

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023  
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their October Stated meeting on Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer at 6:30 p.m. by the Moderator, Rev. Julie Olt. The devotion was given by Pastor Julie. Attendance was taken by the clerk and it was declared that a quorum was in attendance.

**PRESENT:** Moderator, Rev. Julie Olt; Clerk, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson; Ruling Elders: Renee Ahern, Stuart Brown, Townley Hamilton, Sara Irons, Amy Meadows, Joan Montgomery, Jennifer Runyon, Ann Walker and Gary Williams; and guest, Dr. Brennen Wood, Director of Music.

**ABSENT:** Ruling Elder, Jim Coleman.

**EXCUSED:** Ruling Elders, Megan Kirkham and Jim Rowe.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

- Minutes of the Stated September 20, 2023, meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the minutes as presented.
- Communion will be observed during the morning worship service on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

**PASTOR'S UPDATE – Rev. Olt:**

- GMS/GCW Sunday will be October 22. Emmitt Staley will be the guest speaker, and was APPROVED by consensus.
- A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19, to hear and vote on the report of the 2023 Nominating Committee, which will include: Ruling Elders, Class of 2026; Trustees, Class of 2026; and congregational members, 2024 Nominating Committee.
- The Service of Installation and Ordination will be held during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 10, 2023.
- Dedication Sunday, for 2024 pledges, will be Sunday, November 12.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**WORSHIP and MUSIC – Townley Hamilton, moderator and Brennan Wood, Director of Music**

- There will be a Longest Night Service on Thursday, December 21; beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- On Christmas Eve, during the morning worship service, the choir will present a service of music including singers, and a small orchestra. That evening will be the Candlelight Service.
- The committee has received a request from Sarah Hann to hold percussion lessons in the Education Building. These lessons will be on Tuesday's from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., every 30 minutes. Ms. Hann will be charging the students for these lessons. There was discussion as to whether the lessons would be in the Activity Room – Choir area or possibly in one of the smaller classrooms on the third floor. There was also discussion to see if Ms. Hann

would be interested in leading a time of music during LOGOS in exchange for the fee for the space she will use. Brennan agreed to speak with Ms. Hann and get back with Session.

- There was also discussion about changing the bread used for communion. Townley stated that some individuals had expressed to her that they did not care for the taste of the bread currently being used. Following discussion, it was decided to continue using the current bread. It was also discussed the possibility of offering gluten free and regular bread – would this cause an issue of cross-contamination? Townley also reported that on Sunday, November 5, it has been decided to try serving communion with four servers instead of six.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Amy Kesterson:

- Minutes of the October 17 meeting of the committee were included in the Session packet.
- The committee presented “*Sanctified Art, A Weary World Rejoices*” as the curriculum for Advent. This comes as a motion from committee, no second is necessary; motion was APPROVED.

There was no Old Business to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A Ruling Elder Commissioner will be needed for the Presbytery meeting to be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in Charleston. Renee Ahern said she will check her calendar.
- The next Stated Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m.

JOYS and CONCERNS were reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Pastor Julie.

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Clerk of Session

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Moderator

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Date Approved and Signed