The Old Stone Church

JANUARY 15, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPHANPHY

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

1 Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult of our
2 Jesus calls us from the worship of the
3 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of
4 Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior,

life’s wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice
vain world’s golden store, from each idol 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, 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 wonderous deeds and thoughts toward us.
We can only respond with trust and joy and generosity.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY  

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  

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, 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 into this life you
2 Within the circle of the faith, as
3 In all the tensions of my life, be-
4 So help me in my unbelief and

called me by my name; today I come, com-
member of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spi-
let my life be true: feet firmly planted
mit myself, responding to your claim.
all the saints of future, present, past.
give me hope, sustain 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

Land of Rest (CM) (alternate harmonization, 545)

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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
Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 르 베 푸 시 며

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto 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.”

Psalm 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 Rolen, 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:**
oldstonechurch.org/giving/

**Mobile Giving:**
Text the keyword “oldstonecle” 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 Rolen
  - Penni Rolen
  - Alyssa Niepokny

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