

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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Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, O God, who hears 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

Prayer after Communion

Spirit of life, thank you for meeting us here; thank you for providing all that we need. Use the gifts we have received to give us strength, to fill us with courage, and to set us our hearts on fire to share your good news. Amen.

*Hymn #286 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" SINE NOMINEE

*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.

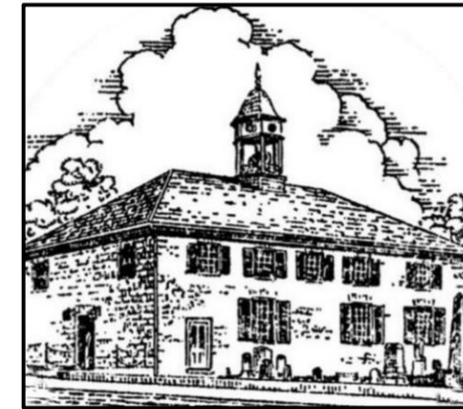
Recessional

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Sound Technician: Norman Ahern
Youth Lay Reader: Lauren Rodgers
Nursery Assistant: Suzanne Bicksler
Acolyte: Ashley Meadows

Next Sunday we will be led in worship by the Davis & Elkins College choir.
The president of D&E, The Rev. Chris A. Wood will be our guest preacher.
Founded in 1901 as a Presbyterian institution of higher learning,
D&E continues to be related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
It will be a joyful-not-to-be-missed-day!



Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

November 5, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.
The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
(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 "We Worship Thee, Almighty God"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

God of Mercy and faith, you sent us the true Messiah. He teaches us the ways of righteousness, brings us into your presence, and nourishes us by Word and sacrament. May we be led by your Holy Spirit to believe and follow your way, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Hymn #555 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love.

We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do,

but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.

We do not forgive when we ought to forgive.

We turn away when we ought to welcome.

Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, 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.**

Minute for Stewardship Chuck Lewis

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

*Hymn #526 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINEE

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Revelation 7: 9 - 17 page 303

Anthem "Room at the Table" Tim Holbrook, soloist

Gospel Reading Matthew 23: 1 - 12 page 31

Sermon "Service which leads to Trust"

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 "The Publican" Tim Holbrook, Soloist

*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.

All thanks and praise be to you, most holy God, giver of all life. You made us for companionship and shaped us for love; you gave us your good earth and taught us to care; you established your law that we might learn justice and give you honor with our lives. We forgot how to love; we ceased to give care and failed to abide by your life-giving law. You sent us prophets to call us back to you and, when that was not enough, you came— Word-made-flesh, your very being— and overwhelmed us with love.

We call to mind all those who have died, the saints of the church and the saints of our lives; those who taught us the faith, those who lived your mercy, those who embodied your passion for justice, and those whom we loved who have now been welcomed into your presence. Today, we name before you those who have died in the past year, Keith Bashen and Sonny Bennett. And, we place before you these names:

(in the silence you are invited to speak the names of those close to your own hearts whose deaths you grieve)

In Jesus you blessed us as never before. Thank you for the ways he taught us in word and deed: he fed us in homes and on hillsides; he healed us in body, mind, and soul and showed us that true greatness is in humility and true power in weakness. When the world did its worst, we took on our death that we might be clothed in light and life.

Raised to new life, still bearing the scars, Jesus promised us an Advocate and Guide. Thank you for the Spirit at work in us and among us, who strengthens and sustains, challenges and prods, gives us life and surprises us with signs of your unending grace. Pour out your Holy Spirit now upon this bread and this juice. Anoint us that we might be one with him and one another. With thanksgiving, we offer ourselves to you now, Holy Three in One— our bodies to do your work and our voices to sing your praise— grateful, even now, that when this earthly life is ended you will welcome us home, where we will live in eternal joy with you and all

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 Training
6:00 Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Preschool Chapel
11:00 – 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study
1:00 Afternoon Circle meet in Activity Room
3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours
3:00 – 5:00 Logos
7:00 Evening Circle meet in Hayes Room

THURSDAY

8:00 – 10:00 Wild Bean Office Hours
3:00 – 5:00 STAIR Training

SUNDAY, November 12

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Megan Lewis and Brian Kirkham's wedding on Nov. 4, 2017 by Ben and Pam Lewis and Frank and Terri Kirkham.

The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Coffee House Social Night for Davis Stuart on Saturday, November 18th. Please contact Grace Coffindaffer, 304-661-3362 or Amy Brown, 304-676-1468 if you wish to attend or donate hot beverages and/or baked goods.