

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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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 #554 "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

*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



**1st Annual
Advent Craft Workshop!**

**Sunday, November 26
10:00 - 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall**

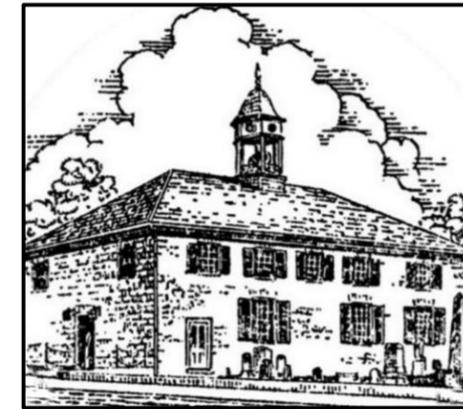
(there will be no Sunday School classes,
so families can attend together!)

You will be able to make your own live greenery advent wreath—
there will be crafts for children of all ages, refreshments,
fellowship, and an advent devotion!

Come and join the fun!

*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



Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

November 19, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.
The 33rd 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)

Minute for Mission, Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Lynn Weikle

Introit "We Worship Thee, Almighty God"

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 #138 "Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty" NICEA

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you and by not honoring one another.
When we are in your presence, we cannot hide our faithless deeds.
We stand in awe of your constancy for us and ask your forgiveness
through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 all children 2nd grade and younger are dismissed for Sunday School)

*Hymn #558 *“Come Sing a Song of Harvest”* CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Matthew 25: 14 - 30 page 34

Anthem “Celtic Laud” Ves Burford, Recorder

Sermon “Playing it Safe”

Musical Interlude
(you are invited to use this 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.**

Minute for Stewardship Amy Brown

Dedication of Commitment Cards for 2018

One: What should we give?

**All: Remember that your Lord Jesus said,
“It is more blessed to give than receive.”** Acts 20:35

One: How shall we give?

All: “Freely you have received, freely give.” Matthew 10:8

One: When shall we give?

**All: “On the Lord’s day each of you should put aside something from
which you have earned during the week, and use it for this
offering.”** 1 Corinthians 16:2

One: Where shall we give?

**All: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food
in my house, says the Lord of Hosts.”** Malachi 3:10

One: To whom shall we give?

**All: “Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name! Bring an offering and
come before him, worship the Lord in holy splendor!”**
1 Chronicles 16:29

One: Through the dedication of our pledge cards, let us worship God.
*(Commitment Cards are to be placed in the baskets that will be passed first,
Tithes and Offerings can be placed in the offering boxes that will follow)*

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.**

Prayer of Dedication

**O Lord of us all, you who call us to be stewards of this earth--
we have placed in these plates our commitments to you.**

**It is more than pieces of paper saying what we intend to give;
it is our covenant-keeping,
it is our discipleship,
it is our prayer that we gather in these plates.**

**We give you this morning not only our commitments, we give to you
the promise of our time, our prayers, our hours of concern,
our special talents, our creativity, our hard work, and our money.**

We give it all to you now:

our commitment— alive and wondrous and full of hope.

We give it all in a spirit of cheerfulness and joy-

**We give it to you, you who have gifted us with the bounty
of your amazing grace.**

In the name of one who gave us everything- Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Sound Technician: Norman Ahern
Youth Lay Reader: Ryan Meadows
Nursery Assistant: Cora Kesterson
Acolyte: Jeb Brown

The Week Ahead

TODAY

12:30 Handbell practice

5:30 PYC

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Church office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

SUNDAY, November 26

9:45 Refreshments- Fellowship Hall

10:00 No Sunday School- Advent

Craft Fair in Fellowship Hall

10:00 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 Worship

APS Office Hours resume Wednesday 11/29

Next Wild Bean Office Hours, 12/7

The View from the Organ Bench,

by Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards

The Prelude today is an arrangement of the Choral Prelude “Nun danket alle Gott”, “Now Thank We All Our God” by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735) to celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday.

Psalm 90:1 says “Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.” Music for Reflection is “Lord, You Have Been My Dwelling Place” (tune: *Lobt Gott in seinem Heiligtum*) and the Offertory is the familiar “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (tune: *St. Anne*).

Matthew 25:14-30 is the Bags of Gold Parable. This scripture encourages us to make our work for the Lord count. Our service to the Lord should produce results. The Postlude is “Come, Labor On” (hymn tune: *Ora Labora*) page 415 in our hymnbook. The text tells us to go work today to fulfil God’s righteous will.