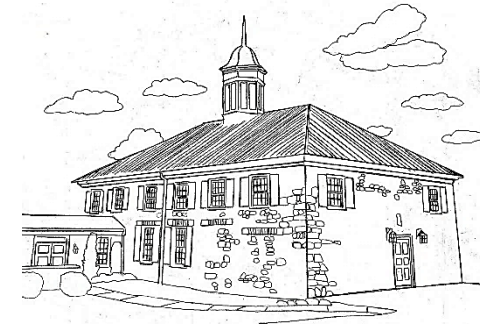


# Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



September 23, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(also broadcast over 1310 AM, 97.3 FM, and 103.1 FM)

Prelude "Call to Commitment" Lani Smith

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence,  
that we may be at peace and worship you in mind, body, and spirit;  
in the name of Jesus Christ and in the silent prayers  
of our hearts minds and lives, we pray.... (a time of silent prayer)  
Amen.**

\*Hymn #487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of grace and God of glory,  
Our sins distract us.  
Our sins deceive us.  
Our sins keep us from the life you have called us to lead  
and the love you have challenged us to show and share.  
Set us free from the past we cannot change.  
Open us to the future that is still a faithful possibility.  
May we, people of your grace, show more of your image  
in our lives and to the world.  
With trust in the love of Jesus Christ 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  
Jr Sims ~ Sexton  
Pat Boisvert ~ Old Stone Presbyterian Pre-School  
Linda Walls, and Bridgett Edwards ~ Organists  
Ves Burford ~ Director of Hand Bells  
Grace Coffindaffer ~ 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
Susan Graham	Sandra Hofmann	Meg Lewis Kirkham
Michael Meadows	Cam Huffman	Dick Marshall
Kaye Rodgers	Andy Kelso	Joan Montgomery
Sharon H. Rowe	Molly McMillion	Rodney Weikle
Nancy Smallenberger		

## Session Committees

Care (LeeAnn Gillilan), Christian Education (Townley Hamilton),  
Fellowship (Dick Marshall), Growth (Sandi Hofmann),  
Outreach (Molly McMillion), Personnel (Susan Graham),  
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

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*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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger who wish to go to the nursery are dismissed)*

\*Hymn #391 "Take My Life" HENDON

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Matthew 19: 16 - 26 page 25

Anthem "Order My Steps"

Sermon "Discovering Gravity"

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

\*Affirmation of Faith A Declaration of Faith, 1977  
**We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Gene Clarke

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 #446 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

\*Benediction Response "Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness"

Postlude "Be Thou My Vision" David Johnson

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\* All who are able, please stand

#### Worship Leaders

Minister: Anna Pinckney Straight  
Organist: Bridgett Edwards  
Director of Music: Calvin A. McClinton  
Sound Technician: John Rodgers  
Youth Lay Reader: Sofie Kelso  
Nursery Assistant: Debbie Taylor  
Acolyte: KK Long  
Ushers: Chuck Lewis, Mike McClung, Rodney Weikle, Norman Ahern, Glenn Lehman, Jim Childers  
Building Closer: Andy Kelso

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

Today is the first Sunday in our Stewardship season and today's music reflects the personal commitment we will make to our church in the coming weeks.

The Prelude is "The Call to Commitment" by the contemporary composer Lani Smith (1934-2015). Music for Reflection is "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated Lord For Thee" (Hymn Tune: *Hendon*). The Call to Prayer is a contemporary arrangement of "Sweet Hour of Prayer" by Gene Clarke. The Postlude is a David N. Johnson arrangement of "Be Thou My Vision" which is listed in our current hymnal and the old red hymnal as a Stewardship hymn.

#### The Week Ahead

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**Today, SUNDAY September 23**  
11:00 Worship  
4:30 PYC Parents' Meeting  
5:30 PYC

**MONDAY**  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

**TUESDAY**  
10:00 Bulletin Deadline  
5:00 Play Practice

**WEDNESDAY**  
2:00 Staff Meeting  
3:00 LOGOS

**FRIDAY**  
9:00 Mom's Cafe

**Next SUNDAY, September 30**  
10:00 Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 Worship  
5:30 PYC

Fall Getaway Retreat at Bluestone October 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>! This retreat is for the whole family!  
Contact Amy Kesterson for more information!