

## 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 our normal Sunday morning 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.

## 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! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

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.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

## Joy to the world!

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.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love.

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*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

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

December 24, 2017 ~ 7:30 P.M.

Christmas Eve

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Striking of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome

"Hush," Lucinda Hynett

\*Call to Worship

A child has been born for us,  
**a son given to us;**

authority rests upon his shoulder, and he is named:

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn #9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

Lighting the Advent and Christ Candles *Hayes, Macie, Molly, and Zach Hileman*

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!**

Meditation

"Starting at the Beginning"

*Anna Pinckney Straight*

\*Hymn #41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

The First Lesson Genesis 3: 8 – 13, 22 – 24  
Adam & Eve are sent from the Garden of Eden  
"Conversion," Marci Johnson

Hymn #38 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" CAROL

The Second Lesson Genesis 17: 1 – 5, 15 - 16  
God makes a covenant with Abram & Sarai  
"Creatures of Time," Reinhold Niebuhr

Hymn #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

The Third Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7  
The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior  
"You Who Bear the Light," Jan Richardson

Hymn #37 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

The Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11: 1 – 9  
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown  
"Emmanuel," Lisa Wells Isenhower

Anthem "Silent Night, Holy Night" Arr. Pinkston

The Fifth Lesson Micah 5: 2 – 5a  
The future of the little town of Bethlehem is foretold  
"The Mystery of the Incarnation," Denise Levertov

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

The Sixth Lesson Luke 1: 26 - 38  
The angel Gabriel visits Mary  
"Annunciation," Elizabeth Rooney

Hymn #48 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN' ROS'

The Seventh Lesson Luke 2: 1 – 7  
Luke tells of the birth of Jesus  
"Mary, at the Nativity," Tania Runyan

Hymn #27 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

The Eighth Lesson Luke 2: 8 – 20  
The shepherds go to the manger  
"Annunciation to the Shepherds," Lynn Ungar

Hymn #31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

The Ninth Lesson John 1: 1 – 14  
John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation  
"He Comes to Us..." Albert Schweitzer

Anthem "Cantique de Noel"  
Renee Fife-Ahern, soloist

Invitation to The Offering

Offertory "Bethlehem Light"  
Tonight's loose offering will go to Davis-Stuart.  
More information about Davis-Stuart is in the announcements.

Prayers of the people, concluding with 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.**

The Candlelight Service  
(The ushers will light the candle of the person at the end of the pew.  
Please share the light of your candle with your neighbor)

\*Hymns (on back) "Silent Night, Holy Night" STILLE NACHT  
"Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

\*Benediction

Postlude  
\* All who are able, please stand

*From this house to your home,  
we wish you a most joyous and blessed holiday.  
If you do not already have a family of faith,  
we invite you to join us.*

*Worship is each Sunday at 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School for adults and children begins at 10:00*

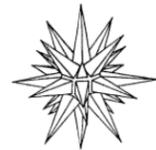
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or email [apstraight@oldstonechurchwv.com](mailto:apstraight@oldstonechurchwv.com)*



### Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight  
Organist: Bridgett Edwards  
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor  
Sound Technician: Al Petrie

Tonight's loose offering will be given to **Davis Stuart**, an organization in Lewisburg that provides therapeutic residential care for youth aged 12 to 19. From their website: "Our goal is to reunify the young person with his or her family when possible, or to give them the life skills necessary to enter into independence. In showing the Spirit of Christ, Davis Stuart is committed to helping children and their families find the spiritual, physical, and emotional wholeness for which they have been created." <http://www.davis-stuart.org/>



### Star Song

by Elizabeth Rooney

There had been stars  
Year after desert year,  
A cold light  
And a distant  
For stars are never near.

Until the light  
That lighted all the world  
Consented to be born.

The night He came  
The stars swung low  
And sang  
As morning stars had sung  
Creation's morn.

So sing we now.  
Star-crossed,  
We sing the bright  
And morning star  
Shining among us,  
Banishing our night.