



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

AUGUST 21, 2022  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*O God Beyond All Praising*

*Gustav Holst*

*Arr. by Anna Laura Page*

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

*Be Joyful in the Lord*

Kendal L. Gunlicks

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands! And serve the Lord with gladness.  
Be joyful in the Lord all ye lands! Come before His presence with a song!

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Assemble before God, our rock and refuge.

Come together to listen for the voice of our Creator.

**The Word of God shakes the foundation of the earth.**

**We expect to be changed by God's message to us.**

God rescues us from cruelty and injustice.

In steadfast love, God delivers us from our enemies.

**We remember the rich heritage we have received.**

**We give thanks for God's grace and mercy.**

This is God's holy day, a time to lay aside narrow interests.

How will we honor God in word and deed?

**We will delight in the Word and works of our God.**

**We will join together in praise and good works.**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

We are known by you, gracious God, better than we know ourselves.  
You have given us life and you have renewed our spirits.  
You have carried us to the heights  
and you have dwelled with us in life's depths.  
You are our hope and our trust. Touch us here,  
for you are far beyond our reach.  
Dwell with us here to lift our aspirations and inspire confidence among us.  
Amen.

\* HYMN #35: *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

\* CALL TO CONFESSION Chi Chi Nkemere

How often do our habits and traditions get in the way of  
God's mercy and abounding love?  
Are we more eager to enforce the law than to help people?  
Are we full of excuses when we are called to serve?  
God is waiting for our answers.  
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,  
followed by time for personal silent confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We bow before you, powerful God.  
We have forgotten that you are in charge of the earth.  
We have neglected the brothers and sisters you have called us to love.  
We want them to conform to our way of doing things  
rather than reaching out to them where they are.  
We would rather ignore them than feel obligated to help.  
Sometimes we would rather continue our own crippled existence  
than call on you for help.  
O God, we need your mercy.

*(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

God forgives, heals, and redeems.  
Stand straight and tall in your own mind,  
for God reclaims you and grants you freedom to become all you are meant to be.  
God crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.  
God appoints you to speak and act as representatives of the heavenly realm,  
as prophets of the new covenant.

**Alleluia and Amen!**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

\* 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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Our gifts speak where we cannot go.  
They witness to people we will never meet.  
They praise God who has provided for us every day of our lives.  
Let us give thanks through our offerings.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision*

John Rutter

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.  
Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.  
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou my inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

\* 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.**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Chi Chi Nkemere

O God, we cannot forget all your benefits.  
Accept our offerings as expressions of praise and acts of true worship.  
We pour out our thanks for all you have given us and for all you do for us.  
We are grateful for the opportunities you grant us to help others.  
May healing come to all who suffer and freedom be granted  
to those weighed down and bent over with heavy burdens.  
Use us and our gifts to bring the changes for good that you intend for our world.  
Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

**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

[Isaiah 58:9b-14](#)

(Pg. 764 or LP Pg. 688)

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*The Lord Is My Light*  
*Cicely Schonberg, soloist*

*Frances Allitsen*

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation,  
Whom, then, shall I fear? Whom, then, shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life, The Lord is the strength of my life;  
Of whom then shall I be afraid?  
Though an host of men were laid against me, Yet shall not my heart be afraid;  
And though there rose up war against me. Yet will I put my trust in Him.  
For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle,  
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.  
The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation,  
Whom, then, shall I fear? Whom, then, shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life, The Lord is the strength of my life;  
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Gospel

[Luke 13:10-17](#)

(Pg. 78 or LP Pg. 76)

The Word of the Lord

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Crippling Ourselves”

\* HYMN #157

*I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

**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 #203

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

CHEREPONI

\* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

God promises to reign among us and guide us.

God's rule in our midst will not be shaken.

**We will approach God with reverence and awe.**

**We will worship God in our daily pursuits.**

God's freeing, uplifting presence is ever with us.

God's transforming power is working among us.

**We rejoice at the wonderful things that God is doing.**

**We are eager to join in good works for God.**

The word of God empowers us to speak and act.

God is sending us to people who need our help.

**We will not be afraid to speak of God's love.**

**We will dare to act as God directs.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.  
Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Prelude & Fugue in C-Major (The Little)*

J.S. Bach

# Y.I.M.B.Y.

(YES IN MY BACKYARD!)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 @North Presbyterian Church**

A day to focus on the **challenges** facing people experiencing homelessness

AND

Individuals and agencies that are offering **solutions.**

This event is for people experiencing homelessness now or in the past and....folks from all neighborhoods and congregations who have heard the Call to reach out to "the least of these"

- laypersons
- pastors
- community activists
- confirmation classes
- Presbyterian Women
- mission committees

North Presbyterian Church (LMM) 4515 Superior Avenue  
(parking across the street/disability parking by the main door)

**9:00 a.m to 1:15 p.m.**

**includes keynote speaker, interactive educational game,  
lunch and conversations**

Please register at [preswesres.org/yimby](https://preswesres.org/yimby)  
(including lunch preference) by September 6.

