

## 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 (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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Doug Bicksler  
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### Class of 2018

Thomas Greenstreet  
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### The Session

#### Class of 2019

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#### Class of 2020

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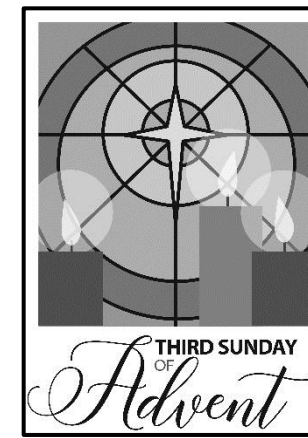
### Presbyterian Women

Co-Moderators ~ Amy Brown and Lynn Weikle  
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Christmas  
Eve  
Worship

7:30 P.M.  
Old Stone Presbyterian Church  
Lewisburg, WV



# Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

December 16, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.  
The Third Sunday of Advent  
(also broadcast over 1310 AM, 97.3 FM, and 103.1 FM)

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Prelude "Canon in D" Lawson Hamilton, Trumpeter Pachelbel

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

Introit "Rejoice in the Lord" C. McClinton

The Lighting of Three Candles on the Advent Wreath  
Glenn, Shannon, John, and Kate Lehman

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, "Rejoice."  
The world says "Worry," and we say "Rejoice."  
The news says, "Fear," and we say, "Rejoice."  
The world says, "Be happy," and the church says, "Be faithful."

As we light three Advent candles, we pray for hope, peace, and joy.  
Come now O child of Mary, come now, O Prince of Joy.

Sung Response (sing twice)

**Come Savior quickly come ~ Come Savior quickly come  
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel ~ While we are waiting come**

Prayer in Response

**Dear God,  
In the height of our Advent walk,  
grant us the courage to experience joy.  
Joy in the face of apathy,  
Joy in the face of sorrow,  
Joy in the face of uncertainty. Amen.**

\*Hymn #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Living God, you beckon us to wake from our sleep:  
to open our eyes to the goodness of your reign,  
the injustice of the world, and the gap in between.  
You call us to follow in the path of your love.  
Forgive us, O God, when we choose the easy way.  
Forgive us, O God, when we choose the selfish way, the fast way,  
the successful way, the comfortable way.  
Convict us, awaken us, empower us, and enliven us to  
follow the Way of justice and love. 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 children who wish to go to the nursery are dismissed)*

\*Hymn #22

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

A Time of Remembering the Life of Nelda Joyce Mashburn, 1935-2018

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Micah 5: 2 – 5a

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Anthem "Mary Did You Know"

Lowery & Greene

Gospel Reading Luke 1: 39 - 55

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Sermon "Mary's Song"

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

"Who is this Child?"

Douglas E. Wagner

\*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 Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer

"No Greater Love"

R. Carmichael

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 #6

"Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending"

HELMSLEY

\*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you**

\*Benediction Response

"Sevenfold Amen"

P. Ludkin

Postlude

\* All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders**

Minister: Anna Pinckney Straight  
Organist: Linda Walls  
Director of Music: Calvin A. McClinton  
Sound Technician: Carroll Crane  
Youth Lay Reader: Suzanne Bicksler  
Nursery Assistant: Amy Kesterson  
Acolyte: Ben Kelso  
Building Closer: Wilson Bland

Ushers: Dick Marshall, Ellsworth Buck,  
Doug Bicksler, John Wilson,  
Jim Coleman, Michael Meadows,  
Cam Huffman, Jeff Rodgers,  
Tom Greenstreet

**The Week Ahead**

**Today, SUNDAY December 16**

Noon Santa Brunch  
6:30 Christmas Play

**MONDAY**

10:00 Bulletin Deadline  
6:00 Choir Rehearsal

**TUESDAY**

3:00 STAIR

**WEDNESDAY**

9:30 Pre-K Christmas Program  
3:00 LOGOS

**THURSDAY**

3:00 STAIR

**SATURDAY**

Funeral for

**Next SUNDAY, December 23**

11:00 Worship  
7:00 Messiah Sing-a-Long

**MONDAY, December 24**

7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Worship

**December 24 – 27, the church office is closed.**

*The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated  
to the Glory of God in memory of  
Oretha Franke by Richard and family.*

The Candle Lighting liturgy and the payer of  
confession are 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