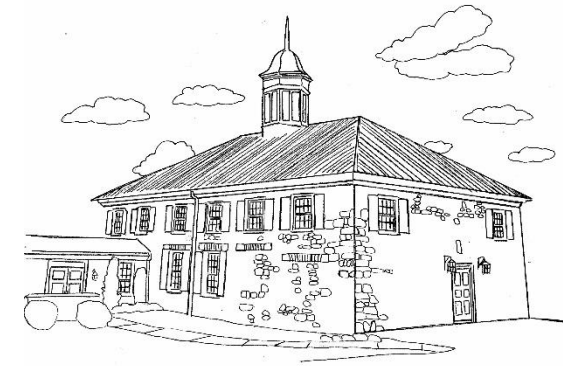


Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



September 30, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(also broadcast over 1310 AM, 97.3 FM, and 103.1 FM)

Prelude "The Prodigal Son" George C. Stebbins

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

Minute for Mission, Stewardship, Leslie Bicksler

Introit "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**In this day that you have made, dear Lord,
help us to see your mercies that are unfolding,
love that is unceasing,
the faithfulness you are inviting.
In this day, dear Lord, we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of Grace and Mercy,
Forgive us, for too often we seek after things but do not seek you.
Too frequently we expect generosity that we have not lived.
We want thanks more than we are willing to show it.
Forgive us, and fill the empty places in our lives with
faith, gratitude, and devotion to welcoming your kingdom.
Strengthen us for discipleship, this day and all days. 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

*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 #428 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" SCHUMANN

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 15:11-32 page 95

Anthem "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Sermon "Breaking Free"

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

*Affirmation of Faith A Declaration of Faith, 1977

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love. The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people. Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil. We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ. As long as we live we struggle with sin but the Spirit's presence assures us God will complete what he has begun in us. 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 "Kum ba Yah"

*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 Piano Solo

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 #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Benediction Response "Just As I Am"

Postlude "Come Unto Me" Victorm Hildner

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Minister: Anna Pinckney Straight
 Organist: Bridgett Edwards
 Director of Music: Calvin A. McClinton
 Sound Technician: Al Petrie
 Youth Lay Reader: Brahm Kesterson
 Nursery Assistant: Leslie Bicksler
 Acolyte: John Bicksler
 Ushers: Chuck Lewis, Mike McClung, Rodney Weikle,
 Norman Ahern, Glenn Lehman, Jim Childers
 Building Closer: Wilson Bland

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

Today's scripture is the story of The Prodigal Son. Jesus is like the father in the story, patiently waiting for us to turn from our worldly ways and return to his safe and nurturing care.

The Prelude is a piece by the American gospel composer George C. Stebbins (1846-1945) entitled "The Prodigal Son". Music for Reflection is "The Savior is Waiting" by Ralph Carmichael (b. 1927) and the Postlude is "Come, Unto Me" by the American contemporary composer Victor Hildner (1917-2001).

The Stewardship Season is acknowledged as the children come down to "Father, Lead Us Day by Day" (Hymn tune: *Posen*)

The Week Ahead

Today, SUNDAY September 23

11:00 Worship
 5:30 PYC

MONDAY

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Men's Breakfast at Shoney's
 9:00 Women's Retreat Meeting
 2:00 Staff Meeting
 2:00 Comfort Outreach
 3:00 LOGOS
 6:00 Session Meeting

FRIDAY

12:30 Presbyterian Women's Council

SATURDAY

11:00 Memorial Service for Ruby Mareneck

Next SUNDAY, October 7

10:00 Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 Worship
 5:30 PYC

Calling all Women - Please come out for an evening of Faith-Filled Fun, Food and Painting. The Presbyterian Women's Council will host a paint night (and don't worry, you can have no artistic genes and still pull this off) at Ross Hanna Studios' downtown Lewisburg. The event will take place this evening, September 30th from 4-6 pm. The cost per person is \$30, which includes instruction, supplies and appetizers/drinks.

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