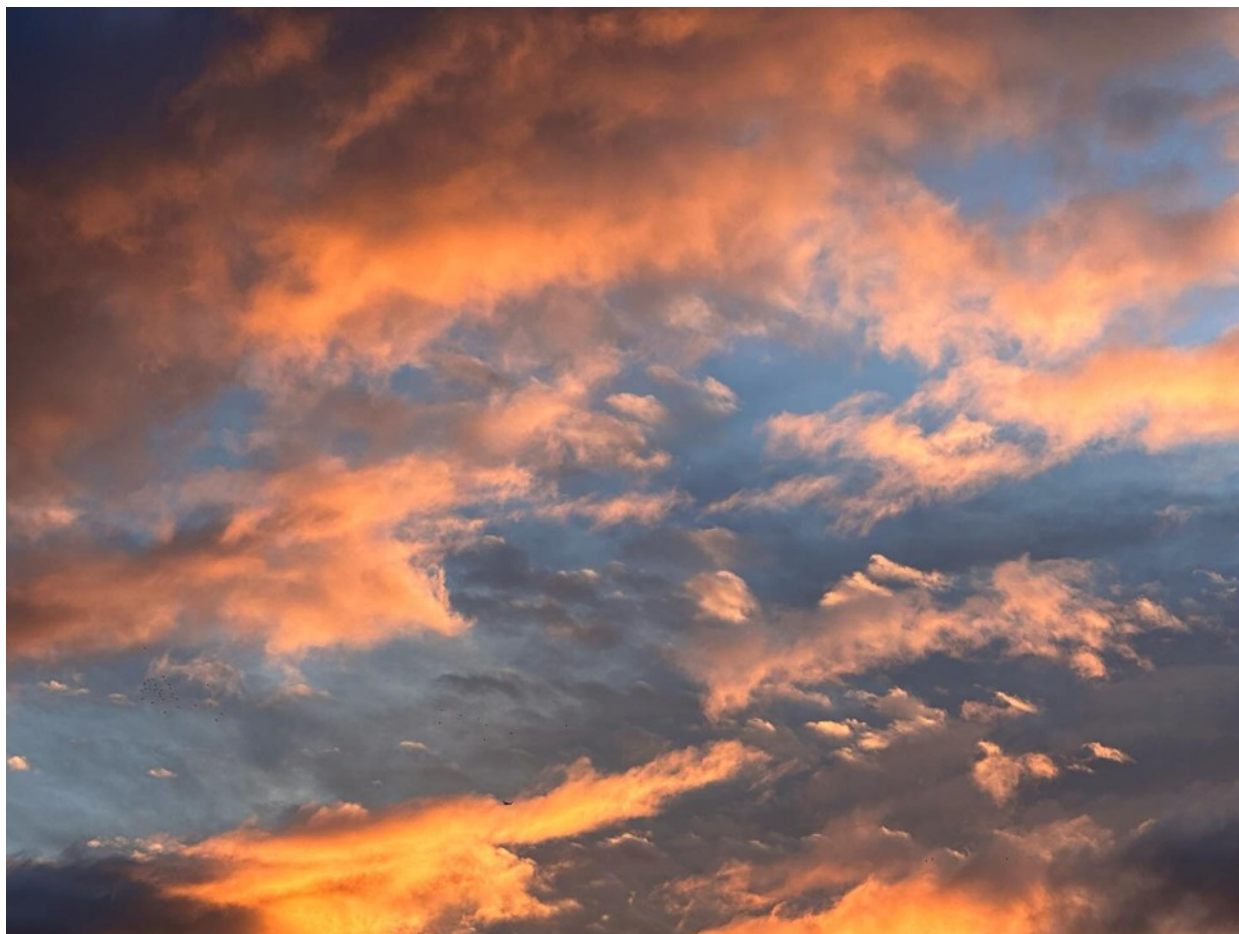




THE OLD STONE CHURCH

OCTOBER 19, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WITH BAPTISM

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE Movement 2 from *Sonata for Organ* Paul Hindemith

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Mary Eifert

INTROIT *We Praise You O God* Jospeh Barnby

We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship you, the Father everlasting.

