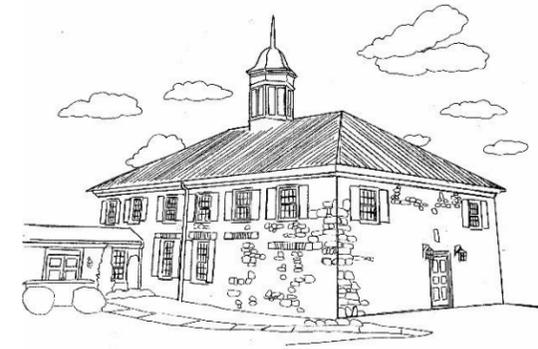


Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



November 4, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
(also broadcast over 1310 AM, 97.3 FM, and 103.1 FM)

Prelude "Praise, O Praise, Our God and King" G.F. Handel

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

Minute for Mission: Presbyterian Women's Spring Retreat Amy Brown

Introit "Hear Our Cry, O Lord"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**God of all people, of every nation and language;
you call true witnesses who sing your praise,
live your grace, and work for peace.**

**May we share their faith and know our need for you
that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world.
Through Jesus Christ, whose body we are, Amen.**

*Hymn #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" LYONS

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O God, you have been faithful,
yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts.
You showed us how to love one another,
yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,
nor have we loved ourselves as you commanded.**

**Turn us back to you, God, that we may follow your commandments;
through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*Declaration of Pardon

lost in unending songs of praise.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, O God, who hears us as we pray, **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**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Spirit of life, thank you for meeting us here; thank you for providing all that we need. Use the gifts we have received to give us strength, fill us with courage, and set us our hearts on fire to share your good news. Amen.

*Hymn #526 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you**

*Benediction Response "Bless Be the Tie That Binds"

Postlude "In God, My Faithful God" Dieterich Buxtehude

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Minister:	Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist:	Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music:	Calvin A. McClinton
Sound Technician:	John Rodgers
Youth Lay Reader:	Isaiah Stanley
Nursery Assistant:	Amy Meadows
Acolyte:	Ben Kelso
Ushers:	Tom Campbell, Marcia Leitch, McMillion Family, John Rodgers, Ben Straight, Larry Jones
Building Closer:	Carroll Crane

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of her mother, Nancy Coleman, by Jane Coleman.

"Better Together" The Community Women's Retreat hosted by the women of Old Stone will take place on Saturday, March 30. Please join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

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 second grade and younger (normally they depart 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.

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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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 who wish to go to the nursery are dismissed)

*Hymn #553 “For the Fruit of All Creation” EAST ACKLAM

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading Psalm 146: 1 - 10 page 715

Anthem “Like a Lamb Who Needs the Shepherd” Renee Fife-Ahern, soloist

Hebrew Bible Reading Ruth 1: 1 – 18 page 299

Sermon “Persistent Faith”

Musical Interlude *(a time for prayer and personal reflection)*

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory “Communion Prayer”

*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.**

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise be to you, most holy God, giver of all life. You made us for companionship and shaped us for love; you gave us your good earth and taught us to care; you established your law that we might learn justice and give you honor with our lives. We forgot how to love; we ceased to give care and failed to abide by your life-giving law. You sent us prophets to call us back to you and, when that was not enough, you came— Word-made-flesh, your very being— and overwhelmed us with love.

We call to mind all those who have died, the saints of the church and the saints of our lives; those who taught us the faith, those who lived your mercy, those who embodied your passion for justice, and those whom we loved who have now been welcomed into your presence. Today, we name before you those who have died in the past year:

***Alma Campbell, Don Brown, Wilma Hammack,
Sam Hudson, Ruby Mareneck, and Jeanne Hamilton.***

And, we place these names before you:

*(in the silence you are invited to speak the names of those close
to your own hearts whose deaths you grieve)*

In Jesus you blessed us as never before. Thank you for the ways he taught us in word and deed: he fed us in homes and on hillsides; he healed us in body, mind, and soul and showed us that true greatness is in humility and true power in weakness. When the world did its worst, he took on our death that we might be clothed in light and life.

Raised to new life, still bearing the scars, Jesus promised us an Advocate and Guide. Thank you for the Spirit at work in us and among us, who strengthens and sustains, challenges and prods, gives us life, and surprises us with signs of your unending grace. Pour out your Holy Spirit now upon this bread and this juice. Anoint us that we might be one with him and one another. With thanksgiving, we offer ourselves to you now, our bodies to do your work and our voices to sing your praise—grateful, even now, that when this earthly life is ended you will welcome us home, where we will live in eternal joy with you and all the saints, bathed in light and

The Week Ahead

Today, SUNDAY November 4

11:00 Worship
1:00 Harvest Festival

MONDAY

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY

10:00 Bulletin Deadline
12:00-3:00 Play Practice

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Presbyterian Men’s
Breakfast at Shoney’s

1:00 Staff Meeting

2:00 Comfort Outreach

3:00 Logos

6:00 Session Meeting

THURSDAY

11:00 Preschool Lunch for
children, parents and staff
STAIR

3:00

FRIDAY

9:00 Mom’s Café

SATURDAY

7:00 PYC Rummage Sale

Next SUNDAY, November 11

10:00 Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 Worship

The View from the Organ Bench by Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards

In today’s scripture, we hear a Psalm of Praise and learn of of Ruth’s faithfulness. With these themes in mind the Prelude is “Praise, O Praise, Our God and King” a chorale prelude by Georg Frideric Handel (1622-1697). The Postlude is “In God, My Faithful God” by the Danish-German composer Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707).

In honor of our Community Thanksgiving Celebration today, music for Reflection is a contemporary arrangement of the Shaker Tune “Simple Gifts” and the children will come down to “For the Beauty of the Earth.”

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