



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JANUARY 26, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE Prelude on *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION Heather K. Pederson

INTROIT *We Are Many Parts* Marty Haugen

We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have we are given to share.
May the Spirit of love make us one indeed; one, the love that we share,
one, our hope in despair, one, the cross that we bear.
God of all, we look to you, we would be your servants true,
Let us be your love to all the world.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the ears of all people be attentive;
the heavens are telling the glory of God.

Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork.

Let us bow down and worship our Creator.

Day and night, God is at work among us.

We are drawn together into one body, the church.

As we commune with God, we know we need one another.

Let us honor the good to be found in all people.

Hear once again the laws and commandments.

Find them sure and right and true for all.

We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness.

We seek true community in which all are honored.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives.

We look to your Word, O God, as a source of understanding.

Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence.

Cleanse and enlighten us with your truth.

Liberate us from self-imposed limitations.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart

be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

Amen.

* HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966
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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Kristy Sawicki

Who can discern their own errors?
Are we innocent of great transgression?
Are there hidden faults of which we are unaware?
Do we seek to dissociate ourselves from part of the human race,
our sisters and brothers?
Let us examine ourselves that we may be open to the leading of the Spirit.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for silent personal confession.
Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess.
We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear.
We want to follow your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true.
Sometimes it is difficult to care about people
whose values are different from ours.
How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs?
At times, our own faith is shaken,
our faith in ourselves and our faith in you.
We need your help, God, so our sins will not have dominion over us.**
(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON #551 *Lord Have Mercy* LAND OF REST

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Do not weep or mourn before the law of God.
Rather, let the law revive your soul and enlighten your eyes.
The Spirit of God is eager to teach, inspire, and strengthen you.
Desire to know the purpose of God.
Pursue understanding more than riches.
God is your Rock and your Redeemer.
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* GLORIA PATRI

**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 are part of the body of Christ which extends around the world.

Together, we form a caring community,
united in spite of many differences in appearance,
understanding, and function.

If others are suffering, we too will suffer.

When we have the ability to help, it is a joy to do so.

May our offerings preach good news, proclaim liberty,
and recover among us all the ability to see and hear and respond.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

Ruth Duck, David Cherwien

O radiant Christ, incarnate Word, eternal love revealed in time:
come, make your home within our hearts, that we may dwell in light sublime.

Our bartered, busy lives burn dim, too tired to care, too numb to feel.

Come, shine upon our shadowed world: your radiance bathes with power to heal.

Your glory shone at Jordan's stream, the font where we were born anew.

Attune your church to know you near; illumine all we say and do.

O Light of Nations, fill the earth; our faith and hope and love renew.

Come, lead the peoples to your peace, as stars once led the way to you.

* DOXOLOGY #607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* 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

Kristy Sawicki

Let us join our voices in prayer:

In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world.

Your rule among us, O God, is more desired than riches.

Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use,

giving thanks for the joy of helping others

and entering into partnership with them.

This is only the beginning of our offering,

for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets,

teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers.

In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love.

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.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?
Do all work miracles or have the gift of healing?
Do all speak in tongues, or do all have the gift of interpretation of tongues?
Set your hearts on the greater gifts.

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

With God's help we are listening.

Gospel

Luke 4:14-21 (Inclusive Bible)

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and his reputation spread throughout the region. He was teaching in the Galilean synagogues, and all were loud in their praise. Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. Entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his habit, Jesus stood up to do the reading. When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of our God is upon me: because the Most High has anointed me to bring Good News to those who are poor. God has sent me to proclaim liberty to those held captive, recovery of sight to those who are blind, and release to those in prison—to proclaim the year of our God's favor." Rolling up the scroll, Jesus gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he said to them, "Today, in your hearing, this scripture passage is fulfilled."

