

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

July 9, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship *(Please sign and pass the worship register)*

Introit "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

God of summer storms and vulnerable rebirth, teach us to read the signs of your nearness. Open the text of scripture that we might share its story, love its humanity, and answer its witness to your rich and living word; through Jesus Christ, the everlasting one we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #455 "All Creatures of Our God and King" *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory.
We have not prepared our hearts to receive the gift of your Word.
We allow thorns and weeds to grow in the places where you plant the gospel.
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Accomplish all that you desire in us, so that we may bear good fruit,
to the glory of your holy name. 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 are dismissed for Sunday School)*

* Hymn #327 "O Word of God Incarnate" *MUNICH*

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading "Luke 8: 19 – 21" page 82

Anthem "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Gospel Reading "Luke 1: 1 – 4" page 68

Sermon "Article of Faith: The Bible"

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

*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith, 1977

The Bible is the written Word of God. Led by the Spirit of God the people of Israel and of the early church preserved and handed on the story of what God had said and done in their midst and how they had responded to him. These traditions were often shaped and reshaped by the uses to which the community put them. They were cherished, written down, and collected as the holy literature of the people of God. Through the inward witness of the same Spirit we acknowledge the authority of the Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are necessary, sufficient, and reliable as witnesses to Jesus Christ, the living Word. We must test any word that comes to us from church, world, or inner experience by the Word of God in Scripture. We are subject to its judgment all our understanding of doctrine and practice, including this Declaration of Faith. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God as no other word written by human beings.

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 "Take Thee Our Minds, Dear 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 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 #329

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

BREAD OF LIFE

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Choral Response

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

*Postlude

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight

Organist: Bridgett Edwards

Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor

Lay Reader: Sofie Kelso

Nursery Assistant: Megan Hofmann

The Week Ahead

Monday 5:00 P.M. Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting,
Cooley Council Chambers
942 West Washington Street

Tuesday 6:00 P.M. Women's Dinner and Devotion at The Asylum
114 E Randolph St, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Contact Rev. Anna to RSVP and get the reading.

Thursday 7:30 P.M. Stewardship Committee

This fall, Old Stone Church will be opening its doors to the community, as we begin a **Mother's Ministry!** This ministry will serve all women in our Greenbrier Community. Asking all men and women of the church interested in serving this need, to please contact Amy Brown at 304-676-1468.

The Presbyterian Women's Council will be **partnering with the Davis-Stuart's** McCormick House this coming year. A volunteer meeting will be held August 4th at the Church. For more information contact Amy Brown (304-676-1468) or Lynn Weikle (304-647-5713).

The View from the Organ Bench, by Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards

The Bible is the word of God and Christ. You will hear "*Liebster Jesus, wir sind hier*" a Chorale Prelude by the German composer Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748). Translated from German it says "*Blessed Jesus at Thy Word*". You will also hear "*All Praise to God For Song God Gives*" (hymn tune: *Sacred Song*). The words to this song proclaim that God's Word is profound when it is presented in song. The Postlude for this Sunday will be "*Thanks to God Whose Word was Written*" (hymn tune: *Wylde Green*).

I thought it would be appropriate for the children to come forward for their time with Anna to "*The B-i-b-l-e*".



Choir Appreciation Luncheon! Sunday, July 23 after worship

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a lunch after worship on Sunday, July 23 as a way to say thank you to those who lead worship by being a part of or leading our music.

Fried Chicken, drinks, bread, and a cake will be provided. Choir members come as our guests, but if you aren't in the choir we ask that you bring a salad or side dish to share (we will be able to keep dishes warm or cold, so bring them before worship!).

In order to help us order the right amount of food, we encourage everyone to let us know that you will be attending. You can place this slip in the offering plate, call the church office (304.645.2676) or email bpmlewis3@yahoo.com to reserve a place. Thank you!

Choir Appreciation Luncheon RSVP

Name: _____

Number of adults: ____ Number of children under 13 ____

Contact me to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up _____