

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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from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives.

The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him. Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. Give us, who are fed at his hand, grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory. And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #106 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" *Alleluia No.1*

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Benediction Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

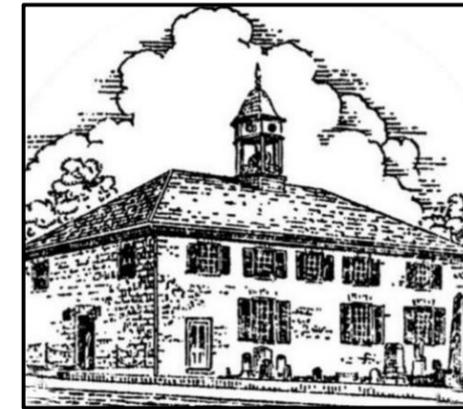
The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you.

And give you peace, and give you peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you,

be gracious, the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.



Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

May 7, 2017

The Fourth 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 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Prayer of the Day- A unison reading of Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

*Hymn #108 "Christ is Alive!"

Truro

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, forgive us.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts.

We think that we can keep part of our souls for ourselves.

We dedicate our minds to many things, losing faithful focus.

We offer you less than total strength and hope it is enough.

**God, please forgive us. Restore us to your presence.
Inspire us in discipleship, today and tomorrow.
In your name 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 #171

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

St. Columba

New Testament Reading

Acts 2: 42 - 47

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Anthem

"Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"

Gospel Reading

John 10: 1 - 10

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Sermon

"Flocks, Communities, or Clowders?"

Musical Interlude

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

*Affirmation of Faith

Declaration of Faith, 1977

We believe in one true and living God.

whose demands on us are absolute,

whose help for us is sufficient.

That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve and love.

The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people.

The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe.

Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus

love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil.

We believe the Holy Spirit works today

whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.

As long as we live we will struggle with sin,

but the Spirit's presence assures us

God will complete what God has begun in us.

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.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and made covenant to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death. By your power he broke free

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight

Organist: Linda Walls

Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor

Youth Lay Reader: Anna Ahern

Nursery Assistant: Megan Hofmann

Acolyte: Beverly Kucera

**The Church At Work
Opportunities in the week ahead**

TODAY

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

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

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Committee

WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle meet at Shirley Runyon's home for lunch

7:00 p.m. Evening Circle meet in the Hayes Room with Sue Rock

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

The Church Picnic, hosted by the Hamilton Family, will be held at Merry Hill on Sunday, June 4. Please call the church office to sign up.