

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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*Hymn #260 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

*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

Today’s **prayer of confession** is adapted from a prayer written by John Calvin

Notes from **the Reformation Affirmation of Faith**

This litany was compiled by Susan Carter Wiggins. It is reprinted with permission of the Presbyterian Outlook (pres-outlook.org).

¹The Nicene Creed ²The Apostles’ Creed, 2.3 ³The Scots Confession, 3.01

⁴The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001 ⁵The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.029.

⁶The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.039 ⁷The Shorter Catechism, 7.001.

⁸The Larger Catechism, 7.117 ⁹The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.26.

¹⁰The Confession of 1967, 9.32 ¹¹The Confession of Belhar, 10.3.

¹²A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.5, 11.6.

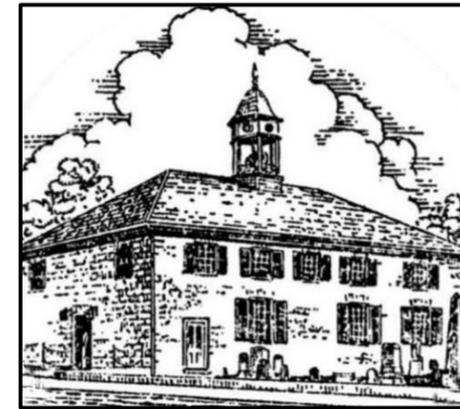
The View from the Organ Bench, by Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards

1st Thes. 2:13 says to thank God continually and this verse stresses the importance of the word of God: “...the Word of God is at work in you who believe...”. It also speaks of becoming a part of the kingdom of God. The Prelude is “Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast” by the composer Rolf Unkel (1912-1990). The children will come down to “For the Beauty of the Earth” (Hymn Tune: *Dix*), my favorite hymn of thanksgiving. The Postlude is “Not Alone for Mighty Empire” (hymn tune: *Geneva*). This hymn, found in the old red hymnal is listed under the hymn category of *The Kingdom of God on Earth: The Nation*. It is also listed in the Topical Index as a hymn of brotherhood. Most of the text is a hymn thanking God for our nation. Although this text was written in 1909, it is striking how relevant the words of verse 4 are for our country today:

God of justice, save the people from the clash of race and creed
From the strife of class and faction, make our nation free indeed.

Matthew 22:34-36 speaks of the two greatest commandments, one of which is “...love thy neighbor as thyself...”. Music for the time of reflection is the contemporary hymn tune “Christian Women, Christian Men” (hymn tune: *Huntsville*) found on page 348 in our hymnal. It asks us “Do our hearts love our neighbors as ourselves, serving God above?”

And finally, noting this is Stewardship Sunday. The Offertory is “Lord, We Come Before Thee Now” by the composer Thomas Canning (1911-1989). Let us come before our Lord ready to serve him and our church with our time and talents.



Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

October 29, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Striking of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

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

Minute for Stewardship

Mary Adeline Bicksler and Marley Kesterson

Introit

“We Worship Thee, Almighty God”

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**Almighty God, your Son has shown us how to love one another.
May our love for you overflow into joyous service and be a healing
witness to our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn #457 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

TOULON

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Almighty God, we have not been able to keep a firm footing in the
way of justice and righteousness. Forgive us. Keep us from doing
harm, help us abstain from sinful deeds, and by your grace guide us
in doing 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 and
complete 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.**

Anthem "Yes, My Jesus Loves Me" Adult Choir and Logos Choir

Anthem "Give Thanks" Logos Choir

Time with the Young Church
(afterwards all children 2nd grade and younger are dismissed for Sunday School)

*Hymn #359 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" MORE LOVE TO THEE

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Page 248

Gospel Reading Matthew 22: 34 – 46 Page 30

Sermon "The Question"

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

*Affirmation of Faith, in honor of Reformation Sunday

One: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,¹ the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.²

All: **We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust.**³

One: We believe that, we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.⁴

All: **We believe that, all things are governed by the Providence of God.⁵ We believe that, the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.**⁶

One: We believe that, the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.⁷

All: **We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible,**

everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.⁸

One: The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.⁹

All: **We believe that, the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.¹⁰ We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world.**

One: We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ. Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.¹¹

All: **With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**¹²

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.**

Welcome of New Members

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Youth Lay Reader: Sarah Allan Straight
Nursery Assistant: Fielding Foster
Acolyte: Lilly Speilman

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Kate Wilson Fife's birthday on October 24. We, the entire Wilson family, extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire congregation for surrounding us with support and prayers in these recent months.

The Week Ahead

TODAY

Noon Elder Training
12:30 Handbell practice
3:00-4:00 Halloween Party

MONDAY

10:00-1:00, 3:00-5:00 APS Office Hours

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Presbyterian Men at Shoney's
10:30 Preschool Chapel
11:00-12:00 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30 Comfort Outreach
3:00-5:00 APS Office Hours
3:00-5:00 Logos

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

8:00-Noon Mom's Café

SUNDAY, November 5

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