



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

MARCH 16, 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
**10AM Sanctuary Worship**

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE      Two settings of *O World I Must Now Leave Thee*      Johannes Brahms

WELCOME      Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

MINUTE FOR MISSION      Ricky Smith

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
 God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking.  
 God be at my end and in my departing.

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Put away your hesitations to come before God;  
 quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

**God is our light and our salvation;  
 whom shall we fear?**

Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance;  
 look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

**God is the stronghold of our lives;  
 of whom shall we be afraid?**

Let us watch and wait with our Creator;  
 let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

**Teach us your ways, O God,  
 and lead us on a level path.**

## \* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**In this place, our hearts take courage.**

**Your goodness is all around us.**

**The trials and cares of life are stilled before you.**

**Show us your face, O God; let your love be known to us.**

**We need this hour to remember who we are,  
 to let you gather us under your wings.**

**We need this time to feel close to one another,  
 to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters.**

**We need reminders of the humanity and glory of Jesus Christ  
 that empower our discipleship.**

**Hear our cries and help us.**

**Amen.**

## \* HYMN #35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

## LOBE DEN HERREN

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.  
 MUSIC: Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN  
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\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Don Urban

God has drawn the church into covenant,  
 calling us to be a faithful people who walk in the ways of Christ.  
 Yet how often do we explore what that means  
 or examine our behavior against the example of Jesus?  
 A time of confession gives us the opportunity  
 to reclaim and grow in our relationship with God.  
 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

**God of all people, we confess that we would like to claim  
your majesty and power for our exclusive benefit.  
We relish the good things of life  
and are reluctant to share with those who seem less deserving.  
We resist the prophets who point out our greed,  
even when we feel we are being generous.  
We resent persons in positions of authority over us  
who seem not to have our best interests at heart.  
We are angry about those whose evil deeds seem to go unpunished.  
O God, how can we receive your mercy  
when we are so reluctant to pass it on?  
Help us to center our lives in your love more than on our own desires.**  
*(moment of silent confession)*

\* KYRIE ELEISON #575      *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*      KYRIE ELEISON

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

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God does not cast us off or forsake us  
but is with us in our suffering and adversity.  
Even when we live as enemies of the cross,  
the God of Jesus Christ do not give up on us.  
Surely there is shelter for us in the midst of our troubles  
and forgiveness when we have gone our own way.  
Lift up your eyes to behold God's promise.  
Praise God with songs and shouts of joy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* 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      *Glory Be to the Father*      PICARDY

Glo-ry be to God, the\_\_ Fa - ther, and to Je - sus Christ the\_\_ Son.

Glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Glo-ry to the Three - in - one. As it  
 was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

Please be seated.  
 All who find a home in the house of God  
 are invited to extend its sheltering and serving ministry to the world.  
 We are challenged to do this in person  
 but also by sharing the wealth God entrusts to us.  
 What sacrifice do we offer in the name of Jesus Christ,  
 who risked everything for us?  
 The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
 Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
 Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you.  
 Deep peace of Christ to you.

\* DOXOLOGY #608      *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.**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Don Urban

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**In the confidence that you will multiply our best efforts,  
 we bring our offerings for the work of your church in the world.  
 Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices,  
 for we are blessed in our giving  
 as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from your hand.  
 Keep us from seeking to build permanent structures  
 that might block spontaneous responses to 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.

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open your Word by your Holy Spirit,  
So that we, like Abraham,  
may believe your promise to us. Amen.**

## THE READINGS

Psalm 27

*God is My Strong Salvation*

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN  
James Montgomery



1. God is my strong sal - va - tion: what foe have I to fear?
2. Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm at my post I stand;
3. Place on the Lord re - li - ance, my soul with cour-age wait;
4. His might my heart shall strength-en, his love my joy in - crease;



1. In dark-ness and temp - ta - tion my light, my help is near.
2. what ter - ror can con-found me, with God at my right hand?
3. his truth my re - as - sur - ance when faint and des - o - late.
4. mer - cy my days shall length - en, the Lord will give me peace.

Epistle

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (Inclusive Bible)

Join in following my example, my sisters and brothers. Take as your guide those who follow the example that we set. Unfortunately, many go about in a way which shows them to be enemies of the cross of Christ. I have often said this to you before; this time I say it with tears: their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and their glory is in their shame. I'm talking about those whose minds are set on the things of the world. But we have our citizenship in heaven; It is from there that we are eagerly awaiting the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, who will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the glorified body, by Christ's power to bring everything under subjection.

For these reasons, my sisters and brothers—you whom I so love and long for, you who are my joy and crown—continue, my dear ones, to stand firm in Christ Jesus.

