

## 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.

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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### *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die.  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

### *"Away in a Manger"*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

### *"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

### *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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*The River of time sweeps on,  
but there, like a tree planted by the water,  
is our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*He became human, willing to plant himself by the river of time.  
If you feel yourself drifting down the rapids,  
lay hold of the tree;  
if you are caught up in the love of the world, hold on to Christ.  
He for your sake entered into time, but he did not cease to be eternal.*

~St. Augustine



## Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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

December 24, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Christmas Eve  
(also broadcast over WRON ~ 1400 AM or 103.1 FM)

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Striking of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship  
*(Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor)*

Introit "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Lighting the Advent and Christ Candles *Molly and Lilly Spielman*

Prayer in Response (unison)

**Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Let us Walk in the Light of the Lord!**

\*Hymn #44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You offer us a place in your house, yet we find no room for you in our lives. You invite us into your eternal realm, yet we fail to welcome others. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your word of life be with us so that we may truly believe that nothing is impossible with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: "Waiting for Bethlehem's Light" Ves Buford, Recorder

Meditation "What's Next?"

First Lesson: John's Prologue Ryan Meadows

Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Second Lesson: John the Baptist Fielding Foster

Hymn "Away in a Manger" CRADLE SONG

Third Lesson: Jesus is Born Beverly Kucera,  
Emily Plybon, and Paige Totten  
*Children bring forward Mary, Joseph, Jesus and the donkeys*

Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night" STILLE NACHT

Fourth Lesson: Shepherds John Bicksler, Nixon Brown,  
and Ashley Meadows  
*Children bring forward shepherds, sheep, and angels*

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

Fifth Lesson: Wise Men Lawson Hamilton  
and Sarah Allan Straight  
*Children bring forward Wise Men and camels*

Anthem "We Three Kings, of Orient Are"  
Fielding Foster, Lawson Hamilton, Braham Kesterson, and Ryan Meadows

Sixth Lesson And Then... Cora Kesterson  
and Lauren Rodgers

\*Hymn #41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

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.**

Reception of New Members

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 #40 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

\*Benediction  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you**

\*Benediction Response "Joy to the World," verse 1  
**Joy to the world, the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

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: Lawson Hamilton  
Nursery Assistant: Andrew McLaughlin  
Acolyte: Nixon Brown

**The Week Ahead**

**TODAY, Sunday December 24**

11:00 Worship  
12:30 Handbell practice  
7:30 Candlelight Service

**December 25 – December 27**

Church Office Closed

**SUNDAY, December 31**

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 in memory of Charlotte and Samuel Lyle MacCorkle by Lyn MacCorkle.