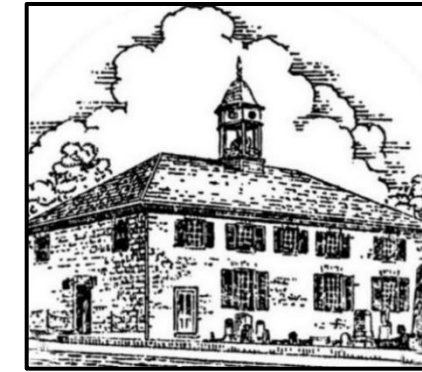


Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



April 29, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The Fifth 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

Introit "O Lord, Our God How Glorious is Thy Name"

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 #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of all hope, we confess that we have sinned against you.
You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you.
You extend your promise to all, yet we look for boundaries.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Instill within us in your perfect love, a love that casts out all fear,
so that we may truly love one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord 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	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Doug Bicksler	Carol Bland	LeeAnn Gillilan
Mary Adeline Bicksler	Townley Hamilton	Larry Jones
Michael Meadows	Sandra Hofmann	Meg Lewis Kirkham
Kaye Rodgers	Cam Huffman	Dick Marshall
Sharon H. Rowe	Andy Kelso	Joan Montgomery
Nancy Smallenberger	Molly McMillion	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	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Thomas Greenstreet	James Rowe	Shirley Runyon
Robert Perkins		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 #118 "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading Acts 8:26-40 page 154

Anthem "Declare His Glory"

Gospel Reading John 15:1-8 page 133

Sermon "Is There Any Reason?"

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

*Affirmation of Faith A Declaration of Faith, 1977

In his history with his people in the world, God has often made material things channels through which his grace is understood and powerfully experienced. Out of the life and ministry of Jesus, the church received Baptism and the Lord's Supper as special Sacraments of God's saving action.

We believe that in Baptism the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise to include us and our children in his gracious covenant, cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life, as participants in Christ's death and resurrection. Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ's people and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond. In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to be the Lord's. For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder that God loves us long before we can love him. For both, God's grace and our response to it are not tied to the moment of Baptism, but continue and deepen throughout life.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "Praise Ye the Name of the 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.**

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer "Andante in A Major" AF Hesse (organ)

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 #303 "I Danced in the Morning" SIMPLE GIFTS

*Benediction

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

*Benediction Response "The Lord Bless and Keep You"

Postlude

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Minister: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Linda Walls
Director of Music: Calvin A. McClinton
Sound Technician: Carroll Crane
Youth Lay Reader: Andrew McLaughlin
Nursery Assistant: Molly McMillion
Acolyte: Nixon Brown

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Don Runyon's birthday by the Runyon family.

The Week Ahead

Today, SUNDAY April 29

11:00 Worship
12:30 Handbell practice

MONDAY

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY

10:00 Bulletin Deadline
Noon Presbyterian Women's Council-Lunch

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Presbyterian Men at Shoney's
10:00 & 10:30 Preschool Chapel
2:00 Comfort Care at Greenbrier Care Center
6:00 Session Meeting

THURSDAY

6:00 Preschool Open House

FRIDAY

8:30 Mom's Cafe

Next SUNDAY, May 6

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

Our Preschool will hold an Open House on Thursday, May 3, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This year we will have 3 separate classes; 2 year olds, 3 year olds and 4 year olds. Registration will continue until all classes are filled. Everyone is welcome!