



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JANUARY 8, 2023

BAPTISM OF THE LORD WITH COMMUNION

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Berceuse

L. Vierne

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

Be Joyful in the Lord

Kendal L. Gunlicks

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice of power and majesty calls to us:
I am your God; I have called you in righteousness.
We are amazed that God knows us and calls us.
By God's breath and spirit, we received life.
God takes us by the hand and leads us.
In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.
Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed.
Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.
Worship with joy and give glory to God's name.
Listen for the new things God declares.
We remember that we have been baptized.
May we live as those with whom God is pleased.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, to dwell in us and among us.
Make us more than dimly burning wicks,
that we might share enough light to make a difference in your world.
Where there is injustice, help us as we work to change
the minds and hearts of those who benefit from it.
Show us again the new possibilities you have in mind for us.
May we reflect your peace amid the frantic busy pace of the marketplace.
Amen.

* HYMN #409

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Pete Maffia

As we remember today the baptism of Jesus,
we rejoice that we, too, have been baptized into the family of faith.
Our lives have been committed to the way of Jesus.
Yet, we have wandered from that way of life.
Confession allows us to turn around and rediscover the paths God intends for us.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified You.
God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice.
God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create
that keep others from seeing You.
All-inclusive God, we repent of our narrow vision
and our tendency to exclude.
Purge us of the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
(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

The prophets testify that all who believe in God's messenger
receive forgiveness of sin through His name.
We believe that Jesus is that beloved messenger,
with whom God is well pleased.
Through this One on whom God's spirit was poured out,
like a descending dove, we know ourselves to be beloved by God,
forgiven and freed from the bonds of sin.
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:

How can we share the message that God is impartial,
that justice and peace are God's intention for all humankind?
We combine our individual efforts through the church,
joining in programs, projects, and outreach that reflect God's light into the world.
Our gifts of gratitude are one way of sharing.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name,
make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia. Alleluia.

* 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*)

Pete Maffia

Let us pray:

We pray, O God, that our offerings delight you.
We bring them to encourage all who work for justice and peace on our behalf,
that they may not grow faint or be crushed by opposition.
May the oppressed find healing, the discouraged receive hope,
and those who are bound discover freedom, through and beyond our efforts.
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

Let us pray together:

**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

Epistle Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 (NRSV Updated Version)

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears God and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—Christ is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirits Tether

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather, In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV Updated Version)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

John would have prevented Jesus, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered John, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to Jesus and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"Remember Your Baptism"

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HOLY COMMUNION

* HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

* INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

We receive the bread and the fruit of the vine connected to the ages:
to the saint of old who felt unworthy,
to the seeker eager to know God,
to the teenager who wonders what it's all about,
to the child who eats with unburdened faith.

Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations.
There is great joy here.
No one is turned away for God is the host!

* HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

* PRAYER

God is in this place.
And in our hearts.

Open yourself to the nudging God.
We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Remember God made flesh.
Jesus, who taught us a new way.

(Allow silence to speak for a few moments.)

Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,
to taste the feast,
the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Time and time again you've offered your grace,
even as we have stepped away,
You continue to call us to be your people.

You have never left us.
We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.
You are ever-patient, always faithful.

We give thanks for this time of celebration.
For the One this meal remembers.
For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With those who have gone before us,
whose hands touched the bread,
whose lips embraced the cup,
We worship you.
We glorify you.

This is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Bless them and your people all around the world. As we eat of these common elements, unite our spirits in love for you, and our hearts in love for one another. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, the Sustainer.

* HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.

* THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:
Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melek ha'olam hamotzi lehem min ha'aretz.
Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who brings forth bread from the earth.

“This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat.”

And pouring the fruit of the vine into the cup, he blessed it saying:

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melek ha'olam borei p'ri hagafen.
Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who creates the fruit of the vine.

“This is my blood, spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

*** PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit, send power upon these gifts, your bread and your cup.
God of all, send your Spirit to this place
so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment,
may know your presence.

As we eat the bread and drink of the cup,
make us one with the saints,
and with our sisters, siblings and brothers in faith around the world.
Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.
Help us
To know you,
To be guided by the Holy Spirit, and to live Christ.
Now and forever.

*** PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray for all those in need of healing, comfort or strength,
whether it be of body, mind, or spirit. We pray for...

We pray 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**

*** CALL TO THE FEAST**

This is the feast prepared for you.
Come and share for all is ready.

Please hold onto the elements till all are served,
that we might partake of them together.

*** SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

The Body of Christ broken for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION**

**Creative, connecting God,
you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ;
From child-like faith, to youthful energy,
from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom.
We thank you for this time, this remembrance. Amen.**

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

The voice of power and majesty has spoken to us.
God gives strength and blesses us with peace.

Though we are bruised reeds, we will not break.

Our dimly burning wicks will not be quenched.

We face another week with renewed strength.

The light we received will continue to shine.

God has healed and forgiven us.

We believe God loves us and is pleased with us.

Let your lives testify to the goodness of God.

Ascribe to God glory and majesty and power.

We are witnesses from the baptized community.

God sends us out to embrace others in Christ's name.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lukin

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

J. Pachelbel



*“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:

Kim Bischel, the Brownfield Family, the Hubert Family, the Jack Moreland family
Chris Ronayne in his new role as County Executive

We pray for the repose of the soul of Fredrick Charles Hubert,
may his memory be a blessing.

We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

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 immediately after the worship service in the Sanctuary.

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



In Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Old Stone Church Building and Offices will be closed
Monday January 16, 2023

Jan 10-Jan 29

- Tue Jan 10 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting
- Thu Jan 12 7:00pm—9pm Choir Rehearsal
- Sun Jan 15 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Epiphany II/Rev. Sharon Core Preaching
11:00am - 12:00pm Called Congregational Meeting/APNC/Sanctuary
- Mon Jan 16 All Day/Martin Luther King Jr. Day/Building and Offices Closed
- Tue Jan 17 10:00am— 11:30am Staff Meeting
- Thu Jan 19 2:00pm-3:00pm Worship Committee/ ZOOM
7:00– 9:00pmFPS Directors Meeting
- Sun Jan 22 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Epiphany III
11:00am - 12:00pm Mission and Urban Wellness Meeting/ Hybrid/
Cuyahoga Room
- Mon Jan 23 6:30pm –8:00pm Stated Meeting of the PWR/ZOOM
- Tue Jan 24 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting
6:30pm—8:30pm Stated Session Meeting/ Hybrid/ Cuyahoga Room
- Thu Jan 26 7:00pm—9pm Choir Rehearsal
- Sun Jan 29 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Epiphany IV
11:00am –12:30pm Annual Meeting of Old Stone Church/Sanctuary
12:30pm –1:00pm Installation and Ordination/
Elected Elders and Deacons/Sanctuary

There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

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Mail to: Old Stone Church Attn: Financial Office 91 Public Square 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.

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Guest Organist: Jason Lorenzon

The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

McKenna Jones, *alto*

Emma Nossem, *alto*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Andrew J. Schoenhofer, *tenor*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Joseph K. Breslau, *bass*

Seth Hobi, *bass*

Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

Class of 2023

Dorothy Baunach

Kara Bane

Willie Brown

Class of 2024

Beth Buchanan

Robert Hubert Jr.

Judy Macuga

Harriet Niles

Lee Ann Rader

Marty Vassel

John Young

Class of 2025

Janie Chambers

Fred Heider

Bernard Medie

Bob Reid

Church Deacons:

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Jessica Atwood

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Pete Maffia

Mary Mikula

Michael Rolan

Penni Rolan

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