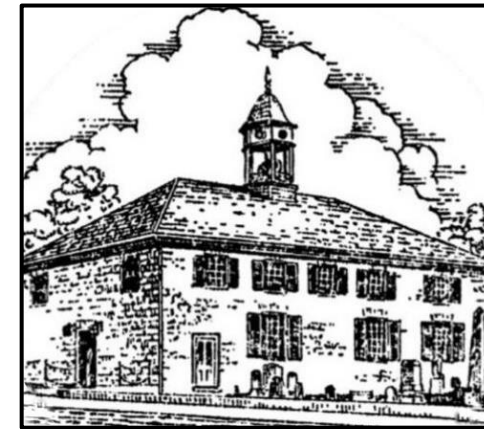


# Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



January 28, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.  
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(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 abiding love,**

**you choose us as your servants and speak of us as friends.**

**Take our despairing hearts and fill them with your hope.**

**Make whole our joy, our hearts and lives reborn in you.**

**You who created love, continue to instruct us**

**in ways of mercy and peace.**

**Through Jesus Christ, who makes all things possible, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn #293 "This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Forgiving God we repent of all the ways we turn from you.**

**You call, but we do not listen.**

**You show us your path, but we prefer our own way.**

**Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you,**

**that we might show mercy to others.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

## 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 2018

Doug Bicksler  
Mary Adeline Bicksler  
Ellsworth Buck  
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 (Nancy Smallenberger),  
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

*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 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.

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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\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger who wish to go to the nursery are dismissed)*

\*Hymn #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Jonah 3: 1 – 5, 10 page 1054

Anthem "Be Still for the Presence of the Lord"

Sermon "A Whale of a Tale"

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

\*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.**

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer "Spirit of the Living God"

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 #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

\*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.**

Postlude

\* All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight  
Organist: Bridgett Edwards  
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor  
Sound Technician: John Rodgers  
Youth Lay Reader: Cora Kesterson  
Nursery Assistant: Amy Kesterson  
Acolyte: Sofie Kelso

**The Week Ahead**

**TODAY, Sunday January 28**

11:00 Worship  
12:30 Handbell practice  
5:30 PYC

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

10:30 Preschool Chapel  
3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours  
3:00 – 5:00 Logos

**THURSDAY**

3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

**FRIDAY**

8:00 Mom's Cafe

A View From the Organ Bench by  
Bridgett Edwards

A short summary of the Book of Jonah could be described as God showing Israel the "big picture". He wants Israel to discover God's Truth...God has concern for the whole of creation and not just Israel alone. God also wants Israel to understand her role in carrying out this Truth. Today's music reflects the themes of God's Truth and what is required of us as God's people; spreading God's message to all of creation and the calming of His wrath by turning away from evil.

The Prelude is a hymn for Epiphany but also fits well with today's scripture: "Spread, O Spread the Mighty Word" from J. A. Freylinghausen's (1670-1739) *Gesangbuch 1704*. Music for reflection is "What Does the Lord Require?" (hymn tune: *Sharpthorne*). The text can be viewed on page #405 of our hymnal. The Offertory is a piece by the French composer Charles Gounod (1818-1893) "Send Out Thy Light". The text is:  
*Send out Thy Light and Thy Truth, let them lead me, and let them bring me to Thy holy hill. Send out Thy Light and Truth, O Lord, our God.*

The Postlude reflects Jonah 3:10 "When God saw what [Nineveh] did and they turned from their evil ways he relented..." with an excerpt from "If My People" by Jimmy Owens (b. 1930). The text:  
*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear and forgive their sin and heal their land.*