

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

July 23, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Striking of the Chimes

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 grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee " *HYMN TO JOY*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of Grace and God of Glory, forgive us.
You commanded us to love completely, but we've held back.
You sent prophets to implore us to love, but we thought they were crazy.
You sent Jesus as proof of your love, but his way requires too much change.
Forgive us Lord. Open our timid hearts. Strengthen our conviction.
May your mercy make us brave. We ask it in your 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 #359 "More Love to Thee, O Christ " *MORE LOVE TO THEE*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Mark 12: 28 - 34 page 60

Anthem "Worship God With Music"

Sermon "Article of Faith: Love in Action"

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

*Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

**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.**

Hymn #592

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Lay Reader: Nixon Brown
Nursery Assistant:

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer "Take Thou 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 #368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you

*Choral Response "Go With a Song in Your Heart"

*Postlude

* All who are able, please stand

On Tuesday at 6:00 (lesson begins at 7:00), we'll gather at The Asylum (114 E. Randolph St.) for **Women's Dinner & Devotion**. If you'd like to attend RSVP to 304.645.2676 or apstraight@oldstonechurchwv.com. The reading is Luke 1:26 – 56.

Mother's Ministry Needs:

Old Stone is excited to sponsor a Community Mother's Ministry starting this October to be held two Friday mornings per month, 9-11 am. This Ministry will strive to engage all mothers in our community by providing encouragement and guidance in a loving Christian environment. To make this ministry possible, we are still in need of 3 Childcare Workers. We are also seeking speakers, and non-perishable food items for children's snacks. Please contact Amy Brown at 304-676-1468 if you are able to help.

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

Today's scripture is about what Jesus considered to be the greatest commandments. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as you love yourself. I chose "*Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort*" a Choral Prelude in a fugue style by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748).

This translates as "*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*". If we stay true to God's word, than we can put love into action.

You will also hear the hymn tune *Blaenhafren*, "*Lord Whose Love through Humble Service*" and "*Lift High the Cross*" (hymn tune: *Crucifer*) which speaks of proclaiming God's love for us and telling the world about it.

Today's bulletin cover is by Nixon Brown, Age 10