



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

FEBRUARY 16, 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Robert J. Powell

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

Blessed are those who trust in God,
who delight to meditate on God's law.

**We long to hear the Word of God
and let the Word shape our lives.**

Blessed are all who seek the realm of God,
who hunger to find meaning in their lives.

**We intend to give our best to our Creator,
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy,
who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.

**We come now to worship and find new life,
to receive healing and empowerment for our journey.**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Come, Holy God, to search our minds and try our hearts.

Grant us in this hour wise counsel and clear direction.

Touch us, teach us; hear us, heal us.

**Send your Spirit to walk with us,
as Christ walked with the disciples long ago,**

**that your realm may become for us
a present reality as well as a future hope.**

**Grant us living water to quench our thirst
and sound preaching to feed our hunger.**


Amen.

* HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) A^b (D/F[#]) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 B^b E^b A^b B^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F[#]m7) (G) (A)
 A^b E^b Gm7 A^b B^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F[#]) (G) (D)
 Cm E^b/G A^b E^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Bram Chisholm

Come with your troubled spirits and confused values to seek forgiveness.
 Come from your misplaced trust and limited vision
 to open yourself to the transformation God offers.
 Come from the parched places
 where doubt and cynicism block God's revelation.
 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

Sovereign God, we confess that we have chased after wealth and temporal security while neglecting matters of the spirit. We put our trust in things and in sinners' empty promises. We even deceive ourselves, shaping our words and actions to please the crowd. We have doubted the resurrection, surrendering to a sense of futility and skepticism. Turn us around, God, so we can learn to trust you and find strength in giving of ourselves.
(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

The healing Jesus offered to disciples long ago is available to us. They were freed to love with generous abandon; so are we. They learned to care for others without first measuring the benefits to themselves; so have we. They were led to the mountain top to commune with God; so are we. They found hope and new life in Christ; this is also God's gift to us.

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.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Creator God, you created us with free will
and freedom of choice.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
speak your Word, through the words of scripture,
that we may live according to your will;
through Jesus Christ, the Living Word, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Inclusive Bible)

YHWH says:

Cursed are those who trust in human ways,
who rely on things of the flesh,
whose hearts turn away from YHWH.

They shall be like stunted vegetation in the desert
with no hope in the future.

It stands in stony wastes in the desert,
an uninhabited land of salt.

Blessed are those who put their trust in God,
with God for their hope.

They are like a tree planted by the river,
that thrusts its roots toward the stream.

When heat comes it feels no heat;
its leaves stay green.

It is untroubled in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.

The human heart is more deceitful than anything else,
and desperately sick—who can understand it?

I, YHWH, search into the heart, I probe the mind,
to give to each person what their actions and conduct deserve.

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

With God's help we are listening.

Coming down the mountain with them, Jesus stopped in a level area where there were a great number of disciples. A large crowd of people was with them from Jerusalem and all over Judea, as far north as the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon— people who had come to hear Jesus and to be healed of their diseases, and even to be freed from unclean spirits. Indeed, the whole crowd was trying to touch Jesus, because power was coming out of him and was healing them all.

Looking at the disciples, Jesus said:

“You who are poor are blessed,
for the reign of God is yours.

You who are hungry now are blessed,
for you’ll be filled.

You who weep now are blessed,
for you’ll laugh.

You are blessed when people hate you, when they scorn and insult you and spurn your name as evil because of the Chosen One. On the day they do so, rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven, for their ancestors treated the prophets the same way.

But woe to you rich,
for you are now receiving your comfort in full.

Woe to you who are full,
for you’ll go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you’ll weep in your grief.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in the same way.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Woe – What Goes Around, Comes Around”



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.**

* HYMN #341

O God, Show Mercy to Us

THAXTED

1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous -

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with two verses indicated by the numbers 1 and 2.

grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con-

face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be
fess. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions

known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav - ing grace be
sing. Then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit will

shown. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions
bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will bless - ing

sing; in ev - ery land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.
send, and all the earth will wor - ship to its re - mot - est end.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go forth into a parched and needy world
to share the water of life with others.

**We go out with renewed faith and hope in Christ,
for resurrection is a living possibility for us.**

Turn to God each day to delight in the Word
and meditate on God's law.

We will trust God to provide all we really need.

We seek to bear fruit in all we say and do.

Be assured that the realm of God is ours.

God knows us, loves us, blesses us in Christ.

Christ is the first fruits of those who have died.

We shall rise with Christ to new life.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Minor, P. 468

Johann Pachelbel

*“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:

Tony Carlos, JoAnn Hood, Donna Sue Buchanan,
David Kropf, Shelley Wheeler, Jordan's family and friends,
Angela Augustus 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.



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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

Thursday 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

Sunday March 2

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

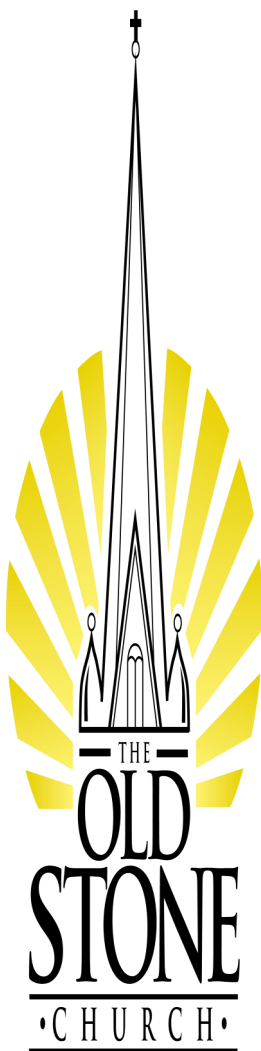
10:00AM Worship with Communion/Sanctuary

Tuesday March 4

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

Wednesday March 5 Ash Wednesday

12:00PM Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary



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Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:51 Online:288

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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*

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Dave Finley

Robert Hubert Jr.

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