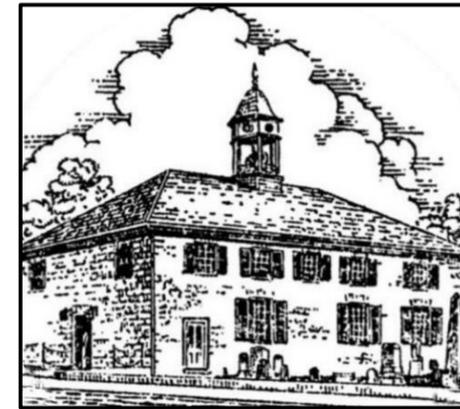


Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



May 28, 2017

The Seventh 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)

Memorial Day Observance "God Bless America"

*(the choir, with soloist Renée Fife-Ahern, will sing the verse and refrain.
The congregation is then invited to stand and sing the refrain a second time)*

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

**God Bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.
God bless America, My home sweet home.**

Prayer of the Day (unison)

God unheld by word or wall;

power of love beyond all others.

**Lift us from fatigue and cynical contempt;
make us ready for you Spirit of transforming fire;
and turn our hearts to the mending of the world;
Through Jesus Christ, the name above all names. Amen.**

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.

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 #150 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Madrid

*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.

* All who are able, please stand

What is Memorial Day? (from www.va.gov)

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress.

Sign up for Suppers for Six!

Want to get to know more of the Old Stone Congregation? Groups of six (couples and singles are encouraged!) are assigned and the, over a four month period, they get together for supper approximately three times. Restaurants, homes, potlucks, cookouts- you and your group make the decisions about what you want to do. And then, in four months the groups will be reshuffled. Email Ben Lewis at bpmlewis3@yahoo.com if you are interested.

The Merry Hill Picnic is on June 4!

The Hamilton family has invited the entire church to come to their home for a picnic after worship on June 4. Shuttle buses will provide transportation to and from the church, so all you need to do is call the church office to sign up before May 31 and then get ready for a lovely afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun!

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*Hymn #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Coronation

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of grace and God of glory,
you have clothed us with power from on high.
Christ, who is risen and ascended,
has opened our minds to understand you
and our hearts to know the hope to which you call us.
Still we feel helpless in the face of sin,
paralyzed by evil's sway in the world,
unsure of your power to redeem what seems lost.
Forgive us, we pray.
Convict us of your love, convince us of the clear path ahead
and renew us in your wisdom, mercy, and power. 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 #145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" Marion

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading John 17: 1 - 11 page 136

Anthem "I Love This Land"

New Testament Reading Acts 1:6-14 page 143

Sermon "The Spirit is Coming!"

Musical Interlude

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

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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 "Lead Me Lord"

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**

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Youth Lay Reader: Coriann Nemcik
Nursery Assistant: Hallie Nemcik
Acolyte: Beverly Kucera

The Church At Work

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

MONDAY

The church office is closed

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

6:00 – 8:00 Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY

5:15 VBS Potluck Supper
6:00 – 8:00 Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School!

Please join us! There are classes available for children as young as two with a nursery available upon request. Middle and high school students are urged to volunteer and adults will attend a class led by Rev. Anna focusing on Presbyterian basics.

For our final night, June 2, we will celebrate with a pot-luck dinner at 5:15.

You can sign up by contacting Amy K. at 304-992-6299 or leave a message with Debbie at 304-645-2676.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Hamilton Family in memory of Lawson Hamilton and Beverly Hamilton Moran.