

The Old Stone Church

October 23, 2022 Installation of The Reverend Stephen C. Blonder Adams As the Thirteenth Senior Pastor Of Old Stone Church-First Presbyterian Cleveland, Ohio

4 PM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Now We Pray Unto Thee Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Calling Pavane from Rhythmic Suite God of Glory

Dietrich Buxtehude J. S. Bach Robert Elmore Paul Manz Dr. Elizabeth Buchanan

WELCOME

INTROIT

Louez Le Seigneur

A Cameroon Processional

Louez le Seigneur! Louez son saint nom. Alleluia! Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling. Rev. Francis P. Miller II

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Rev. Francis P. Miller II

HYMN TO JOY

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN

God, We Welcome Our New Pastor

God, we welcome our new pastor on this celebration day. As we move into the future, you have called us here to pray. Give him joy in humbly serving, give him strength when times are tough. Make him wise when life's uncertain; fill him with your gift of love.

As we dream new dreams together, may we know the strength of prayer; Let us pray for one another and the ministry we share. Give us ears to really listen; make us quick to answer, "Yes!" May we leave the window open for new ways you build and bless.

We'll be careful what we pray for! Answered prayers can bring surprise. When we pray that we might grow more, you reach out to change our lives. When we pray for new direction, you give work—and strength to dare! When we ask for your protection, you place others in our care.

God, the times are ever changing, may we turn to you again. May we start our days with praying, may we end them with "Amen!" At our pastor's installation, there's so much to do and say. May we as a congregation keep this promise: We will Pray!

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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through him.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, vou have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. (moment of silent confession)

KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Lead a life worthy of your calling with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Alleluia and Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

* GLORIA #581

Glory be to the Father

GREATOREX

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, Amen.

Hearing loop installed. Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Rev. Francis P. Miller II

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with You for the world You so deeply love. Amen.

THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture

Micah 6:8 (The Inclusive Bible)

Listen here, mortal:

God has already made abundantly clear

what "good" is, and what YHWH needs from you:

simply do justice,

love kindness,

and humbly walk with your God

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:12-17 (The Inclusive Bible)

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another–forgive in the same way God has forgiven you.

Above all else, put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect.

Let Christ's peace reign in your hearts since, as members of one body, you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness.

Let the Word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. Instruct and admonish one another wisely.

Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns and songs of the Spirit. And whatever you do, whether in speech or in action,

do it in the name of Jesus our Savior, giving thanks to God through Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Rev. Peter Faass

ANTHEM

Robert Ray

I will sing God's mercy every day, every hour He gives me power.

I will sing and give thanks to Thee. For all the dangers, toils, and snares that He has brought me out. He is my God, and I'll serve Him no matter what the test.

Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out.

He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in times of storm,

and I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.

One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed.

He never failed me yet.

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34 (The Inclusive Bible) **Rev. Peter Faass**

One of the religious scholars who had listened to them debating and had observed how well Jesus had answered them, now came up and put a question to him:

"Which is the foremost of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "This is the foremost: 'Hear, O Israel,

God, our God, is one. You must love the Most High God

with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'You must love you

The second is this: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

The scholar said to Jesus, "Well spoken, Teacher! What you have said is true:

the Most High is one and there is no other.

To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength,

and to love your neighbor as yourself-

this is far more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice."

Jesus, seeing how wisely this scholar had spoken, said,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And after that no one dared to question Jesus anymore.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jessie L. MacMillian

"Loving God, Loving Neighbor"

* HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt. MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

INSTALLATION OF THE SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Matthew B. Reeves

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them. There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served. God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished. To each is given a gift of the Spirit

to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

The Presbytery of the Western Reserve, by means of this commission, welcomes The Reverend Stephen Clarke Blonder Adams as a minister of Word and Sacrament and installs him as Senior Pastor of Old Stone Church-First Presbyterian.

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

l do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, he resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise.

We praise you for leading your people Israel through the waters of the sea, out of bondage and into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection you set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for pouring out your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you have claimed us in our baptism and anointed us for service in Christ's name, and that by your grace we are born anew.

By your Holy Spirit renew us,

that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Stephen, in baptism,

you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world.

Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name.

Susan Vlcek

In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit,

the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ

in the Church universal,

and God's Word to you?

l do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture,

and be continually guided by our Confessions? I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity,

and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry,

working with them,

subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? I will.

Will you in your own life

seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ,

love your neighbors,

and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity,

and purity of the church?

'l do.'

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people

with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? I will.

Will you be a faithful minister of Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news,

teaching faith and caring for people?

Will you be active in government and discipline,

serving in the councils of the church;

and in your ministry will you try to show

the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Do we, the members of the church, accept Stephen as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? We do.

Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys?

We do.

Will we listen to the word he preaches, Welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? We will.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Rev. Dr. Matthew B. Reeves

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise.

Throughout the ages and in every place you have chosen servants from among your people to point the way to salvation by your grace.

