



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JANUARY 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Ich glaub an Gott

Jeffrey Blersch

WELCOME

Elizabeth Buchanan

INTROIT

I Will Worship the Lord

John Rutter

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is calling. Do you not hear?

You are being called by name, for a purpose.

God, you have searched us and know us.

You discern our thoughts from far away.

Do not confuse the siren calls of the world for God's call.

Do not confuse the values of this world for God's values.

You know, O God, when we sit and when we stand.

You know when we lie down and where we go.

Your words and your deeds are known to God.

You were known to God before you were born.

Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand.

Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

We have come together, listening God,

because you have spoken your word of summons and welcome.

We are drawn irresistibly to the promise of your presence

and by the persistence of your call.

Speak to your servants here in ways we can understand.

We want to hear the message you intend for us.

We want to listen, not because someone else needs to have it told to them,

but because we ourselves are needy sinners.

Your expectations of us are high and holy.

We tremble before you,

eager for the heavens to be opened in our midst for our transformation.

Amen.

* HYMN

My Lord, You Have Examined Me

RESIGNATION

1 My Lord, you have ex - am-ined me, you know me through and through;
2 The pres-ence of your Spir - it will be with me to the last;
3 You made me in my moth-er's womb, so in - tri - cate your ways,
4 And yet I find my soul per-turbed by bit - ter - ness and grief,

you see my deeds, per-ceive my thoughts, my speech, my mot-ives too.
 wher-ev - er I de-cide to go your love will hold me fast.
 and ev - en then, be-fore my birth, you num-bered all my days.
 for man - y choose to treat your word with scorn-ful un - be - lief—

You wrap me round on ev - ery side; on me you place your hand:
 If I should try to run from you I know with-out a doubt
 Be - fore I sleep and as I wake I know that you are there:
 so search me, Lord, and cleanse my heart from all that you ab - hor,

such knowl-edge is too won-der - ful for me to un-der - stand!
 no dark-ness could con-ceal my path—your light would shine me out.
 how could I ev - er sound the depths of your un - fail-ing care?
 then teach me how to walk with you to - day and ev - er - more.

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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Bram Chisholm

We can hide nothing from God, who knows our every thought.
 God is aware of sins we have not recognized.
 Whenever we have broken a solemn trust,
 whenever we have acted on selfish impulse,
 whenever we have trampled the feelings of others or ignored their need,
 God has noticed.
 We cannot be right with God unless we examine ourselves and repent.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for silent personal confession.
 Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our lives are an open book to you.
Help us to recognize in ourselves what you have seen there.
Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sin.
Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done
and the good we have neglected.
Create in us an earnest desire to change.
O God, we are in touch with the pain we have caused
and the pain within us.
Because of your love and care we can face
and overcome the sins we here confess.
(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 has heard your cries and felt your pain.
Your struggles to know yourself are prompted by God's love.
God leads the community of faith beyond what is lawful to what is holy.
We are not our own; we are members of Christ.
We are one in the Spirit.
By God's grace, we are turning from self-serving ways to selfless ministries.
Above all else, we who were bought with a price seek to honor and glorify 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.
We have been bought with a price.
God has made a costly investment in humanity.
For love's sake, God sent Christ among us.
For love's sake, we make the offering of ourselves
and our resources the high point of our worship.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish
arr. Dan Forrest

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor men's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart. High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

* 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

Bram Chisholm

Let us join our voices in prayer:

We have heard you calling us, loving God,
in the cries of your children – cries for bread, for justice, for relief.
We have seen you beckoning to us
amid the corporate greed and social distortions of our day.
We have felt the pain of sisters and brothers
caught in damaging relationships that violate your holy temple within them.
We want to help,
and we believe your church can be Christ's healing presence for them.
Show us the way to be messengers of your gentle judgement
and powerful good news.
May our offerings be used for the transformation of church and society,
individuals and groups.
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

By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes,
our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word
so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-20[NRSVUE]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli.
The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.
At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see,
was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was
lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.
Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli
and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again."
So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and
went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my
son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of
the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third
time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."
Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.
Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say,
'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"
So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"
And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

With God's help we are listening.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"To Boldly Go..."

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones



* THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.

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 -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Jesus said, "Follow me," so Philip followed.

Jesus says to us, "Follow me!" Will we follow?

We do not always know where Jesus will lead.

But we hear the call, and we intend to follow.

Philip found Nathaniel and led him to Jesus.

There are many we know whom Jesus is seeking.

It is often difficult to share our faith with friends.

But we hear the call, and we intend to invite them.

Jesus promised, "You will see greater things than I have shown you."

We are Christ's messengers of revelation today.

Wonderful are the works of our God.

Christ is our mentor, our Savior, and friend.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Flourish on "Salzburg"

Douglas Wagner

*"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:

Joanne Dawson, Lee Rutti, Ken Moser, Katelynn Fawcett, Andrew Buchanan,
George Sedlak, Marylou Eisaman, Becky Jadlocki, Jackie Cole, Dean, Joyce Sabe,
Nova and Tony Kordalski, Marlene Henne, Laurie Thomson, Martha Simons,
Susan Ball, Shirley Daly, Karen Nestor, JoAnn Hood, Louis Handler,
David, John and Alan

We pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Horvath,
may her 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

Old Stone Church Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2024
Stated Meeting of the PWR/ZOOM Monday, January 22, 2024 @ 6:30PM
OSC Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM, Tuesday, January 23, 2024 @ 6:30PM
Elders and Deacons Retreat Saturday, January 27, 2024 11AM-4PM



In Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Old Stone Church Building and Offices will be closed
Monday January 15, 2024



@ Old Stone Church

Sunday January 14/ Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:00AM Deacons Meeting/Chapel

Monday January 15/ MLK Jr. Day

All Day Building and Offices Closed

Thursday January 18

7:00PM FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room

Sunday January 21/ Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15AM Old Stone Church Annual Meeting/Sanctuary

Last Sunday Attendance

In-Person:80 Online:180

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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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Minister of Music: David L. Dettloff

The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

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 2024

Michelle Baron

Janie Chambers

Fred Heider

Bernard Medie

Bob Reid

Class of 2025

Dorothy Baunach

Willie Brown

David Eifert

Dave Finley

Robert Hubert Jr.

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Beth Buchanan

Judy Macuga

Melissa Maffia

Harriet Niles

Marty Vassel

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Scott Bailey

Anand Bandari

Bernie Bischel

Carol Hoagland

Amy Wheeler

John Wheeler

Class of 2025

Valorie Hempstead

Eileen Kelly

Elie Medie

Mark Pichler

Class of 2026

Mark Corey

Forrest Diehl

Pam Daly

Ruth Finley

Alyssa Niepokny

Charlene Thornton

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