

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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offer ourselves to you, sharing this holy meal, remembering Christ's dying and rising, and praying: Come, Lord Jesus! Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us— this bread, this cup, these people— given in love for the world. Make us one in the Spirit, one in the church, and one with Christ our Lord. Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ until you gather us at your table in glory. Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord! Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever, 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**

Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #38 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" CAROL

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you**

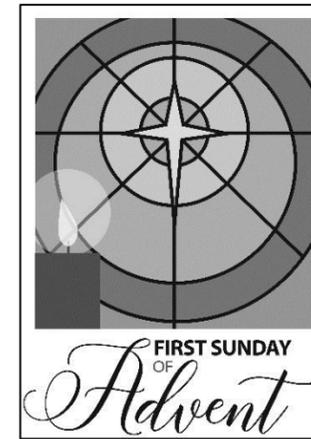
*Benediction Response "Go In Peace"

Postlude "Haneh Mah Tov" Hebrew Folk Song
Gary Williams, Dumbek Drum

*Please stand, whether in body or spirit

Worship Leaders

Minister: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Calvin A. McClinton
Sound Technician: Al Petrie
Youth Lay Reader: Nixon Brown
Nursery Assistant: Leslie Bicksler
Acolyte: Emily Plybon
Ushers: Dick Marshall, Ellsworth Buck, Doug Bicksler, John Wilson, Jim Coleman, Michael Meadows, Cam Huffman, Jeff Rodgers, Tom Greenstreet
Building Closer: Andy Kelso



Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

December 2, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

First Sunday of Advent

(also broadcast over 1310 AM, 97.3 FM, and 103.1 FM)

Prelude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" J.G. Walther

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

Minute for Mission: The Christmas Play
Megan Hofmann, Brahm Kesterson, and David Hofmann

Introit "Rejoice in the Lord"

Lighting the First Candle on the Advent Wreath Meghan and Brian Kirkham
The world says "All is lost."
God says, "All is loved."
The darkness says, "The light is dying."
The light says, "The fire is catching."
Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."
Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."
As we light our first Advent candle, we pray for holy hope of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Hope.

Sung Response (sing twice) WAITING
**While we are waiting come ~While we are waiting come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel ~ While we are waiting come**

Prayer in Response
**Dear God, as we begin our Advent pilgrimage,
grant us the courage to hope.
Hope for your presence,
Hope for your peace,
Hope for your promise. Amen.**

*Hymn #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
We are swayed by mistruths and don't pursue your justice and peace.
In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek the things that will endure
when Christ comes again. Amen.**

*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgive**

*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 2nd grade and younger who wish to go to the nursery are dismissed)

*Hymn #8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 page

Anthem "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36 page

Sermon "Christ Has Died, Christ Has Risen, Christ Will Come Again"

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

*Affirmation of Faith Declaration of Faith, 1977

God keeps his promises and gives us hope. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,

certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. All things will be renewed in Christ. In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "Advent Carol"

*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.**

Celebration 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.

How can we thank you, O God? for sun and moon and stars; for breath and life and all things good; for your steadfast promise and your faithful love; for the day that is surely coming when all things will be made new. With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation, we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus, who came to be your living Word, to baptize us with Spirit and fire, to feed the hungry, to humble the mighty, and to announce the good news of your coming realm.

With thanksgiving, we remember how, when the hour had come, Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles. With thanks and praise we

The Week Ahead

MONDAY

6:00 Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

3:00 STAIR

WEDNESDAY

2:00 Comfort Outreach

3:00 LOGOS

6:00 Session

THURSDAY

3:00 STAIR

6:30 PW Retreat Meeting

FRIDAY

8:15 Mom's Café

12:30 Presbyterian Women's Council

Next SUNDAY, December 9

11:00 Worship

5:30 Christmas Play

Music View, by Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards

The first Sunday of Advent opens up a period of watching and waiting for the Messiah. The Prelude is a German Advent Choral Prelude by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748). Translated it means "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying". Music for Reflection is "Hope of the World" with this text: *Hope of the world, Mary's child, you're coming soon to reign, King of the earth, Mary's child, walk in our streets again.* Music during communion continues the Advent theme with "In Thee, Lord, Have I Hoped" by Johann Christoph Bach (1642 - 1703), who was a first cousin of J.S. Bach. And "Behold a Branch is Growing" by contemporary American composer Eric Lewis. To remember the victims of the Jewish community, lost in the Pittsburgh tragedy, on this first eve of Hanukkah, the children will come down to "My Dreydl" a children's Hanukkah song and the Postlude is a Hebrew Folk Song. Translated it means "How good and joyous it is for brothers to dwell together."

The Candle Lighting liturgy is from [Call to Worship Volume 52:1](#)

The prayers are written by Katherine Hawker and found at <https://www.liturgyoutside.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/hope-1.pdf>

The sung response is "While we are Waiting, Come" by Claire Cloninger, the tune is WAITING