



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JANUARY 15, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## 10AM Sanctuary Worship

# WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE                      *Semplice from Three Short Hymn Settings*                      G. Bales

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT                      *O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord*                      Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name  
From early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim.  
His laws are just, and glad the heart: He makes His mercies known.  
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before His throne.

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you understood God's thoughts towards us?  
Have you listened to glad news of deliverance?

**We are here to receive God's message.**

**Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.**

Listen, all who are near and all who are far away;

God is calling us as servants and as saints.

**Usually we do not think of ourselves in that way.**

**We resist lowly roles, but we do not aspire to sainthood.**

Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being.

Neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

**We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks.**

**We are ready to be led into new responsibilities.**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

God, we wait for you to hear our cries.

We come from desperate situations and many moments of despair.

Then, when you call us together, we are challenged to be and to do more than we have already faced.

We have spent our strength. How can we do more?

Will you renew us here? At times, we feel that we have labored in vain.

Will you help us make sense out of our failures? Come with your saving help.

Amen.

\* HYMN #720

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALIEE

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



# \* CALL TO CONFESSION

Janet Lowder Kinkaid

The church of which we are a part has a long record of faithful worship and service.  
 Yet, it is easy to settle into routines and rituals that lose the urgency of the gospel.  
 We become complacent, and our focus narrows to our own immediate concerns.  
 Let us return to God for cleansing from our sin.  
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession, followed by time for personal silent confession.

# \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come back to You, O Holy One, to renew our commitment.  
 We confess that pride has led us to embrace false gods.  
 We spend more time with our hobbies than with Your cause.  
 We pay more attention to our toys than to Your truth.  
 Your law is no longer foremost in our hearts.  
 We have neglected the spiritual gifts entrusted to us.  
 We have forgotten that we have been named and baptized and commissioned for service.  
 O God, bring us back to Yourself.  
*(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

Hear the glad news of deliverance.  
 God's saving help is available to us.  
 God's mercy is sure.  
 We can leave our idols and reorder our priorities.  
 We are empowered by God's steadfast love and faithfulness to become all we are meant to be.  
 Sing a new song of praise to our God!

**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.

Remembering all we have spent for nothing and vanity,  
we now consider how to bring offerings worthy of God's saving grace.  
Nothing can compare to God's wondrous deeds and thoughts toward us.  
We can only respond with trust and joy and generosity.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small;  
Love, so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

\* 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.)*

Janet Lowder Kinkaid

Let us pray:

God, of the saints in every age and time,  
we are grateful for the privilege of being numbered among  
them as we invest our gifts from you.  
Because of your generosity, we have not lacked for anything we really need.  
Grant now that our words and deeds may follow our offering  
into loving service in your realm. 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 49:1-7 (NRSV Updated Version)

Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord  
and my reward with my God."  
And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Lamb of God*

F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer, Patient still and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer; Our sins by thee were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;  
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (NRSV Updated Version)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,  
called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been  
given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him,  
in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been  
strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the  
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end,  
so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful,  
by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Rev. Sharon K. Core  
General Presbyter,  
Presbytery of the Western Reserve

“Assumptions and Assurances”



1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you  
 2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as  
 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -  
 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -  
 mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with  
 tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it  
 let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.  
 all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.  
 give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.  
 on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 545)

## 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 #39

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 3/4. The score includes three verses of lyrics. The first system covers the first verse, the second system covers the second verse, the third system covers the third verse, and the fourth system covers the fourth verse. The lyrics are: 1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee. sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide, Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not. join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row: As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be. to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love. bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

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bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

\* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

We have found the Messiah, God's anointed one.

Let us follow where Jesus leads.

**We want to learn from Jesus how to live.**

**We are eager to be faithful disciples.**

Know that we can call on Jesus any time.

In every place we go, Christ is available to us.

**We give thanks for the grace of God in Christ.**

**By it, our knowledge and speech have been enriched.**

God remains steadfast and faithful.

We will be strengthened for all of life's journey.

**We put our trust in God for all time and eternity.**

**We will delight to do God's will.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sevenfold Amen*

Peter Lutkin

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Allegro Moderato from the Organ Concerto In C*

J.S. Bach

*"My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

*Psalms 73:26*



**We continue to keep in our prayers:**

Kim Bischel, James Castrigano and family, the Brownfield family, the Hood family,  
the Hubert family, the Jack Moreland family, Mary and Earl Rolan,

Chris Ronayne in his new role as County Executive  
and we pray for our country, our city, and our leaders.

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of George Hood,  
may his memory be a blessing.

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

### News from Session

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

**Special Called Congregational Meeting on January 29, 2023**  
To elect elders and deacons and the congregational nominating committee,  
immediately after the worship service in the Sanctuary.  
The Installation and Ordination will follow immediately after the meeting is adjourned.



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

#### Jan 16-Jan 29

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– 9:00pm FPS 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 Called Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary  
12:30pm –1:00pm Installation and Ordination/  
Elected Elders and Deacons/Sanctuary

There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

Online Giving: <a href="http://oldstonechurch.org/giving/">oldstonechurch.org/giving/</a>	Mobile Giving: Text the keyword <b>"oldstonecle"</b> to 73256
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.

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

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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

**Director of Music and Musical Arts:** David C. Daugherty

**Guest Organist:** Jason Lorenzon

## 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

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:

Class of 2023  
Ian Atwood  
Jessica Atwood  
Elizabeth Harris

Class of 2024  
Melissa Maffia  
Pete Maffia  
Mary Mikula  
Michael Rolan  
Penni Rolan  
Alyssa Niepokny

Class of 2025  
Scott Bailey  
Bernie Bischel  
Carol Hoagland  
Amy Wheeler  
John Wheeler