



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JANUARY 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Melissa Graves
Journey Center for Safety and Healing

INTROIT

The Perfect Love

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast.
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee all things best,
And wounde my heart in they love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

For God alone our souls wait in silence.
Our hope is from God, our fortress.

**God is our rock and our salvation.
God is our refuge and our deliverance.**

Trust in God at all times, in all places.
Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.

**All people are valuable in God's sight.
No one is more important than another.**

Worship God, who is ready to speak to us.
Open your lives to God's steadfast love.

**All power in the universe belongs to God.
Yet God depends on our faithful service.**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

We await your message, God of all places and times.
Sometimes we do not like what we hear,
but we know we need to listen.
Your message is inclusive and fair,
while we like to make distinctions that favor us and our friends.
You call us out of our comfort zones to do new things and try better ways.
You direct us to reach out to people
with whom we seem to have little in common.
Speak your truth to us in this service
so we can carry it to the places where you want us to go,
to the people you are eager to reach.
Amen.

* HYMN #832

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my
Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -

life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock
ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni

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of my life. 1 There's no oth - er place I can hide
 sa - la - ma. 2 It is not the work of my hands
 3 When my days on this earth are done,

till the storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God
 that has washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all
 and I stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have

from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
 of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
 an - y fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Dorothy Baunach

God's word sometimes comes as a warning.
 How often we have pushed aside the word we find unpleasant.
 Even if we grudgingly acknowledge its truth,
 we like to postpone any action to change.
 God comes to us today, saying that our days are fewer than we think.
 The time for us to repent is now.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for silent personal confession.
 Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God,
we reluctantly confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives.
They take our time.
They use our resources.
They exact from us care and devotion.
We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered.
Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence
are really deliberate strides away from you.
We hear distant echoes of warning and judgement.
O God, we want to return to you before it is too late.
We repent of everything in our lives that cuts us off from you.
Hear our prayer.

(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 people of wicked Nineveh proclaimed a fast
and put on the garments of repentance.
They begged God to turn around what seemed so inevitable –
their own destruction.
God listened, and they were saved.
The present form of our world is passing away.
God has better things in store for us than we have yet known.
Our lives, enlisted in God's realm, can count for something good.
Forgiven and forgiving people make a difference.
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.
When our riches increase,
we are tempted to put our trust and confidence in them.
But riches are not meant to satisfy us.
They are placed in our hands that we might accomplish some good purpose.
Giving through the church grants us that opportunity.
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

Dorothy Baunach

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**God of steadfast love,
we pray that you will love the world through the moneys we dedicated today.
We pray that your work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts.
As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads.
As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship.
Bless our efforts to fish for people –
for their sakes, not our own.
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

Speak to us your word, O God,
that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples.
Amen.

THE READINGS

Psalms

Psalm 62:5-12 (NRSVUE)

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Selah***

Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

**Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

**For you repay to all
according to their work.**

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

With God's help we are listening.

Hebrew Scripture

Jonah 3:1-5,10 (NRSVUE)

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”

So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord.

Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.

Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways,

God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Warning? What Warning?”



* 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 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune.

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

God sends us out into the world with good news.

God directs us to warn and to give assurance.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ.

We have been commissioned and blessed.

We go out as people who know our own weakness.

We rise above our shortcoming in the strength Christ gives.

We will trust in God at all times.

We will speak God's truth in love.

The reign of God is drawing near to us.

It can be realized in our lives here and now.

We accept God's rule among us.

We are citizens of God's realm.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*"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,
Jackie and Ellis Lenaplis, David, John and Alan

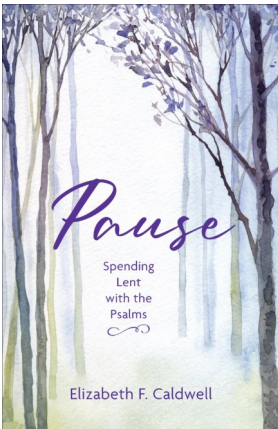
We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

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

Lenten Studies



Pastor Stephen will be offering a 6-week Lenten Book Study on the Psalms, which will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings throughout Lent, beginning Wednesday, February 14th, through Wednesday, March 20th via ZOOM.

The book is titled *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms* by Elizabeth F. Caldwell.

Old Stone Church has a limited number of copies preordered and they can be purchased at the church office for \$10.20 a copy. Please contact Anthony@oldstonechurch.org for more information or to order your copy and to participate.



@ Old Stone Church

Sunday January 21/ Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15AM Old Stone Church Annual Meeting/Sanctuary

Monday January 22

6:30PM Stated Meeting of the PWR/ ZOOM

Tuesday January 23

6:30PM OSC Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

Saturday January 27

11:00AM Elders and Deacons Retreat/Chapel

Sunday January 28/ Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:55 Online:214

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<p>Online Giving: oldstonechurch.org/giving/</p>	<p>Mobile Giving: Text the keyword “oldstonecle” to 73256</p>
<p>Mail to: Old Stone Church Attn: Financial Office 91 Public Square Cleveland, OH 44113</p>	<p>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.</p>

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

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Parish Associate: Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

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.

Class of 2026

Beth Buchanan
 Judy Macuga
 Melissa Maffia
 Harriet Niles
 Marty Vassel

Church Deacons:

Class of 2024

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
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 Pam Daly
 Ruth Finley
 Alyssa Niepokny
 Charlene Thornton

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