

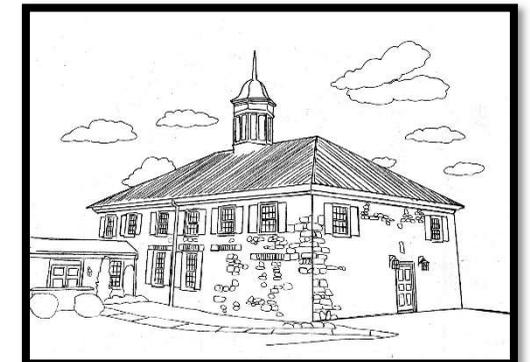
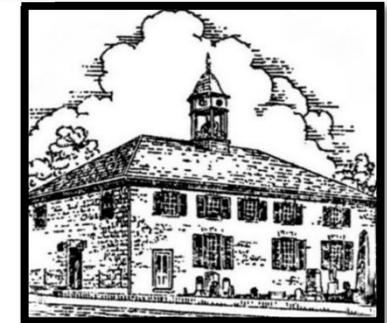
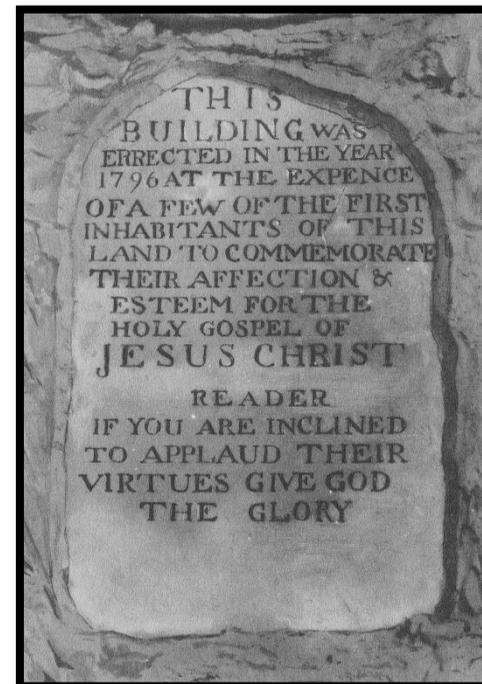
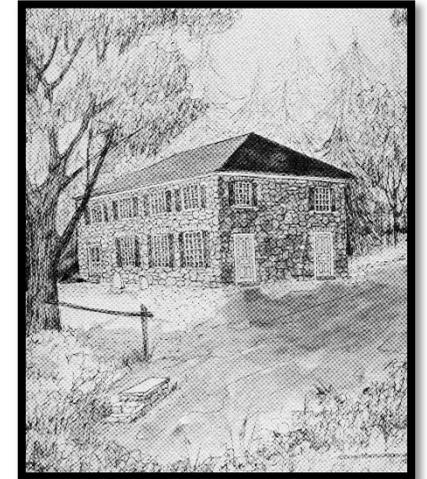
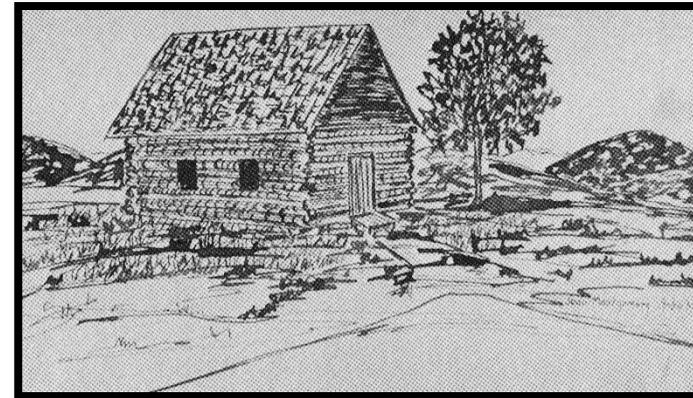
Old Stone Presbyterian Church

Lewisburg, West Virginia

235th Anniversary Worship

1783 - 2018

September 9, 2018



Welcome

A History Moment, from the 1983 sermon of the Rev. Robert A. Pfrangle

Call to Worship

One: Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.
Lord, you have been our refuge

All: from one generation to another.

