



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

FEBRUARY 9, 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Lead, Kindly Light

Robert J. Powell

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

Create in Me

John Purifoy

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me, I pray.
Restore to me now the joy of salvation and hold me with Thy free spirit.
Create in me, a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts;
the whole earth is full of God's glory.

Our hearts are filled with thanks, O God.

We bring before you our songs of praise.

All rulers of the people are called to praise God.

All people of the earth are subject to God's rule.

The steadfast love of God surrounds us here.

We have come to see and hear and understand.

Let the thresholds shake with the power of God's voice.

Let all the people tremble before God's glory.

God's purposes endure and will be fulfilled.

Our lives can be channels for God's grace.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

O God, whose presence fills this place of gathering,

we bow before your majesty in awe and wonder.

When we consider the vast universe of your dominion,

we are humbled by your attention to us.

Your steadfast love and faithfulness amaze us:

Your care for the lowly gives us a sense of our own dignity and worth.

Send your gospel to teach us,

to save us from ourselves, to lead us into all truth.

Show us the tasks we can accomplish for you

and grant us the courage to reach out in your name to do them.

Amen.

* HYMN #649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

 now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinígí,
 lah yóóíiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íy da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

AMAZING GRACE
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*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

John Wheeler

The voice of God shakes the deficient foundations
 on which we have built our lives.
 We are summoned to account for our faithlessness.
 Called as disciples and apostles,
 we have not followed in the footsteps of Jesus
 or led others to the grace of God.
 Let us remind ourselves of God's sovereignty
 and confess our broken commitments.
 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

**Awesome God,
we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed you.
We are sinful people who forget to thank you
and who delay consulting with you about the decisions we must make.
We prefer the safety of familiar programs,
even when they are ineffective.
We cling to our routines,
even when they cause us to lose sight of your purposes.
We are people of unclean lips,
dwelling among people who deny your presence and power.
O God, we fall down before you, seeking forgiveness.**

(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

Stand up, people of God.
Our Creator reaches out to lift us up and deliver us
from the troubles around us and the distress within.
God touches our lips to cleanse us and take our sins away.
By the grace of God, Christ comes to us, reclaiming us,
showing us a new way, empowering us for effective service.

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.

When we are genuinely thankful for the steadfast love and faithfulness of God, we are eager to share this bounty.

When we truly discern the grace of God, we want others to experience it, too.

Christ calls us to reach out to our sisters and brothers with the good news of God's reign.

Our offerings help to take God's Word to the world.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Nunc Dimittis

René Clausen

Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared for all.

A light to lighten the Gentiles, a light to thy servant Israel,
To the glory of thy people Israel. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

PRAISE GOD

**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

John Wheeler

Let us join our voices in prayer:

Your voice, O God, we have heard.

Your presence has moved us to respond.

Send us where you want us to go.

Use the resources we dedicate here

to empower others to witness to your love and care.

Fill our lives with thanksgiving.

Fill our days with purpose.

We rededicate ourselves to work and worship

that express our profound gratitude for life and all its opportunities.

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

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
help us to hear your word with understanding,
that in our speech and actions,
we may exalt your name above all things;
in Jesus' name we ask it.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 138 (Inclusive Bible)
(Read responsively by whole verse.)

- ¹ I thank you with all my whole heart;
I sing your praise before the gods.
- ² **I bow down in front of your holy Temple
and praise your Name because of your love and faithfulness,
for you have above everything your Name and your word.**
- ³ When I called, you answered me—
you made me bold and strong of heart.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, YHWH,
when they hear the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing about what you have done, YHWH,
and about your great glory.
- ⁶ **Even though you are so high above, you care for the lowly
and see arrogant people from far away.**
- ⁷ Even when I'm surrounded by troubles,
you keep me safe; you oppose the anger of my enemies,
you save me with your right hand.
- ⁸ **You will do everything you have promised me.
YHWH, your love is eternal;
don't abandon the work of your hands.**

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.
With God's help we are listening.

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11 (Inclusive Bible)

One day, Jesus was standing by Lake Gennesaret, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God. He saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishers had disembarked and were washing their nets. Jesus stepped into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a short distance from the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Pull out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Rabbi, we've been working hard all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I'll lower the nets." Upon doing so, they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. They signaled their mates in the other boat to come and help them, and together they filled the two boats until they both nearly sank. After Simon Peter saw what happened, he was filled with awe and fell down before Jesus, saying, "Leave me, Rabbi, for I'm a sinner." For Simon and his shipmates were astonished at the size of the catch they had made, as were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's partners. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you'll fish among humankind." And when they brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
"The Gospel in Three Letters - DEI"



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 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.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has touched us amid our pain and fears.
We have been comforted and blessed.

We have felt a healing, restoring presence.

God is leading us through troubled times.

God has cleansed us from the sins that destroy us.
Our guilt is lifted from us and taken away.

We give thanks and sing praises to God.

We have received blessings in abundance.

Who will witness to the grace of God?

Who will go out to serve in Christ's name?

Here we are, ready to be sent into the world.

We will go where God directs, to share good news.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

*“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 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.



With keen insight and unwavering conviction, visionary pastor Kathy Escobar guides readers on a Lenten journey inspired by the ways of Jesus to dismantle the systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice.

Join Pastor Stephen Wednesdays in Lent for this insightful book discussion via ZOOM from 7PM– 8PM.

Please email Anthony@oldstonechurch.org to sign up and request a book for \$10.00.

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Sunday February 9

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

11:30AM Mission and Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/
Cuyahoga Room/Second Floor

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

Sunday February 16

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Tuesday February 18

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

Wednesday February 19

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

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

Tuesday February 20

7:00PM FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room

Sunday February 23

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

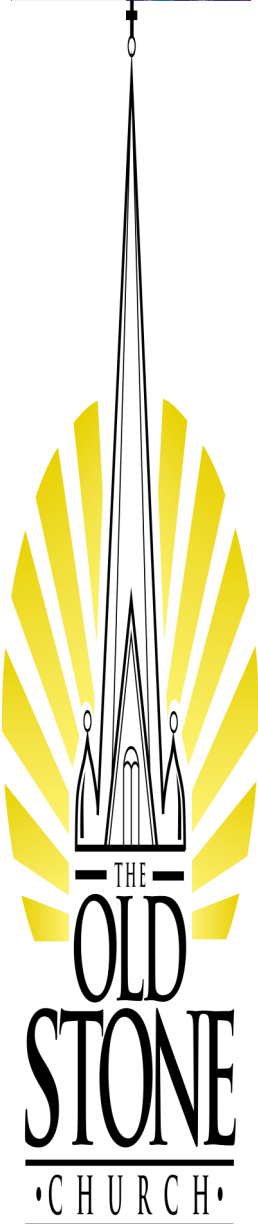
Tuesday February 25

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

Wednesday February 26

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:60 Online:252

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Parish Associate: Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

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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Willie Brown

David Eifert

Dave Finley

Robert Hubert Jr.

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Beth Buchanan

Judy Macuga

Melissa Maffia

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Fred Heider

Bernard Medie

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Pam Daly

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Alyssa Niepokny

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Lori Lippert

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