

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 our normal Sunday morning worship a nursery is provided for children who do not want to stay for the worship service (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.

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.

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Staff

Anna Pinckney Straight ~ Pastor
Debbie Reed ~ Church Secretary and Financial Secretary
Amy Kesterson ~ Program Coordinator
Calvin A. McClinton ~ Director of Music
Jr Sims ~ Sexton
Pat Boisvert ~ Old Stone Presbyterian Pre-School
Linda Walls, and Bridgett Edwards ~ Organists
Ves Burford ~ Director of Hand Bells
Grace Coffindaffer ~ Nursery Attendant

The Session

Class of 2018

Doug Bicksler
Mary Adeline Bicksler
Susan Graham
Michael Meadows
Kaye Rodgers
Sharon H. Rowe
Nancy Smallenberger

Class of 2019

Carol Bland
Townley Hamilton
Sandra Hofmann
Cam Huffman
Andy Kelso
Molly McMillion

Class of 2020

LeeAnn Gillilan
Larry Jones
Meg Lewis Kirkham
Dick Marshall
Joan Montgomery
Rodney Weikle

Session Committees

Care (LeeAnn Gillilan), Christian Education (Townley Hamilton), Fellowship (Dick Marshall), Growth (Sandi Hofmann), Outreach (Molly McMillion), Personnel (Susan Graham), Plans (Sharon Rowe), Property (Andy Kelso), Stewardship (Doug Bicksler), Worship (Carol Bland)

Trustees

Class of 2018

Thomas Greenstreet
Robert Perkins

Class of 2019

James Rowe

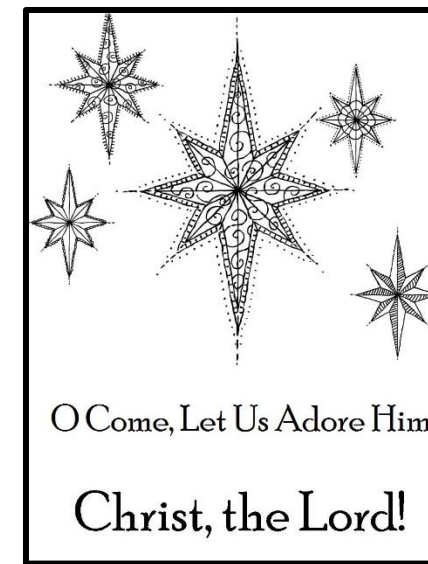
Class of 2020

Shirley Runyon
John Wilson

Sunday School Superintendent ~ Ben Lewis

Presbyterian Women

Co-Moderators ~ Amy Brown and Lynn Weikle
Treasurer ~ Betty Dempsey
Secretary ~ Sue Rock
Historian ~ Merle Shank



Old Stone Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Organized 1783
December 24, 2018 ~ 7:30 P.M.
Christmas Eve

Introit "Christmas Introit (Gloria)"

Welcome

*Call to Worship Luke 1:38

Then Mary said: Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word.

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

Lighting the Advent and Christ Candles Cam, Dawn, and Carter Huffman

Sung Response WAITING

Lord, Jesus, you are here.
Lord, Jesus, you are here.
Jesus, the son, the light of God,
Lord, Jesus, you are here.

Prayer in Response
Hope is here, for we have heard the good news of Christ's coming.
Joy is here, for we have seen God's compassion.
Love is here, for the angels are singing around us,
and still there is a star ahead to follow.
May the whole world delight in the promise of Peace.
Christ is Born! Amen.

Time for the Young Church

A Service of Lessons & Carols

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2, 6 – 7 and Isaiah 11: 1 – 9
The prophet foretells the coming of a savior

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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

*Hymn #41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

The Second Lesson: Micah 5: 2 – 5a
The future of the little town of Bethlehem is foretold

*Hymn 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS

The Third Lesson: Luke 1: 26 – 38
The Angel Gabriel visits Mary

*Hymn #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2: 1 – 7
Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus

*Hymn #49 "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2: 8 – 20
The Shepherds go to the manger

*Hymn 31 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Meditation "What do we do with this news?"

Anthem "Cantique de Noel"
Renee Fife-Ahern, soloist

Invitation to The Offering

Offertory "Still, Still, Still"
*Tonight's offering will go to Davis-Stuart.
More information about Davis-Stuart is in the announcements.*

Prayers of the people, concluding with 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.

The Candlelight Service
*(The ushers will light the candle of the person at the end of the pew.
Please share the light of your candle with your neighbor)*

*Hymns

Silent Night, Holy night! STILLE NACHT
Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Joy to the world! ANTIOCH
Joy to the world, the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love.

*Benediction John 1: 1 – 14
John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

Choral Response "Hallelujah Chorus"

Postlude
* Please stand, whether in body or spirit



*From this house to your home,
we wish you a most joyous and blessed holiday.
If you do not already have a family of faith,
we invite you to join us.*

*Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:00
Worship is each Sunday at 11:00 A.M.*

*For more information visit www.oldstonechurchwv.com
or email apstraight@oldstonechurchwv.com*

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organists: Bridgett Edwards and Linda Walls
Director of Music: Dr. Calvin McClinton
Ushers: Dick Marshall, Ellsworth Buck, Doug Bicksler, John Wilson, Jim Coleman, Michael Meadows, Cam Huffman, Jeff Rodgers, Tom Greenstreet

Tonight's offering will be given to **Davis Stuart**, an organization in Lewisburg that provides therapeutic residential care for youth aged 12 to 19. From their website: "Our goal is to reunify the young person with his or her family when possible, or to give them the life skills necessary to enter into independence. In showing the Spirit of Christ, Davis Stuart is committed to helping children and their families find the spiritual, physical, and emotional wholeness for which they have been created."
<http://www.davis-stuart.org/>

**God, giver of every good gift,
We gather here by habit or by accident,
from lives frantic or serene.
We gather here, young, old, in middle age,
all of us children whose names
you know by heart.
We gather here. each of us hoping for
A new word
A gentle touch
A nudge in the right direction
straight into the arms of love.
Amen.**

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

The prayer in response to the lighting of the Christ Candle is from [Living the Christ Life: Rediscovering the Seasons of the Christian Year](#) by Louise Mangan and Nancy Wyse with Lori Farr.