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

**With God's help we are listening.**

## Gospel

Luke 13:31-35 (Inclusive Bible)

Just then, some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, “You need to get out of town, and fast. Herod is trying to kill you.” Jesus replied, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Today and tomorrow, I’ll be casting out devils and healing people, and on the third day I’ll reach my goal.’ Even with all that, I’ll need to continue on my journey today, tomorrow and the day after that, since no prophet can be allowed to die anywhere except in Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I wanted to gather your children together as a mother bird gathers her babies under her wings—yet you refuse me! So take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!’”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

“Jerusalem: Jesus’ Sanctuary City”



## 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.**

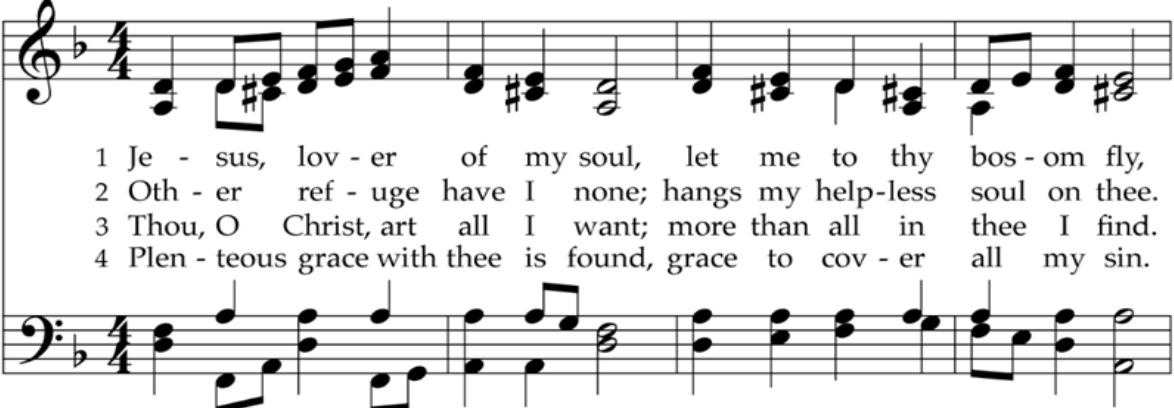
**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

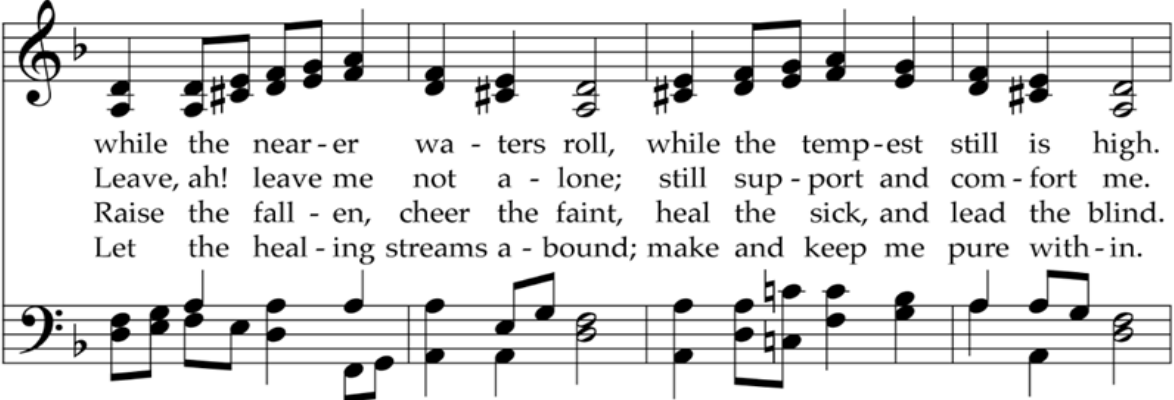
We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

**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.**






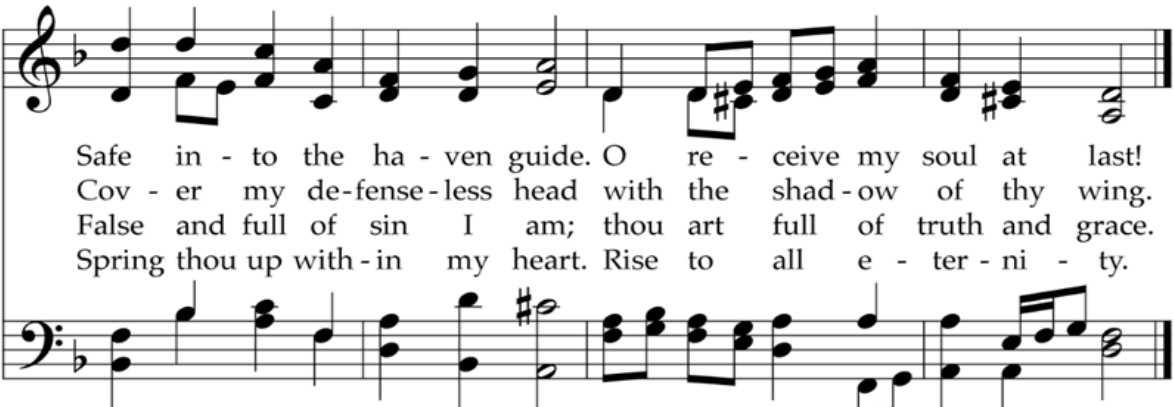
1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee.  
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.  
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.  
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.  
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.  
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.  
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!  
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.  
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Originally titled "In Temptation," these four stanzas (of five) call to mind how a spiritual and emotional tempest can move from turmoil to tranquility. This tune was first used with this text in a cantata by the composer in 1910, and since then has become the standard one.

\* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Be strong and let your hearts take courage.

The God of our salvation has met us here.

**Our hearts will not fear, for God is our shelter.**

**Our spirits are confident, for God is our shield.**

God's blessings for each of us outnumber the stars.

The commonwealth of heaven is our dwelling place.

**We will lift up our heads with shouts of joy.**

**May our witness win others to God's realm.**

Go on your way with Christ as your companion.

Seek opportunities for witness and service.

**We find our example and inspiration in Jesus.**

**In the valleys of every day, we will show God's care.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you;

May the Lord's face turn toward you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Nine-fold Amen*

Allie Laurie

POSTLUDE

*Prelude on O Sacred Head*

Johannes Brahms

A special welcome and thank you to Tom Clark-Jones  
who is at the organ console this morning.

*"My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

*Psalm 73:26*

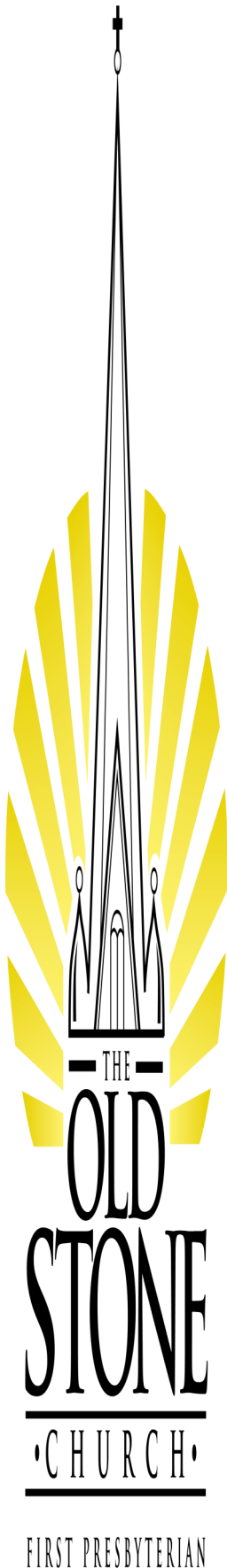


**We continue to keep in our prayers:**

Annie Carlos, Katheryn Maynard, Darlene, Tony Carlos, Shirley Caldwell,  
JoAnn Hood, Timothy Truitt, Donna Sue Buchanan, Shelley Wheeler

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.*



## **@ Old Stone Church**

### **Sunday March 16/Lent II**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel

### **Tuesday March 18**

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

### **Wednesday March 19**

**12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

**7:00PM** Turning Over Tables Book Study/ZOOM

### **Thursday March 20**

**7:00PM** FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room

### **Sunday March 23/Lent III**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel

**11:30AM** Welcome and Fellowship Event/David L. Dettloff/Sanctuary

### **Monday March 24**

**6:30PM** Stated Meeting of the PWR/ZOOM

### **Tuesday March 25**

**6:30PM** Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

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

### **Wednesday March 26**

**12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

**7:00PM** Turning Over Tables Book Study/ZOOM

### **Saturday March 29**

**1:00PM** Celebration of Life Service for Louise Leathers/Sanctuary

**2:00PM** Reception for Louise Leathers/Memorial Hall

### **Sunday March 30/Lent IV**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel

**2:30PM** Welcome and Fellowship Event/Celebrity Chef/Memorial Hall

### **Tuesday April 1**

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

### **Wednesday April 2**

**12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

**7:00PM** Turning Over Tables Book Study/ZOOM

### **Sunday April 6/Lent V**

**10:00AM** Worship with Communion/Sanctuary

**12:00PM-4:00PM** Elders and Deacons Retreat/ Gallery/Chapel

### **Monday April 7**

**7:00PM** FPS Annual Meeting/Gallery

### **Tuesday April 8**

**4:10 PM** Guardians Home Opener/Progressive Field

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

### **Wednesday April 9**

**12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

**7:00PM** Turning Over Tables Book Study/ZOOM

**Last Sunday Attendance** In-Person:64 Online:275

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### THE OLD STONE CHURCH

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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

**Parish Associate:** Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

**Minister of Music:** David L. Dettloff

**Guest Organist:** Tom Clark-Jones

### 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

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

Class of 2027  
Michelle Baron  
  
Fred Heider  
Bernard Medie  
Bob Reid

### Church Deacons:

Class of 2025  
Valorie Hempstead  
Eileen Kelly  
Elie Medie  
Mark Pichler

Class of 2026  
Mark Corey  
Forrest Diehl  
Pam Daly  
Ruth Finley  
Alyssa Niepokny  
Charlene Thornton

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