One: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the sea were born,

All: from age to age you are God.

One: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning
so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

**All: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper in the work of our hands.**

Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" NICEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Time for the Young Church

A History Moment, from the 1758 sermon of the Rev. John McElhenney

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from Scripture

Anthem

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson

Affirmation of Faith from a sermon by The Rev. Robert A. Pfrangle, adapted
**God has been good to us and this historical celebration of the
organization of this church odes remind us that as we look about us now
and, in the future, and hear that question asked: What do the stones of
Old Stone Presbyterian mean? They are to us stones of permanence,
stone of endurance, stones of faith, stones of sacrifice, and stones of
commitment? The stones are to us, to the people of God, a memorial
forever and they are also stones that represent confidence in the God of
the future. God who was, and is, and ever shall be. Amen.**

A History Moment from A History of OSPC, 1783-1983, by John F. Montgomery

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

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.**

Litany of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, hear our prayer.
For the church universal, and for this congregation,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the sanctuary in in which we gather, this community in which we reside, for
the stones which are a testament to your persistent love, for the ground and place
which was our first meeting place, 235 years ago, for praise and prayer, witness and
service, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
we give you thanks, O God.

For your presence among us whenever your word has been proclaimed,
your sacramental gifts of bread and cup shared,
we give you thanks, O God.

For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who at the
baptismal font were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism
and raised to new and eternal life
we give you thanks, O God.

For disciples young and old who have been nurtured at Old Stone in faith,
we give you thanks, O God.

For all who have come to Old Stone asking your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,
we give you thanks, O God.

For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us,
and by the offering of their gifts, quipped us for the work of ministry,
we give you thanks, O God.

For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,
we give you thanks, O God.

For all the saints who have stood among us,
whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship,
and for all whose lives have been touched by them,
we give you thanks, O God.

Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us.
Forgive us where we have defined your grace as narrow, or considered impossible
what you have proved possible, where we have held tight where open hands and
heart were called for. In the years that lie ahead, open us to the future you promise
grant us your encouragement in the work of ministry, your consolation in our
defeats, and your challenge in complacency. Give us such trust in your abiding
Holy Spirit, that we may find joy and peace in our common life, strength and
courage to live in the world for your reign, and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

**The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

**Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

A History Moment, from [A History of OSPC, 1783-1983](#), by John F. Montgomery

Benediction and Blessing

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Staff

Anna Pinckney Straight ~ Pastor
Debbie Reed ~ Church Secretary and Financial Secretary
Amy Kesterson ~ Program Coordinator
Calvin A. McClinton ~ Director of Music
Jr. Sims ~ Property Manager/Custodian
Pat Boisvert ~ Old Stone Presbyterian Pre-School
Linda Walls, and Bridgett Edwards ~ Organists
Ves Burford ~ Director of Hand Bells
Grace Coffindaffer ~ Nursery Attendant

The Session

Class of 2018

Doug Bicksler
Mary Adeline Bicksler
Susan Graham
Michael Meadows
Kaye Rodgers
Sharon H. Rowe
Nancy Smallenberger

Class of 2019

Carol Bland
Townley Hamilton
Sandra Hofmann
Cam Huffman
Andy Kelso
Molly McMillion

Class of 2020

LeeAnn Gillilan
Larry Jones
Meg Lewis Kirkham
Dick Marshall
Joan Montgomery
Rodney Weikle

Session Committees

Care (LeeAnn Gillilan), Christian Education (Townley Hamilton), Fellowship (Dick Marshall), Growth (Sandi Hofmann), Outreach (Molly McMillion), Personnel (Susan Graham), Plans (Sharon Rowe), Property (Andy Kelso), Stewardship (Doug Bicksler), Worship (Carol Bland)

Trustees

Class of 2018

Thomas Greenstreet
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Class of 2019

James Rowe

Class of 2020

Shirley Runyon
John Wilson

Sunday School Superintendent ~ Ben Lewis

Presbyterian Women

Co-Moderators ~ Amy Brown and Lynn Weikle Treasurer ~ Betty Dempsey
Secretary ~ Sue Rock Historian ~ Merle Shank

Each Sunday we hearken back to the words inscribed on the portal of the sanctuary

**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**