

Old Stone Presbyterian Church

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



December 31, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The First Sunday After Christmas

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

Striking of the Chimes

Prelude "Meditation on *Lo, How a Rose*" arr. by Eric Lewis (b. 1973)

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

Introit "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives. Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn #28 "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. You reveal your saving love, but we hide your love from others. You claim us as your children, but we do not claim you as our God. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your will be done in our lives so that we may live in peace according to your word; 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.**

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

*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

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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*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 2nd grade and younger are dismissed for Sunday School)

*Hymn #53 "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3 page 846

Anthem "Gesù Bambino"
Stephanie Bachman and Renee Fife-Ahern

Gospel Reading Luke 2: 22 - 40 page 71

Sermon "When the Wait is Over"

Musical Interlude "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"
Renee Fife-Ahern
(you are invited to use this time for prayer and personal reflection)

*Affirmation of Faith 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. 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 "The Light of Christmas"
Stephanie Bachman and Renee Fife-Ahern

*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.**

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 #56 "The First Nowell" THE FIRST NOWELL

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

*Benediction Response "The First Nowell," refrain
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel!**

Postlude "Swiss Noel, with Variations" Louis C. Daquin (1694-1772)

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight
Organist: Bridgett Edwards
Director of Music: Doris Ann Taylor
Sound Technician: Al Petrie
Youth Lay Reader: Fielding Foster
Nursery Assistant: Lawson Hamilton
Acolyte: Ashley Meadows

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of Dena and Gary Williams for their dedicated and generous support of the Old Stone Music Department.

The Week Ahead

TODAY, Sunday December 31

11:00 Worship
12:30 Handbell practice

MONDAY Church office closed

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Men's Breakfast at Shoney's
10:00 Pre-School Chapel
2:00 Comfort Outreach at Greenbrier Manor
3:00 – 5:00 APS Office Hours
3:00 – 5:00 Logos
6:00 Committee Night

THURSDAY

12:30 Presbyterian Women's Council
3:00 – 5:00 STAIR

FRIDAY

8:00-Noon Mom's Cafe

SUNDAY, January 7

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