

## 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.

## Old Stone Presbyterian Church Staff

Anna Pinckney Straight ~ Pastor  
Debbie Reed ~ Church Secretary and Financial Secretary  
Amy Kesterson ~ Program Coordinator  
Doris Ann Taylor ~ Director of Music  
Richard Tincher ~ Sexton  
Pat Boisvert ~ Old Stone Presbyterian Pre-School  
Doris Ann Taylor, Linda Walls, and Bridgett Edwards ~ Organists  
Ves Burford ~ Director of Hand Bells  
Corrainea Kaebisch ~ Nursery Attendant

### The Session

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Jacqueline Bennett	Doug Bicksler	Carol Bland
John Hofmann	Ellsworth Buck	Townley Hamilton
Glenn Lehman	Sharon H. Rowe	Sandra Hofmann
Ben Lewis	Michael Meadows	Cam Huffman
Chuck Lewis	Kaye Rodgers	Andy Kelso
Chuck Plumley	Nancy Smallenberger	Molly McMillion

### Session Committees

Care (Jackie Bennett), Christian Education (Townley Hamilton), Fellowship (Ben Lewis), Growth (Sandi Hofmann), Outreach (Molly McMillion), Personnel (Ellsworth Buck), Plans (Sharon Rowe), Property (Chuck Plumley), Stewardship (Doug Bicksler), Worship (Glenn Lehman)

### Trustees

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Ronald B. Snyder	Thomas Greenstreet	James Rowe
Philip McLaughlin	Robert Perkins	

Sunday School Superintendent ~ Ben Lewis

### Presbyterian Women

Co-Moderators ~ Amy Brown and Lynn Weikle  
Treasurer ~ Betty Dempsey  
Secretary ~ Sue Rock  
Historian ~ Merle Shank



## Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

December 17, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

Third Sunday of Advent

(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 Mission, Angel Tree

Introit "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting *Dawn, Cam, and Carter Huffman*

Prayer in Response (unison)

**Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you, now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, who lives in power with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Let us Walk in the Light of the Lord!**

\*Hymn #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYDRYDOL

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You send your Spirit to release us, yet we remain captivated by sin. You stand among us in Christ Jesus, yet we claim we do not know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Make us holy; make us whole. Keep us safe and sound until the day of your coming; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*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

Old Stone Presbyterian Church  
644 Church Street  
Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901  
304.645.2676  
www.oldstonechurchwv.com

\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger are dismissed for Sunday School)*

\*Hymn #13

“Prepare the Way”

EREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

page 846

Anthem

“Song of Emmanuel”

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28

page 111

Sermon

“Are You Ready?”

Musical Interlude

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

From a Declaration of Faith, 1977

**God sent the promised Deliverer to his people. Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God’s kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.**

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

**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

“Born in the Night”

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 #6

“Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending”

HELMSLEY

\*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you**

\*Benediction Response

Angels from the Realms of Glory, Verse 3

**Sages leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;**

**Seek the great desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star:**

**Come and worship, come and worship, Christ the King is on his way!**

Postlude

\* All who are able, please stand

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight

Organist: Linda Walls

Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor

Sound Technician: Norman Ahern

Youth Lay Reader: Mary Adeline Bicksler

Nursery Assistant: Suzanne Bicksler

Acolyte: John Bicksler

Greeters: Lynn & Rodney Weikle

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Oretha Franke by Richard Franke and family.

Hymn #592

**The Week Ahead**

**TODAY, Sunday December 17**

11:00 Worship

Noon Fellowship Time hosted by Pam and Ben Lewis

12:30 Handbell practice

5:00 PYC Christmas Party at the Taylor’s home

**TUESDAY**

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 Deadline for January Newsletter

10:00 Preschool Program

11:00 – 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study

3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours

3:00 – 5:00 Logos

**THURSDAY**

8:00 – 10:00 No Wild Bean Office Hours

3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

**FRIDAY**

Church Office Closed

**SUNDAY, December 24**

9:45 Refreshments- Activity Room

10:00 Sunday School for All Ages

10:00 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 Worship

7:30 Candlelight Service

**December 25 – December 27**

Church Office Closed