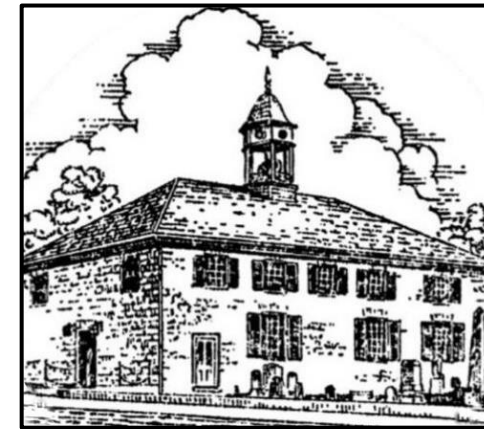


Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



September 24, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.
The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(also broadcast over WRON ~ 1400 AM or 103.1 FM)

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 (unison)

**In this day that you have made, dear Lord,
help us to see your mercies that are unfolding,
your love that is unceasing,
and the faithfulness you are inviting.
In this day, dear Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn #469 "Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Grace and Mercy,

**Forgive us, for too often we seek after things but do not seek you.
Too often we expect generosity but have not lived generously.
We want thanks more than we are willing to show it.
Forgive us, and fill the empty places in our lives with
faith, gratitude, and devotion to welcoming your kingdom.
Strengthen us for discipleship in this day and all days.
Amen.**

*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Staff

Anna Pinckney Straight ~ Pastor
Debbie Reed ~ Church Secretary and Financial Secretary
Amy Kesterson ~ Program Coordinator
Doris Ann Taylor ~ Director of Music
Richard Tincher ~ Sexton
Pat Boisvert ~ Old Stone Presbyterian Pre-School
Doris Ann Taylor, Linda Walls, and Bridgett Edwards ~ Organists
Ves Burford ~ Director of Hand Bells
Corrainea Kaebisch ~ Nursery Attendant

The Session

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Jacqueline Bennett	Doug Bicksler	Carol Bland
John Hofmann	Ellsworth Buck	Townley Hamilton
Glenn Lehman	Sharon H. Rowe	Sandra Hofmann
Ben Lewis	Michael Meadows	Cam Huffman
Chuck Lewis	Kaye Rodgers	Andy Kelso
Chuck Plumley	Nancy Smallenberger	Molly McMillion

Session Committees

Care (Jackie Bennett), Christian Education (Townley Hamilton),
Fellowship (Ben Lewis), Growth (Sandi Hofmann),
Outreach (Molly McMillion), Personnel (Ellsworth Buck),
Plans (Sharon Rowe), Property (Chuck Plumley),
Stewardship (Doug Bicksler), Worship (Glenn Lehman)

Trustees

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Ronald B. Snyder	Thomas Greenstreet	James Rowe
Philip McLaughlin	Robert Perkins	

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
Old Stone Presbyterian Church*

**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**

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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*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 2nd grade and younger are dismissed for Sunday School)

*Hymn #288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 105: 1 - 6, 37 - 45 page 683

Anthem "If My People Will Pray"

Hebrew Bible Reading Exodus 16: 2 - 15 page 78

Sermon "Once Free, the People Complained"

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

*Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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 "Spirit of the Living God"

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 #293 "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Benediction Response "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

**God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.**

Recessional

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight

Organist: Bridgett Edwards

Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor

Youth Lay Reader: Megan Hofmann

Nursery Assistant: Sarah Allan Straight

Acolyte: Nixon Brown

The View From the Organ (Piano) Bench, by Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards

Psalm 105 begins with "Give Praise to the Lord, proclaim his name, make known among the nations what he has done." That verse alone was the inspiration for today's Prelude and Postlude. The Prelude is "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" arranged by Tedd Smith (b. 1927) a former pianist for the Graham Crusade. The Postlude is "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations" (Hymn Tune: *Message*).

Other themes found in today's scriptures is God providing manna from heaven for the Israelites and seeking the countenance of Jesus. The Offertory is a medley of two old gospel hymns that speak of these very themes. "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (Helen H. Lemmel) and "Fill My Cup, Lord" (Richard Blanchard). Reflection music is "Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak" (Hymn Tune: *Canonbury*) #426, the text is a wonderful synopsis of both scripture lessons.

The Week Ahead

TODAY

11:00 Worship
12:30 Handbell practice
5:30 PYC

MONDAY

10:00 – 1:00 APS Office Hours
3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours

TUESDAY

10:00 Bulletin Deadline
3:00 – 5:00 STAIR Training
6:00 – 8:00 Women's Dinner and Devotion
Del Sol, 206 W. Washington St.

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Preschool Chapel
11:00 – 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study
3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours
3:00 – 5:00 Logos

THURSDAY

8:00 – 10:00 Wild Bean Office Hours
3:00 – 5:00 STAIR Training
5:30 Davis Stuart Meeting

SUNDAY, October 1

9:45 Refreshments- Activity Room
10:00 Sunday School for All Ages
10:00 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship

On Monday, **October 2, at 6:00** you are invited to a cover-dish supper at Edgewood Presbyterian Church to hear guest Ebun James-DeKam, general secretary of the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone, speak about the church in West Africa

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of her mother, Zola Field's, birthday by Shirley Runyon.

The Session of Old Stone Presbyterian Church has called a **congregational meeting** to be held on Sunday, October 8 immediately following worship to hear and act upon a report from the Nominating Committee.