

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

July 30, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

Redeeming God, grant that we may engage in contemplation of your mysteries and wisdom in such a way that our faithfulness is increased, and may all our learning lead to your glory. Amen.

*Hymn #457 "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art" *TOULON*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, we confess that have not been able to keep a firm footing in the way of justice and righteousness. We pray that you would keep us from doing harm, help us abstain from sinful deeds, and by your grace guide us to do good for all. Forgive our sins and keep us in a state of reliance on your mercy, that we may be governed by your Spirit as we embark upon the course that is before us. 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 #210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" *ST. ANNE*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Romans 3: 21 - 31 *page 187*

Anthem "Down to the River to Pray" *Sheldon Curry*
Renee Ahern, Soloist

Sermon "Article of Faith: Reform"

Musical Interlude *(you are invited to use this time for prayer and personal reflection)*

*Affirmation of Faith *The Confession of 1967*

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

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 #361 “How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Choral Response “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

*Postlude

* All who are able, please stand

Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jim Coleman’s 75th birthday by the Scarborough family.

Fellowship Time today is hosted by the Bland Family

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Lay Reader: Lauren Rodgers
Nursery Attendants: Julia and Lauren Smith

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Presbyterian Men’s Breakfast at Shoney’s
 1:30 p.m. Comfort Outreach at Greenbrier Manor
 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Old Stone is excited to sponsor a **Community Mother's Ministry** starting this October to be held two Friday mornings per month, 9-11 am. To make this ministry possible, we are still in need of 3 Childcare Workers. We are also seeking speakers, and non-perishable food items for children's snacks. Contact Amy Brown at 304-676-1468 if you are able to help.

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

Both the Prelude and the Postlude for today are listed as Choral Preludes for Reformation Day. I will be using “*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*” by composer Michael Praetorius (1571-1621). Praetorius has arranged the familiar tune “*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*” in a fugue style. The Postlude is “*Er ist das Heil uns Kommen*” translated it means “*Salvation Unto Us has Come*”. This is an anonymous German Melody c. 1400.

The scripture today emphasizes faith and righteousness. Other service music today will be “*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*” because of its familiar reference to righteousness and “*Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds*”, the words of which really fit the scripture’s theme. (Hymn tunes: *Solid Rock* and *Forest Green*.)

Today’s prayer of the day and prayer of confession are adapted from prayers written by John Calvin.