Amen

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to honor our covenant with God.

We gather to worship the God who has covenanted with us.

Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.

Our wisdom comes from the one who meets us here.

Open your eyes to meet God face to face.

Open your ears to hear God's instruction.

God takes us by the hand to lead us.

The Word of God is written on our hearts.

Come to taste God's Word, which is sweeter than honey.

Come to touch the reality of God's presence.

Surely God will welcome us and protect us.

We will walk with new understanding of truth.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Sow your seed in our midst, O God,

for we are prepared to receive what you offer.

We want to know you and to bear fruit for your reign among us.

We want to meditate on your law and keep your commandments.

Draw us into the new covenant you have fashioned for us

in Jesus Christ so that we may fulfill our ministry.

Amen.

* HYMN #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

G Am D G C G D

Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

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HERE I AM (Schutte)
 7.7.7.4.D with refrain

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Beth Buchanan

God does not tire of our prayers.
 Rather, God feels neglected when we fail to pray.
 God does not write us off when we are careless.
 Instead, God's care of us summons us into new caring relationships.
 Bring to God in prayer all that causes you shame.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for silent personal confession.
 Thus, we pray;

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, O God, that we are not eager to wrestle with you
or to take responsibility for sin in our lives.
We see ourselves as basically decent, respectable people.
Yet we have bent your commandments to our own conveniences.
We listen only to the word we want to hear.
We participate in the greed that is destroying your good earth,
and we allow evil to triumph through our neglect.
Shake us into awareness that brings change,
and support us, we pray, on the difficult path toward greater faithfulness.**
(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON #575

Cantor:

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation:

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our self-disclosing God proclaims:
"I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more.
I will be your God and you will be my people.
I will put my law within you; I will write it on your hearts."
Give thanks for the new life God offers attuned to eternal values.
Alleluia and Amen!

BAPTISM

Robert Rose III

* 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 #583

Cantor:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia.

Congregation:

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.

We do not lose heart amid all the problems that compete for our attention.

We have the resources to make a difference

in our work of evangelism, teaching, and outreach.

What we dedicate here is a symbol of our larger commitment
of time and talents to the work of ministry.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee

Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee;
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand,
and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing,
of ev'ry living thing.

* DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise, God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Beth Buchanan

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**With thanksgiving for your presence in all our coming and going,
through all our work and leisure, in our times of faithfulness
and when we break covenant, we bring our offerings.
May these resources help your people to know you more fully
and serve you more effectively.
Equip us for every good work,
that your church may witness boldly and influence profoundly.
Amen.**

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Grant Us Lord

STUTTART

Grant us, Lord, the grace of giving with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer unto thee.
Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God,
the words of Scripture are God-breathed words—
inspired by you and given life
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
By your Spirit breathe your word into us,
so that we become proficient in the language of faith
and equipped to proclaim the message we receive,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.**

THE READINGS

Torah

Genesis 32:22-31 (Inclusive Bible)

In the course of the night, Jacob arose, took the entire caravan, and crossed the ford of the Yabbok River. After Jacob had crossed with all his possessions, he returned to the camp, and he was completely alone. And there, someone wrestled with Jacob until the first light of dawn. Seeing that Jacob could not be overpowered, the other struck Jacob at the socket of the hip, and the hip was dislocated as they wrestled. Then Jacob's contender said, "Let me go, for day is breaking." Jacob answered, "I will not let you go until you bless me." "What is your name," the other asked. "Jacob," he answered. The other said, "Your name will no longer be called 'Jacob,' or 'Heel-Grabber,' but 'Israel'—'Overcomer of God's—because you have wrestled with both God and mortals, and you have prevailed." Then Jacob asked "Now tell me your name, I beg you." The other said, "Why do you ask me my name?"—and blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel—"Face of God"—because I have seen God face to face, yet my life was spared." At Sunrise, Jacob left Peniel, limping along from the injured hip.

