



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Lead, Kindly Light

Dale Wood

WELCOME

Elizabeth Buchanan

INTROIT

Round Me Falls the Night

Adam Drese

Round me falls the night; Saviour, be my light;
Through the hours in darkness shrouded let me see Thy face unclouded;
Let Thy glory shine in this heart of mine.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God.
Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.
God's love surrounds us here today.
God calls us to be children of light.
We belong to the day when we have faith.
We live confidently in the hope of salvation.
We seek to be faithful to the best we know.
We want to invest the talents God gives us.
Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance.
Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.
We are here to build up one another.
May our worship encourage each of us today.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Fill us, gracious God, with a sense of your abiding presence.
Awaken our spirits to realities unseen.
Turn us from the dullness of our fear-filled grasping for security
and help us to live with trust in you.
Expand among us such mutual regard and encouragement
as will build up community and lead all of us to live in the light.
May faith and love dominate all our relationships
as we enter into the joy of serving in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

* HYMN #367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
 MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1858

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Natalie Ronayne

Sometimes we are the objects of scorn and contempt,
 but sometimes we are the ones at ease,
 filled with pride and thinking ourselves better than others.
 We cling to a false sense of peace and security amid injustice and oppression.
 The day of the Sovereign can surprise us like a thief in the night,
 and judgement is sure.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for silent personal confession.
 Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joseph Ronayne

We are reluctant to face your judgement, all-knowing God.
We know we have not fully invested the talents you have entrusted to us.
We hide them and hoard them, retreating into a false sense of security.
We live in the nighttime of self-protection
rather than in the light of full participation in loving, faithful service.
We seek to escape your wrath by shrinking from life
rather than investing ourselves in the tasks to which you call us.
Have mercy on us, O God.
We want to be children of the day—your day.
Help us!

(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

Audrey Ronayne

God has not destined us for wrath
but for obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ,
who offers us life in all its fullness.
Continue, then, to build up one another with encouragement and hope.
Look to God each day for mercy and assurance,
and be alert to hear God's commands.
Live as children of light.
Alleluia and Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Joseph Ronayne

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

Audrey Ronayne

Please be seated.
God asks us for an accounting
of what we have done with the wealth entrusted to us.
All that we have and all that we are belongs to God.
The climax of worship is an accounting of our stewardship.
What are we doing with our time, talent, and treasure?
It is not only what we offer to the church today
but what we offer to God every day that is under judgement here.
May we give with thankfulness.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps!

Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

* 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

Natalie Ronayne

Let us join our voices in prayer:

There is no escape from your judgment, O Spirit of Holiness,
but neither can we flee beyond your limitless love.
We offer an accounting of our stewardship
in and beyond the offering of this day.
Reshape our lives for joyous, responsive participation in work
that builds up the body of Christ.
Use what we offer here to bring encouragement and hope
to many who have lost a sense of meaning for their lives.
Bless us and our offerings.
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

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSVUE)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.

With God's help we are listening.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.”

And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

"Are You the One?"

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell



* THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES, 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

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

*** BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

As another week unfolds, continue to look up.

Dare to invest yourself for the sake of others.

God will go with us to uplift our spirits.

We will pass on to others the encouragement God gives.

Live as children of the day, children of light.

Keep awake, sober, and full of faith and love.

God's saving grace is a healing force among us.

God's trust in us helps us to trust others.

Listen for God's commendation and affirmation:

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

We will seek to be worthy of that award.

May God bless our worship and our service.

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "St. George's Windsor"

Jason D. Payne

*"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:

Nova and Tony Kordalski, Marlene Henne, Frank Macuga, Jean Cooke,
Susan Ball, Bernie Bischel, Shirley Daly, Karen Nestor, JoAnn Hood,
Louis Handler, Jenni Plants, Faith Battan

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.



The Harvest Table, which features an abundance of locally sourced Thanksgiving food items returns Today, Sunday, November 19th.
Special “thanks” to our Welcoming and Fellowship Committee for making this possible.



The FRONT STEPS Giving Tree

Please take a moment to sign up for an Essential Christmas Gift for the residents of Front Steps Housing and Services. A table is set up outside the Chapel with a list of essential needs and gift tags of each resident for your gift bag.

Gift packages are due back by Sunday December 10, 2023



Old Stone Church is seeking volunteers to help bring Christmas to our Sanctuary!
Please sign up to help with the Greening of the Sanctuary,
which will take place on Sunday, November 26, 2023 following the morning service.



@Old Stone Church

Sunday November 19

11:15AM Christian Spirituality/Chapel

Thursday November 23

All Day Thanksgiving/Building-Offices Closed

Friday November 24

All Day Building-Offices Closed

Saturday November 25

4PM-7PM Winter Land/OSC Open Doors/Sanctuary

Sunday November 26

11:00AM Deacons Meeting/Gallery

11:15AM Christian Spirituality/Chapel

11:15AM Greening of the Sanctuary

Monday November 27

6:30PM Stated Meeting of the PWR

Tuesday November 28

6:30PM Stated Session Meeting

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:70 Online:175

There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

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| 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. |

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Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Margaret Raupp, *alto*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Albert Donze, *bass*

Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

Class of 2023

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