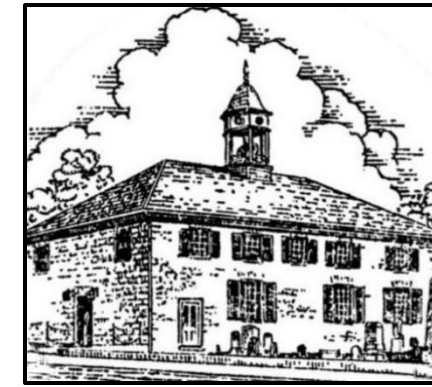


Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



March 18, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

(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 "Wonder of Wonder, Here Revealed"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Loving God, you offer the gift of new life each day.

**In this time of worship, open my heart to receive your grace
that I may be wholly yours,
then give me the courage to share this gift wherever I go
as I seek to walk in your way. Amen.**

*Hymn #267 "All Thing Bright and Beautiful"

ROYAL OAK

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all, forgive us.

You call us to follow, we hesitate, meander, and go another way.

You called us to obedience, we reason, argue, and ignore.

You call us to trust, we withhold and hedge our bets.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We desire to follow, obey, and trust only You.

Open our lives to the grace, your grace, that changes everything.

In your many names we pray, Amen.

*Declaration of Pardon

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

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

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
Richard Tincher ~ Sexton
Pat Boisvert ~ Old Stone Presbyterian Pre-School
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
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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*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 2nd grade and younger who wish to go to the nursery are dismissed)

*Hymn #403 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 page 899

Anthem "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord"

Gospel Reading John 12:20-33 page 130

Sermon "We Wish to See Jesus"

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 "Beautiful Savior"

*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.**

Celebration of Doris Ann Taylor on the Occasion of her Retirement

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire"

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 #306 "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADERS' HYMN

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Benediction Response "Thank You Lord"

Postlude

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Minister: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Calvin A. McClinton
Sound Technician: Norman Ahern
Youth Lay Reader: Lauren Rodgers
Nursery Assistant: Amy Kesterson
Acolyte: Sofie Kelso

The View from the Organ Bench, by Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards

The season of Lent is a time for personal reflection and penitence. This is reflected in today's music: The Prelude is "A Lenten Meditation" by the contemporary English composer and organist Edward Broughton. Music for Reflection is "Penitent Prayer" by the contemporary American composer Kevin Uppercue (b. 1981).

In Jeremiah 31:31-34, the Lord declares that he will make a new covenant with the people of Israel, he goes on to state that it will not be like the old covenant he made with their ancestors. The Postlude is a piece by Johann Kuhnau (1660-1722) entitled "The Ancient Law Departs". The text for this piece says: *The ancient Law departs and all the fears remove, For Jesus makes with faithful hearts, a covenant of love. All Praise Eternal Son, for Thy redeeming love, With Father, Spirit, ever One, in glorious might above.*

The Week Ahead

Today, SUNDAY March 18

11:00 Worship
Noon Retirement celebration for Doris Ann Taylor
12:30 Handbell practice

MONDAY

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

10:00 & 10:30 Preschool Chapel
3:00 – 5:00 Logos
6:00 Session

THURSDAY

3:00 – 5:00 STAIR- End of Year

Next SUNDAY, March 25

9:45 Coffee and Refreshments
10:00 Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 Worship
12:30 Handbell practice

Next week March 26-30

7:00 Holy Week Breakfasts will be held in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 29

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Doris Ann Taylor.