruechten

*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: Megan Hofmann
Nursery Assistant: Cora Kesterson
Acolyte: K.K. Long

The Church At Work
Opportunities in the week ahead

TODAY

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
12:30 p.m. Handbell practice
5:30 p.m. PYC

Next Sunday, April 30, we will celebrate our high school seniors and our confirmands.

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of Ashley Meadow’s birthday by Shirley Runyon.

On Tuesday, May 2, our Pre-School Open House will be held at 6:30 p.m.