



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JANUARY 1, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT *Coventry Carol* arr. Martin Shaw

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully lullay!

O sisters too, how may we do, for to preserve this day
This poor youngling, for whom we do sing, by by lully lullay.

Herod the king, in his raging, Charged he hath this day ;
His men of might, in his own sight, All young children to slay.

That wo is me, Poor child for thee! And ever morn and say;
For thy parting, Nether say nor sing, By by lully lullay."

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you seen the star? Have you heard the good news?
God, who created all things, has come to earth.

We have heard of a baby born in Bethlehem.

We have seen evidence that God is with us.

Have you allowed God to reign in your life?

Have you laid your gifts before the Holy Child?

We have noticed the generous travelers from the east.

They inspire in us a willingness to share.

God's call to us is for justice, beyond generosity.

Are you ready for God's eternal purpose in Christ?

We have been afraid to trust God completely.

Yet we want to respond to God's dreams for us.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Arise upon us, holy God, and let your glory appear over us today.

Come in the brightness of your dawn

to bring light to all the nations of the earth.

Gather us together in such harmony

that we may discern your will for us and be led in your ways.

Fill us with that radiant joy that allows us to reflect your goodness.

Let all people praise you, O God. Let our praise resound through all the world. Amen.

* HYMN #827

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
3 What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we

God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
love is first and last, the end and the be - gin - ning!

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
He will one day, O glo - rious grace, trans - port us to that

you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
heaven - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
hap - py place be - yond all tears and sin - ning! A - men!

ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in
mer - cy warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For you
A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness! We are

bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
yearn - ing for the day of your re - turn - ing.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Melissa Maffia

Amid the oppression and violence all too evident in the world around us,
we are called to rid ourselves of resentment and hatred and misuse of power.
Aware of vast inequalities of opportunity and resources,
we are summoned to examine our roles in creating or eliminating injustice.
Let us confess our sin.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Just and righteous God,
we tremble before Your all-knowing awareness of us.
You have blessed us with abundance we have not counted
and riches we have not fully appreciated.
Our gratitude is found wanting before Your judgement.
Our attention to the needs of the poor and oppressed
is less than You desire.
Forgive us, God, for misplaced anger
and callous disregard of ways we trample others.
We seek redemption from oppression and violence
to embrace new life in Christ.

(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 in Christ delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
God forgives us when we are truly penitent
and know we have nowhere to turn but to the grace that Love provides.
We are the church to which God entrusts a rich variety of wisdom.
Let us together accept the gifts of God and make them known.
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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.

The riches of our land far surpass the resources of the visitors from the east who came to worship the infant Jesus.

As they opened their treasure chests, may we open our wallets and our lives in expressions of thanksgiving and commitment.

This offering is an expression of our priorities.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish Carol

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing,
nowells ringing, tidings bringing; Christ the babe is Lord of all;

Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new;
saw the glory, heard the story tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you; Christ the babe was born for you!

* 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 (*Please be seated.*)

Melissa Maffia

Let us pray:

We bring our wealth to praise you, God.

All the riches of our abundance you have provided.

The land has yielded prosperity for us

so that even the poorest among us have something to give.

Above all, we are thankful for your revelation in Jesus Christ
that gives us good news to share.

May this offering accomplish among us, and far beyond us,
the mission you give to each one of your people. 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

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

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV Updated Version)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Unto Us Is Born a Son

arr. David Willcocks

Unto us is born a son, King of choirs supernal:
See on earth his life begun, of lords the Lord eternal.
Christ, from heav'n descending low, comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know, be cradled in the manger.
This did Herod sore affray, and grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay, And slew the little childer.
Of his love and mercy mild Hear the Christmas story:
And o that Mary's gentle Child Might lead us up to glory!
O and A and A and O, Cantemus in choro,
Voice and organ, sing we so, Benedicamus Domino.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV Updated Version)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"Arise, shine; for your light has come!"

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)
D Bm A D G D A D G



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From
3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)
D A D G D A



love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis
Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed;" and
in - ward light the Lord con - veys and
pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)
Bm E7 A D G D Em



sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad
lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to
urg - es them, with ten - der might, to
not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)
A D A D G A D



ti - dings of our God to bring.
read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
seek the giv - er of the light.
guid - ance of your light to use.

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 #15

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. ‡



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the



Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,



and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

*** BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

To the least of God's saints, grace is given.

Thus we have received grace upon grace.

The boundless riches of Christ are ours to share.

Our faith in Christ gives us access to God.

Go forth in boldness and confidence.

God in Christ will meet your needs and give us voice.

How exciting it is to proclaim God's praise.

Our hearts thrill and rejoice, and we are radiant.

God's work of justice is our work.

God's peacemaking is our mandate.

We are servants of God's purpose.

We will follow the road of justice and peace.

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in E-Major

J. S. Bach



*“My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”
Psalm 73:26*



We continue to keep in our prayers:

Marie Evans, Earl Miller, Jill and Lee Morgenstein, Moises Ramos
We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Jean Anthony,
may her memory be a blessing.

Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.

News from Session

Special Called Congregational Meeting on January 15, 2023
to vote on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) slate.
This will be immediately after the worship service in the Sanctuary.

Annual Congregational Meeting on January 29, 2023
to elect elders and deacons.

The Installation and Ordination will follow immediately after the meeting is adjourned.



Epiphany House Blessing Bags

Please pick up your Epiphany House Blessing Bags
located at the Public Square and Old Stone Center Doors

Jan 2-Jan 15

Mon Jan 2 New Years/ Building and Offices Closed
Tue Jan 3 New Years/ Building and Offices Closed
Sun Jan 8 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Baptism of the Lord/Communion
Tue Jan 10 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting
Sun Jan 15 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Rev. Sharon Core Preaching
11:00am - 12:00pm Called Congregational Meeting/APNC

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The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*
Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*
Val Sibila, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*
Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*
Andrew J. Schoenhofer, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*
McKenna Jones, *alto*
Emma Nossem, *alto*

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

Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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