Masks are required.

**Ministry Advocating with Homeless Persons  
(A Network of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve)**

**MAHP**  


There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

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| Online Giving:<br><a href="http://oldstonechurch.org/giving/">oldstonechurch.org/giving/</a>      | Mobile Giving:<br>Text the keyword "oldstonecle" to 73256  |
| Mail to:<br>Old Stone Church<br>Attn: Financial Office<br>91 Public Square<br>Cleveland, OH 44113 | Checks should be made payable to "Old Stone Church." If you would like to designate your contribution to one of Old Stone's mission projects, please make a note on the memo line. |

All contributions are tax-deductible and will be appropriately acknowledged at year-end.

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Director of Music and Musical Arts: David C. Daugherty

### Old Stone Singers Quartet

*Cicely Schonberg, soprano*  
*Rayna Brooks, alto*

*Van Parker, tenor*  
*Dominic Aragon, bass*

### Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

Class of 2023  
Dorothy Baunach  
Kara Bane  
Willie Brown

Class of 2024  
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Robert Hubert Jr.  
Judy Macuga  
Harriet Niles  
Lee Ann Rader  
Marty Vassel  
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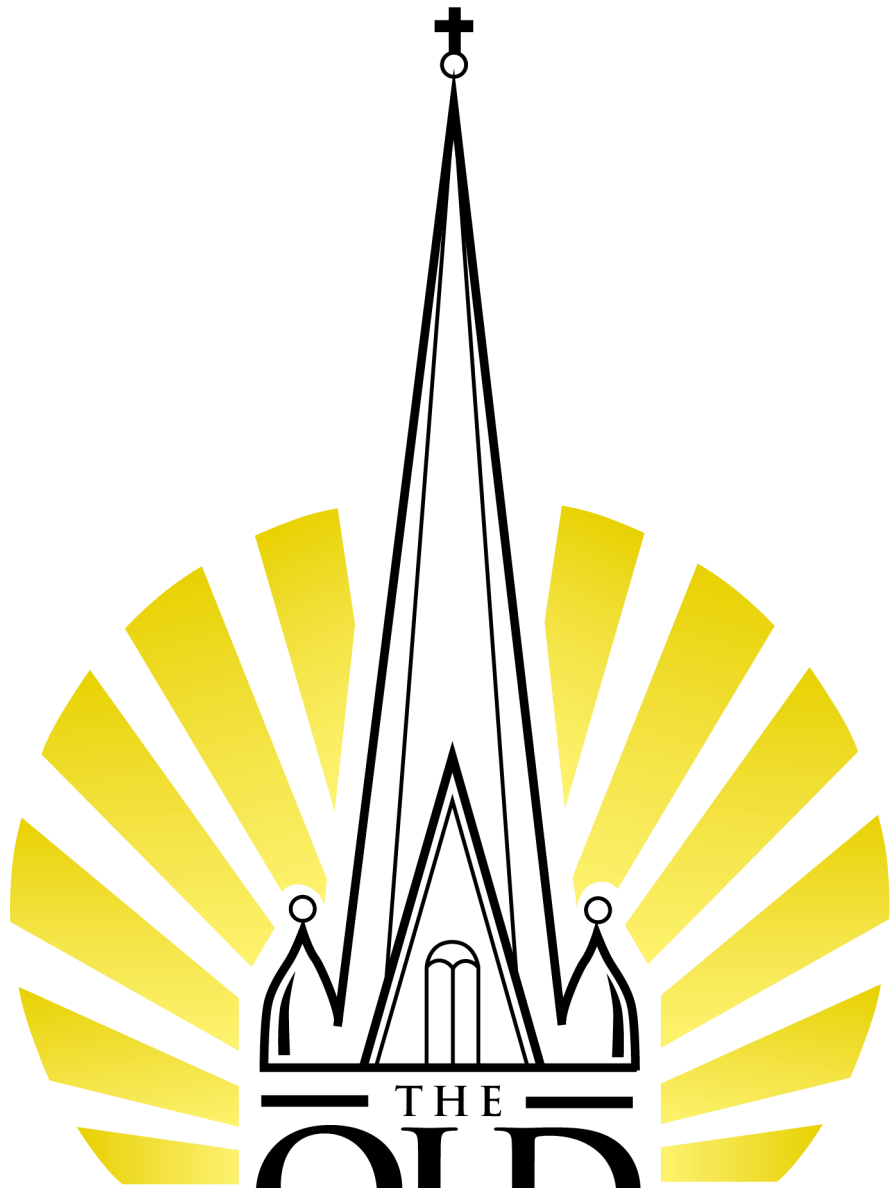
Class of 2025  
Janie Chambers  
Fred Heider  
Len Lybarger  
Bernard Medie  
Bob Reid

### Church Deacons:

Class of 2023  
Ian Atwood  
Jessica Atwood  
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