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

With God's help we are listening

Jesus told the disciples a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart. “Once there was a judge in a certain city who feared no one—not even God. A woman in that city who had been widowed kept coming to the judge and saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’ For a time the judge refused, but finally the judge thought, ‘I care little for God or people, but this woman won’t leave me alone. I’d better give her the protection she seeks, or she’ll keep coming and wear me out!’”

Jesus said, “Listen to what this corrupt judge is saying. Won’t God then do justice to the chosen who call out day and night? Will God delay long over them?

I tell you, God will give them swift justice.

But when the Promised One comes, will faith be found anywhere on earth?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Never Give Up!”



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 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Continue in what you have learned.
Grow in all you have firmly believed.

God's Word provides our daily instruction.

Jesus Christ is our salvation day by day.

Proclaim the message that we are God's people.

Convince, rebuke, and encourage with patience.

We will persist in our teaching and serving.

We seek to be faithful in all circumstances.

Lift up your eyes to know God as your helper.

God has made us partners in a covenant of salvation.

God is granting us life in all its fullness.

We are growing in understanding and faith.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Roland M. Carter

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

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

Psalms 73:26



We continue to keep in our prayers:

Emery, Phyllis Adams, Tyler and Sam, John Taggart, Jean Rundlett, Gail,
Renita Jackson-Dix, Eileen Kelly, Tony and Annie Carlos,
Courtney Knapp, Mark Corey, Bruce Baunach, JoAnn Hood,
Judy and Frank Macuga, the Jackson-Dix 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.

@ First Presbyterian Church in Cleveland

Sunday October 19

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

1:00PM Browns/Dolphins/Huntington Bank Field

Tuesday October 21

12:15PM Old Stone Tuesday AA Meeting/Cuyahoga Room

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

Wednesday October 22

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Sunday October 26 Reformation Sunday

8:30AM-12:00PM Annual Fall Food Drive

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

12:00PM Tours of OSC Building

Tuesday October 28

12:15PM Old Stone Tuesday AA Meeting/Cuyahoga Room

6:30PM Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

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

Wednesday October 29

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Sunday November 2 All Saints Sunday/Daylight Savings Time Ends

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary with Communion

12:15PM Community Choir Rehearsal/Chapel

4:00PM Celebrity Chef/Eric Wells/Memorial Hall

Tuesday November 4 Election Day-Vote

12:15PM Old Stone Tuesday AA Meeting/Cuyahoga Room

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

Wednesday November 5

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

6:00PM Welcome and Fellowship Committee Meeting/ZOOM

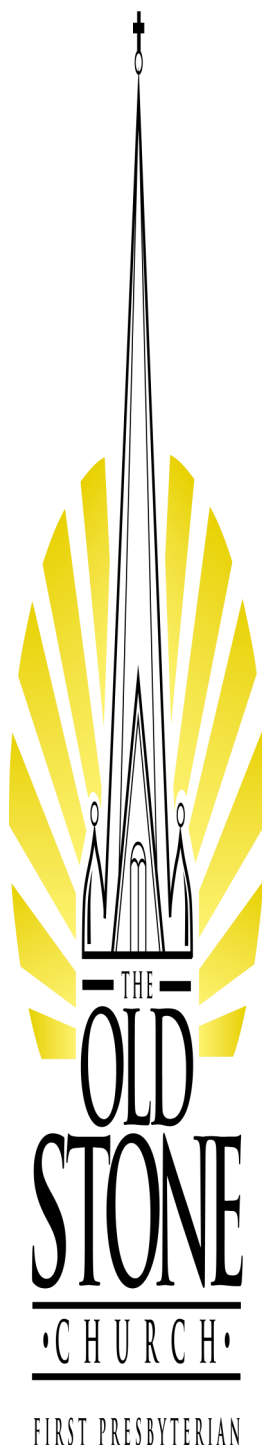
Sunday November 9

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

11:30AM MUW Committee Meeting/Cuyahoga Room

11:30AM Deacons Meeting/Conference Room



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Parish Associate: Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

Minister of Music: Evan M. Collins

The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Kaya Sparks, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Reese Henrick, *alto*

Cali Jacobs, *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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