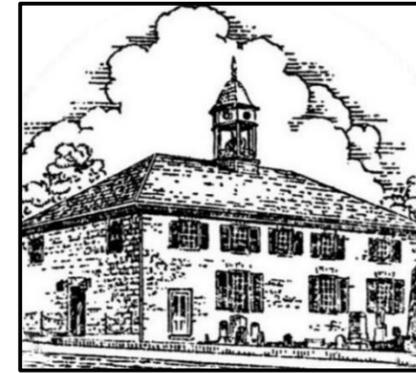


Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



January 7, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

Celebration of Epiphany

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

Striking of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

(Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor)

Introit

“We Worship Thee, Almighty Lord”

Prayer of the Day (unison)

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #63

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, you promise forgiveness and new life, we confess that we are not always ready to receive it. Too often we are preoccupied with ourselves. We cling to unfaithful ways, reluctant to let go, and are hesitant to welcome the new. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made so that we may step into the new day and live together in grace. Amen.

*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Ordination Installation Questions

- 1) Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- 2) Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- 3) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- 4) Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- 5) Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- 6) Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- 7) Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- 8) Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- 9) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

For the Congregation:

- 1) Do we, the members of the church, accept these elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
- 2) Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

*Each Sunday we hearken back to the words inscribed on the portal of
Old Stone Presbyterian Church*

**THIS BUILDING WAS ERRECTED 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 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.

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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*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, Amen.**

Time With the Young Church
*(Afterwards, children 2nd grade and under and younger who would like
to go to the nursery are dismissed)*

*Hymn #66 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

Gospel Reading Matthew 2: 1 – 12 Page 2

Anthem "The Jesus Gift" *Stephanie Bachman, soloist*

Sermon "Intention"

Musical Interlude
(you are invited to use this time for prayer and personal reflection)

*Affirmation of Faith from a Brief Statement of Faith

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "Here I Am Lord"

*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.**

Ordination and Installation of Elders
Mary Adeline Bicksler, LeeAnn Gillilan, Larry Jones, Meg Lewis
Kirkham, Dick Marshall, Joan Montgomery, and Rodney Weikle

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a time of communion with our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us 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 #68 "What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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

*Benediction Response
Hymn #535 "Go With us Lord"
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.**

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders:

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Linda Walls
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Youth Lay Reader: Megan Hofmann
Acolyte: Beverly Kucera

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of Joe Black and Mary Hayes on their birthdays given by their family.

The Church At Work Opportunities in the week ahead

TODAY

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 p.m. Plans Committee
5:30 p.m. PYC

TUESDAY

3:00 p.m. STAIR Tutoring

WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Circle
3:00 p.m. Logos afterschool program
7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Circle

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m. STAIR Tutoring