



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 17, 2024
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Berceuse* L. Vierne

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

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

Come, let us present ourselves before our God.
Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers.

We find strength for living as we praise God.

Lay down your arrogance and false pride.

Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

We pour out our souls before the living God.

We do not withhold from God our misery and distress.

God grants our petitions and gives us peace.

The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

In God's presence there is fullness of joy.

As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Our hearts exalt in you, O God.

All knowledge has its origin in you.

Our deepest hungers are satisfied

as you give counsel and instruct our hearts.

Be known to us now, that our covenant with you may be strengthened.

Give confidence to all who enter this sanctuary,

that our faith may grow, our love expand,

and our hope find fulfillment.

Show us the path of life and grant us courage to walk in your ways.

Amen.

* HYMN #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

LAUDES DOMINI
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Sunny Kunché

Let us approach our God in all truth,
confessing the deeds and distractions
that have kept us from honoring God
and have divided us from other human beings.
We cannot undo all the wrong we have done,
but we can be cleansed from an evil conscience
to live a more wholesome and joyous life.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for silent personal confession.
Thus, we pray together:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God,
we confess the arrogance of our doubts
and the falsehood of our denials.
We have neglected to pray and have forgotten to give thanks.
Many activities have become more important to us
than gathering for worship.
Our busyness crowds out times of private prayer.
We shake our heads at the evil around us
but do little to witness to a better way.
Your law is seldom consulted,
and your pathways of self-sacrificing love rarely explored.
Turn us around, God.
Only you can meet our need.**

(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON #578 *O Lord, Have Mercy* ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ
**O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy,
have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy,
have mercy on us.**

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Holy Spirit renews in us the covenant we have made with our God,
offering us forgiveness,
and assuring us that our lawless deeds will be remembered no more.
The law of God is planted in our hearts and written on our minds
so love and good deeds may become second nature to us.
We are set free to express gladness and to encourage one another.
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 #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
Whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.
We are encouraged to give as God has blessed us,
bringing our offerings, not to win God's favor but to express our thanks,
not out of habit but as a caring community
that provokes one another to love and good deeds.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Stooped to Bless

Edward Margetson

He stooped to bless, and stooping raised us.
And the tenderness which looked in pity on a world of sin,
long years ago, still waits in love to call the nations in.

Till all shall know that man may rise in Him to holiness.
Because He stooped so low.

* 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

Sunny Kunche

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share.
Here are the fruits of your generosity and our hard work.
In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ,
we bring ourselves with our gifts.
Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships,
extend your church, and minister in your name throughout the world.
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

**Almighty God,
speak your Word to us,
draw us into communion,
and guide our feet,
that we might be hearers and doers of your word.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Epistle

Hebrews 10:11-25 (Inclusive Bible)

Every other priest performs services every day and offers the same sacrifices many times; but these sacrifices can never take away sins. Christ, however, offered one sacrifice for sins, an offering that is effective forever. Then Christ sat down at the right hand of God, and now waits there until God puts all enemies in their rightful place. With one sacrifice then, Jesus has made perfect forever those who are being sanctified. The Holy Spirit also attests to this, first saying,

“This is the Covenant I will make with them

when those days arrive, says our God:

‘I will put my laws into their hearts,

and write them on their minds.’”

Then she adds,

“I will never again remember their sins or offenses.”

So when sins and evil deeds have been forgiven, an offering to take away sins is no longer needed.

Therefore, sisters and brothers, since the blood of Jesus makes us confident to enter the holy place by the new and living path opened for us through the veil—that is to say, the body of Jesus—and since we have the supreme high priest presiding over the house of God, let us enter it filled with faith and with sincerity in our hearts, our hearts sprinkled and cleared from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the One who made the promise is faithful. Let us always think of how we can stimulate each other to love and good works. Don't stay away from the meetings of the community, as some do, but encourage one another; and do this all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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

With God's help we are listening.

As Jesus was leaving the Temple, one of the disciples commented in passing, “Look, Teacher! What huge stones these are! What wonderful buildings!” Jesus replied, “See these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left on another. Everything will be torn down.”

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives facing the Temple; Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will all this happen? What will be the sign that all this is about to take place?” Jesus began by saying, “Be on your guard that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name saying, ‘I am the One,’ and they will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of war, do not be alarmed. Things like this must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and empire against empire; there will be earthquakes throughout the world and famines—yet this is only the beginning of the labor pains.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
“Provoked to Love and Good Deeds”



THE APOSTLE'S 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.**



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior



all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my



song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go forth in confidence that God remembers you.

Go in peace, knowing you will find blessings in abundance.

God is with us wherever we go.

We seek to recognize the blessings we have ignored.

Live your lives in a continuing relationship of prayer.

Listen for the counsel God offers every day.

There is a word for us in every situation.

God is always ready to guide our decisions.

A new and living way opens before us.

We are learning to encourage our sisters and brothers.

We seek to provoke one another to good deeds.

Love for one another will be our highest motive.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Revelations*

D. Pinkham

*“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:

Rev. Donald Oglesby, Darlene, Francis Sequeira, Clayton Rohrer, Shirley Daly,
Dennis Hutchings, Barbara Haynes, Hannah Reid, Kimberly Williams, Amy Wheeler,
Shelley Wheeler, Madison, Olivia Costa, Cathy Clegg, Linda White,
the Oglesby family, the Warfel family

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.



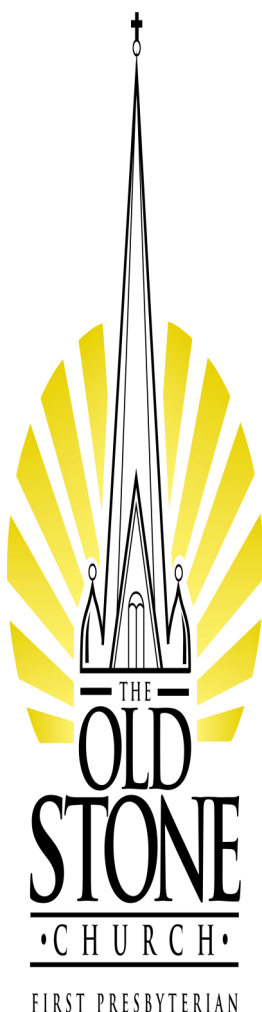
Please join us for Communion following the service this morning in the Chapel.

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM please join us in the Sanctuary for a Mid-Week Communion Service.

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 8, 2024



@ Old Stone Church

Sunday November 17

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Tuesday November 19

7:00PM Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM

Wednesday November 20

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

7:00PM Romans: A Letter for Today/ZOOM

Sunday November 24 Harvest Table

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15AM Called Congregation Meeting/Congregational Nominating

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

11:30AM Greening of the Sanctuary

Tuesday November 26

7:00PM Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM

Wednesday November 27

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Thursday November 28 Thanksgiving Day

Building/Offices Closed

Friday November 29

Building/Offices Closed

Saturday November 30 WinterLand/Public Square

4:00PM-7:00PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:67 Online:239

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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

Guest Organist: Jason Lorenzon

The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Samuel Jungman, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

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
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Marty Vassel

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Anand Bandari
Bernie Bischel
Amy Wheeler
John Wheeler

Class of 2025

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Eileen Kelly
Elie Medie
Mark Pichler

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Ruth Finley
Alyssa Niepokny
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