

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

September 3, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 22<sup>nd</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 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**God who knows the sparrow and the lily by name, tell us today the story of your knowledge of us. Assure us that the hours we spend in this world are lived in your sight and in your care, to free us from anxiety and striving and to rest in your benevolence; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn #461 "God is Here" *ABBOT'S LEIGH*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy One, help us be still and know that you are God. Too often we move at such a hectic pace that we neglect our relationship with you. Our lives become full of distractions that are nothing but shifting sand. Restore and strengthen us, O God, to rebuild our lives on the foundation of your Word, in Jesus' 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 #324 "Open My Eyes That I May See" *OPEN MY EYES*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 100 page 679

Anthem "In Holy Reverence, Lord, We Come"

New Testament Reading John 4: 16 - 26 page 115

Sermon "Article of Faith: Worship"

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

\*Affirmation of Faith A Declaration of Faith, 1977

**We believe in one true and living God. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve and love. God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We praise and enjoy God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom.**

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.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you. When we rebelled against you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. You sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and

needy. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, and await the day of his coming. Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion with Christ. May we be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place, the body of Christ in the world. And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

**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 #276

"Great Is Their Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

\*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you**

\*Choral Response

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

**God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.**

\*Postlude

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\* All who are able, please stand

## Worship Leaders

Preacher:	Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist:	Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music:	Doris Ann Taylor
Lay Reader:	John Hofmann
Nursery Attendant:	Ryan Meadows
Acolyte:	Ashley Meadows
Fellowship & Greeters:	Polley & Bill Cunningham

## The Week Ahead

Monday Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday 8:15 a.m. PreSchool Begins

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Presbyterian Men's Breakfast at Shoney's  
11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study  
1:30 p.m. Comfort Care at Greenbrier Manor  
6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner – Fellowship Hall  
7-8:30 p.m. Committee Meetings

Thursday Noon Presbyterian Women Council – Lunch Amy Brown

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

Today's music is related to Psalm 100 and the theme of worshipping and glorifying God. The Prelude is a fugue on the familiar hymn tune "*Old Hundredth*". This tune is attributed to the composer Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-1561) and is part of the Geneva Psalter (a set of metrical psalms created for liturgical use by John Calvin). The tune was first associated with Psalm 134 but is currently thought to be related to Psalm 100. You know it as the tune to our Doxology or the hymn "All People that on Earth Do Dwell".

For the reflection time after the sermon, you will hear the hymn tune: *Boundless Mercy* in "*Come Ye People, Rise and Sing, Praise the God Who Made You*" (Psalm 100:3). The Offertory is "*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*" by the composer Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712). The translation means "All Glory Be to God on High". The postlude is "*Ode to Joy*" a piece based on the Chorale Theme from Beethoven's (1770-1827) Ninth Symphony.

*Today's bulletin cover is drawn by Carson Banton, age 9.*