We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who followed without fear, placing their trust in you alone for judges and monarchs who ruled in righteousness and peace; for prophets and apostles who spoke your bold words of mercy and of truth; for leaders and teachers in every age who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.

Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free. Anointed by your Holy Spirit, he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said and did. Gracious God,

we give you thanks for your servant Stephen as he continues in the ministry to which you have called him. Help him to rely on the gifts of your Spirit and to follow Christ faithfully in this calling. Give him a spirit of truthfulness That he may proclaim your Word in Christ from pulpit, table, and font, and in the words and actions of daily living.

By the gifts of your Holy Spirit empower him to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to all your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.

Gracious God,

pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church, that we may be for you a holy people baptized to serve you in the world.

Sustain your church in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.

Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Stephen, you are now a minister of Word and Sacrament, in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation.

Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

Amen.

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY INSTALLED

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION (1 Peter 4:8-11)

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Our wealth allows us the joyous opportunity to invest in ways that will make a difference in the lives of others. In the church, we are committed to sharing our faith and the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

OFFERTORY

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

At This Table words and music by Jonas Myrin and Idina Menzel

At this table, everyone is welcome. At this table, everyone is seen. At this table, everybody matters; no one falls between. At this table, you can say whatever. At this table, you can speak your mind. At this table, everything's forgiven. There's enough for everyone.

So, come as you are. Remember that the door is always open. Yes, come as you are. The perfect gift that you can bring is your heart. So, come, come as you are.

At this table, there will be no judgment. At this table, mercy has a seat. At this table, we're all sons and daughters. There's no place I'd rather be.

So, come, as you are. Remember that the door is always open. Come, as you are. The perfect gift that you can bring is your heart. Come, come as you are. Come as you are. Oh.

At this table, everyone is welcome. At this table, everybody cares. At this table, everybody matters. So, come, you're welcome here.

* DOXOLOGY #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Dr. Robert Heath

Judith Mitchell

Let us pray:

We are grateful to you, O God, for the faith we have inherited. We give thanks for the courage and faithfulness of ancestors who suffered for the gospel that we might know your love. We join with them in putting our trust in you. May we match their generosity and self-discipline, seeking above all else to know your will and do it. To that end, we dedicate our offerings. Amen

OFFERTORY RESPONSE All Things Come of Thee Herbert C. Peabody

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen. * HYMN #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL







find the prom-ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning; more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

We have a holy calling from God, to be lived each day. Let us serve faithfully, trusting in God's grace.

We have received the promise of life in Christ Jesus.

We want to live with joy and a clear conscience.

God's hands of blessing rest upon each one of us.

The gifts of God are rekindled within and among us.

We are not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We will share the good news, relying on God's power.

Your faith, however small, holds powerful potential.

Your trust in God will grow as you employ it.

We will sing the praises of our God.

We will seek to know and follow God's commands.

* CHORAL RESPONSE	Sevenfold Amen	John Stainer
ORGAN POSTLUDE	Festive Trumpet Tune	David German

The offering today will support the work of the Committee on Ministry Emergency Support Fund and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. The Commission to Install

Rev. Dr. Matthew Reeves, Moderator, Presbytery of the Western Reserve/Christ Presbyterian Church Ms. Susan Vlcek, Vice-Moderator, Presbytery of the Western Reserve/Medina Presbyterian Church Ms. Judith Mitchell, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the Western Reserve/Christ United Church Rev. Francis P. Miller II, Pastor, Lyndhurst Community of Faith Church Ms. Laurie Moorman, Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of the Western Reserve/Lyndhurst Community of Faith Church Dr. Elizabeth Leigh Buchanan, Clerk of Session, Old Stone Church - First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland

Others Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Jessie L. MacMillan, Covenant Pastor, Church of the Covenant, Cleveland, OH. Rev. Peter Faass, Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Shaker Heights, OH Dr. Robert Thornton Heath, Chair, Pastor Nominating Committee, Old Stone Church - First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland

Members of the Pastor Nominating Committee

Dr. Robert Heath (Chair), Mary Mikula (Secretary), Ian Atwood, Willie Brown, Elizabeth Harris, Pete Maffia, Elie Medie, Chi Chi Nkermere, and Robert Reid



A special thank you is extended to all who have made this day possible;

The members of the PNC of the Old Stone Church for their hard work and dedication throughout the search process.

To those who planned, prepared and offered our meal today.

To the support and dedication of the Committee on Ministry,

the members of the Commission to Install and the Presbytery of the Western Reserve.

Guests who traveled from near and far.

And to the members of the Old Stone Church who continue to be a light on Public Square for the City of Cleveland.

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The Old Stone Singers

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Rayna Brooks, *alto* McKenna Jones, *alto* Emma Nossem, *alto* Frederick Peterbark, *tenor* Andrew J. Schoenhofer, t*enor*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass* Joseph K. Breslau, *bass* Seth Hobi, *bass*

lan Atwood, tenor

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