

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 three years of age or younger and children from age four – middle school are welcomed to attend Sunday School 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.

We are not only a historic church, we are an active, living congregation with fellowship, education, outreach, and music programs.

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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Prayer After Communion

Holy God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community and in you. May this meal nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and discipleship. Amen.

*Hymn #439 "In Christ there is No East or West" ST. PETER

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you**

*Benediction 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.**

Recessional

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

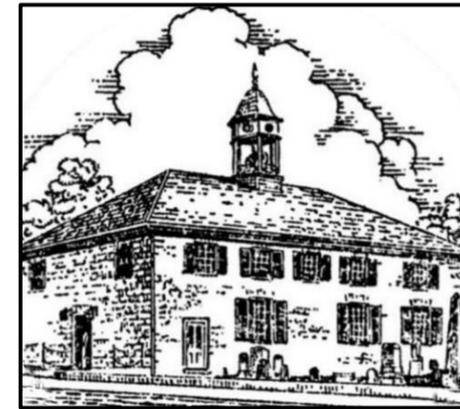
Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Youth Lay Reader: Anna Ahern
Nursery Assistant: Andrew McLaughlin
Acolyte: Sofie Kelso

On Monday, **October 2, at 6:00** you are invited to a cover-dish supper at Edgewood Presbyterian Church to hear guest Eburn James-DeKam, general secretary of the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone, speak about the church in West Africa.

The Session of Old Stone Presbyterian Church has called a **congregational meeting** to be held on Sunday, October 8 immediately following worship to hear and act upon a report from the Nominating Committee.

*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 and esteem for the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ. Reader, if you are inclined to applaud their virtues,
Give God the Glory



Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

October 1, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

World Communion Sunday

(also broadcast over WRON ~ 1400 AM or 103.1 FM)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

(Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor)

Introit "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body.

**Join us with those who, in all times and places,
have praised your name.**

**May we live showing that there is no east or west in your kingdom.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

*Hymn #356 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Jesus who is merciful,
whether we are unable or unwilling,
too often our confession is reluctant.**

Pride motivates more than love.

Fear guides more than trust.

**We pray for your forgiveness and a welcome at your table,
that we might receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
Restore us, Lord, we pray. 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 all children 2nd grade and younger are dismissed for Sunday School)

*Hymn #171 ST. COLUMBA
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading: Exodus 17: 1 - 7 page 79

Anthem "Remember Me"

Sermon "Thirst"

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.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator God, we are amazed at your holy and diverse creation. You made us in your image and offered us every good gift in the garden, yet we took for ourselves forbidden fruit, thinking we could be like you. In so doing, we rejected your intentions for us, a human sin that we still can't shake. Prophets came through the ages to help us mend our ways. And still we fought and denied your will for us to love one another. Jesus came and finally showed us how to truly love. He sat with sinners and tax collectors, reached out to touch those who were ill, he lifted others from their deathbed, and, even with his dying breath, promised rest to a thief on the cross. Gracious God, you gave us your Son. He died and rose again on the third day so that we might have life everlasting. United with Christians past and present, around the world, we proclaim:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The grains have been harvested and the bread has been baked. The grapes have been collected from the vine and the juice has been pressed. They come together on this table for a holy purpose. Holy Spirit come, breathe your blessings on these elements of bread and juice. Bring us to the table with Christ. Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Hear us as we 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

Words of Institution
Communion of the People

The Week Ahead

TODAY

11:00 Worship
12:30 Handbell practice
5:30 PYC

MONDAY

10:00 – 1:00 APS Office Hours
3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours

TUESDAY

10:00 Bulletin Deadline
3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
Shoney's
10:30 Preschool Chapel
11:00 – 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study
3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours
1:30 Comfort Outreach
Greenbrier Manor
3:00 – 5:00 Logos
6:00 p.m. Committee Night

THURSDAY

8:00 – 10:00 Wild Bean Office Hours
1:00 Presbyterian Women's Council
3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Moms' Café

SUNDAY, October 8

9:45 Refreshments- Activity Room
10:00 Sunday School for All Ages
10:00 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
Congregational Meeting

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of the 25 years of U.S. Army service and the retirement of Michael R. Nichols by Frank and Sharon White.