

Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



December 10, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.
The Second Sunday of Advent and Music Sunday
(also broadcast over WRON ~ 1400 AM or 103.1 FM)

Striking of the Chimes

Prelude "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Old Stone Ringers

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship
(Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor)

Minute for Mission, Angel Tree

Introit "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting *Polly, Mark, Riley, Lauren, and Julia Smith*

Prayer in Response (unison)
God of all peoples, your servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance. Help us to hear his voice of judgment, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace. Amen. Let us walk in the Light of the Lord!

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Isaiah 40: 1 - 11 page 816

*Hymn #3 "Comfort, Comfort You My People" PSALM 42

Anthem "Hope, Peace, Joy and Love"
Ves Burford, Recorder

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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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You call us to repent, but we turn away from you. You wait patiently for us, but we fail to watch and wait for you. Forgive us, God of grace. Embrace us with tender mercy so that we may be at one with you when all your glory is revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Anthem

“Peace on Earth, Silent Night”
The Adult and Logos Choirs

Time with the Young Church

Anthem

“Children, Go Where I Send Thee”
The Logos Choir

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 1- 8

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*Hymn #10

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” WINCHESTER NEW

*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.

Anthem

“Mary Did You Know”
Renee Fife-Ahern, soloist

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

“Celebrate the Season”
Old Stone Ringers

*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.**

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

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

Anthem

“He Come From the Glory”
Gary Williams and Ves Burford, percussion

*Hymn #12

“People Look East”

BESANÇON

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you**

*Benediction Response “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” verse 3 ADESTE FIDELES

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

Postlude

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Linda Walls
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Sound Technician: John Rodgers
Youth Lay Reader: Melanie Monte
Nursery Assistant: Ryan Meadows
Acolyte: Beverly Kucera

Hymn #592

The Week Ahead

TODAY, Sunday December 10

11:00 Worship
12:30 Handbell practice
5:00 Logos/PYC Program

MONDAY

9:00 Mom’s Café Leaders Meeting
10:00-12:00 APS Office Hours
3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours

TUESDAY

10:00 Bulletin Deadline
3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Preschool Chapel
11:00 – 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study
1:00 Both Circles meet at Debbie Taylor’s home
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

FRIDAY

9:00 Mom’s Café
5:30 Parent’s Night Out

SUNDAY, December 17

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Lawson Hamilton, Jr. in celebration of this joyous Christmas season by Barbara Ford and children.