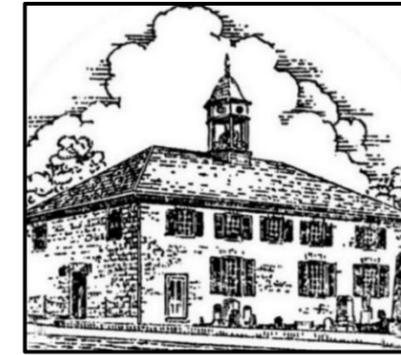


# Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



April 15, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.  
The Third Sunday of Easter  
(also broadcast over 1310 AM, 97.3 FM, and 103.1 FM)

Striking of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

Minute for Mission, the Logos Program

Sofie Kelso

Introit "Come and Worship"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk  
and brings new life to those who follow you.**

**We give you thanks for the love poured into the world through Jesus,  
who opened our minds to understand,  
whose appearance brings peace,  
and who, through touch and taste, creates faith.**

**Jesus, show us, we pray, the mystery of your threefold presence,  
one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #105 "Because You Live, O Christ"

VRUECHTEN

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.**

**You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die.**

**You raised him from the dead, yet we still do not believe.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Help us to receive with gratitude the gift of love you offer,**

**that we would live as your disciples.**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

## 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

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

The scripture for today is Luke 24:36b-48. With the themes of this scripture in mind, the Offertory is a piano arrangement of "The Nail-scarred Hand" by the American composer B.B. McKinney (1886-1957) arranged by John Arnn. The Postlude is "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright" (hymn tune: Puer Nobis) a Plainsong melody adapted by Michael Praetorius with this text: That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light / When to their longing eyes restored, the Apostles saw their risen Lord. The Prelude is "O Savior of the World" by the English organist and composer John Goss (1800-1880). The text continues the theme of Christ's redeeming love from last week: *O Savior of the world, who, by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us. Save us and help us we humbly beseech Thee, amen and amen.* The Music for Reflection is "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" (hymn tune: Gelobt sei Gott) by Melchior Vulpius, 1609.

## 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 #115

“Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ST. KEVIN

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 4: 1 - 8

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Anthem

“Be Present, Spirit of the Lord”

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 36b- 48

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Sermon

“Disbelieving Joy”

Musical Interlude *(a time for prayer and personal reflection)*

\*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith, 1977

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.**

**But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

**The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God’s reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.**

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

“How Great Thou Art”

\*Doxology

**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.**

Hymn #592

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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 #111

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

GELOBT SEI GOTT

\*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you**

\*Benediction Response

“Amen”

Postlude

\* All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders**

Minister: Anna Pinckney Straight  
Organist: Bridgett Edwards  
Director of Music: Calvin A. McClinton  
Sound Technician: Al Petrie  
Youth Lay Reader: Sarah Allan Straight  
Nursery Assistant: Molly Hileman  
Acolyte: Beverly Kucera

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of Frances Layton and her musical contributions by the Old Stone Choir.

**The Week Ahead**

**Today, SUNDAY April 15**

11:00 Worship  
12:00 Congregational Meeting  
12:15 Pizza Luncheon / Logos Program  
12:30 Handbell practice

**MONDAY**

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

**TUESDAY**

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 & 10:30 Preschool Chapel

**SATURDAY**

9:30 – 2:00 Women’s Retreat in Activity Room/Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary

**Next SUNDAY, April 22**

9:45 Coffee and Refreshments  
10:00 Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 Worship- Youth Sunday  
Noon Fellowship Luncheon  
12:30 Handbell practice

This week (Sunday afternoon through Friday evening) I’ll be in Charlotte attending the annual meeting of The Well. The Well is a group of fifteen Presbyterian ministers who, for the past ten years, have gathered annually for worship, study, and fellowship. Our days will be spent studying scripture (we each prepare two 3,500 word papers on assigned Biblical texts) and our evenings in conversation about the challenges, joys, and possibilities of ministry.

Thank you for the funding and support that makes this week possible. If you need something while I am gone, please call the church office, as Debbie will know how to reach me in case of a pastoral emergency.

Peace, Rev. Anna