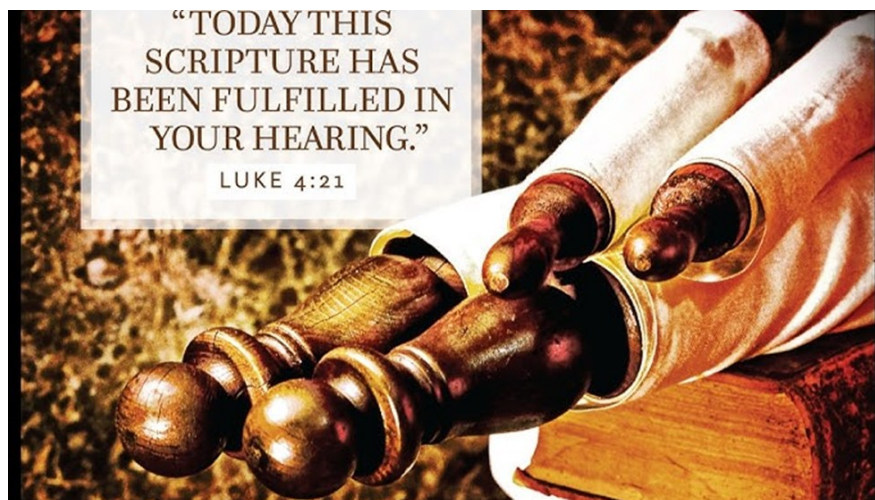
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"Words and 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 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976

MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

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* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

May the words of our mouths proclaim God's love.
May the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

We go forward as praying, witnessing people.

We greet this week with high anticipation.

The Spirit of God accompanies us on our journey.
We are anointed for the sharing of good news.

Our words and deeds will release captives.

What we do and say will change our world.

The Joy of God is our strength.

The law of God revives us and makes us wise.

In purity of heart, we seek to serve.

In quiet confidence, we dare to change and grow.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"

Jason 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:

JoAnn Hood, Ryan Hubert, Donna Sue Buchanan,
David Kropf, Shelley Wheeler,
Angela Augustus and family, Robert Leathers and family, Lori Montero and family

We pray for the repose of the soul of Billy Augustus,
may his memory be a blessing.

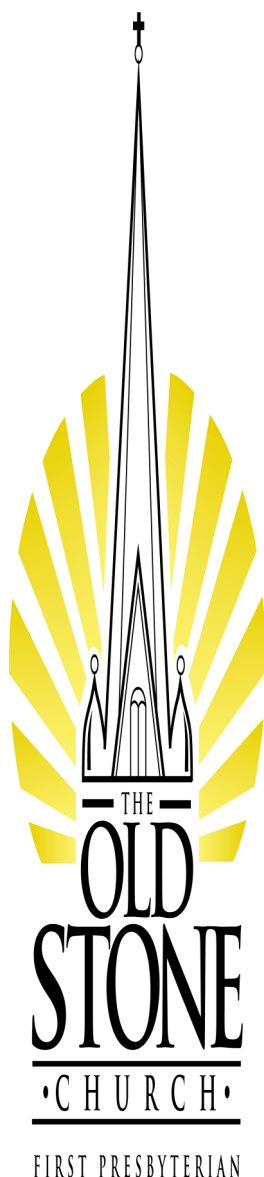
We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.



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.



@ Old Stone Church

Sunday January 26

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15AM Annual Meeting/Sanctuary

Monday January 27

6:30PM Stated Meeting of the PWR/ZOOM

Tuesday January 28

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

Wednesday January 29

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

7:00PM *Romans: A Letter for Today* Book Study/ZOOM

Sunday February 2

10:00AM Worship with Communion

Tuesday February 4

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

Wednesday February 5

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

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

Sunday February 9

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15AM Mission and Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/
Cuyahoga Room/Second Floor

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Tuesday February 11

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

Wednesday February 12

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

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

Thursday February 13

2:00PM Worship Committee Meeting/ZOOM

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:56 Online:204

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Minister of Music: David L. Dettloff

The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Samuel Jungman, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Reese Henrick, *alto*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

Albert Donze, *bass*

Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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Dorothy Baunach

Willie Brown

David Eifert

Dave Finley

Robert Hubert Jr.

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Beth Buchanan

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Melissa Maffia

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Michelle Baron

Janie Chambers

Fred Heider

Bernard Medie

Bob Reid

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Valorie Hempstead

Eileen Kelly

Elie Medie

Mark Pichler

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Mark Corey

Forrest Diehl

Pam Daly

Ruth Finley

Alyssa Niepokny

Charlene Thornton

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Sunny Kunche

Lori Lippert

Amy Wheeler

John Wheeler

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