

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

July 16, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Striking of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship *(Please sign and pass the worship register)*

Introit "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**Eternal God, from whose gentle hands none can take us away: give us faith to believe that we are known and loved with a passion strong enough to bring the whole world back to you; through Jesus Christ, who is one with the source of life, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth " *DIX*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

\*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 are dismissed for Sunday School)*

\* Hymn #398 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" *SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Acts 15: 1 - 35 page 163

Anthem "What Shall I Offer My God?" Lloyd Larson

Sermon "Article of Faith: Creeds"

Musical Interlude *(you are invited to use this 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

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

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 #467

“How Great Thou Art”

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\*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you**

\*Choral Response

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

\*Postlude

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\* All who are able, please stand

## Worship Leaders

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Organist: Bridgett Edwards  
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor  
Lay Reader: Cora Kesterson  
Nursery Assistant: Brahm Kesterson

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## The Week Ahead

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Property Committee  
6:30 p.m. Called Session Meeting  
Saturday 2:00 p.m. The Youth Mission Trip will depart.

This fall, Old Stone Church will be opening its doors to the community, as we begin a **Mother's Ministry!** This ministry will serve all women in our Greenbrier Community. Men and women of the church interested in serving, please contact Amy Brown at 304-676-1468.

The Presbyterian Women's Council will be **partnering with the Davis-Stuart's** McCormick House this coming year. A volunteer meeting will be held August 4th at the Church. For more information contact Amy Brown (304-676-1468) or Lynn Weikle (304-647-5713).

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

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## Choir Appreciation Luncheon! Sunday, July 23 after worship

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a lunch after worship on Sunday, July 23 as a way to say thank you to those who lead worship by being a part of or leading our music.

Fried Chicken, drinks, bread, and a cake will be provided. Choir members come as our guests, but if you aren't in the choir we ask that you bring a salad or side dish to share (we will be able to keep dishes warm or cold, so bring them before worship!).

In order to help us order the right amount of food, we encourage everyone to let us know that you will be attending. You can place this slip in the offering plate, call the church office (304.645.2676) or email [bpmlewis3@yahoo.com](mailto:bpmlewis3@yahoo.com) to reserve a place. Thank you!

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### Choir Appreciation Luncheon RSVP

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Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of those under 13 \_\_\_\_\_

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