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| 1 | | <i>No 8:45 Worship</i> |
| | 9:45 | Sunday School/Orientation |
| | 11:00 | Joint Morning Worship |
| 2 | 6:30 pm | AA Women's Group, West Wing Rm. 1 |
| | 8:00 | AA Co-ed Group, West Wing Rm. 2 |
| 3 | 6:30 pm | AA Women's Group, West Wing Rm. 2 |
| 4 | | <i>No Wednesday Night Activities</i> |
| | | <i>No Adult Choir Rehearsal</i> |
| 6 | 8:00 | AA Group, West Wing Rm. 2 |

Sunday, January 1, 2017

First Sunday of Christmas

11:00 AM Worship

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning and we want you to know that you are always welcome. Regardless of who you are, where you come from, what you do professionally or in your spare time, there is always a place for you here at Greystone.

You can give us a record of your visit by filling out the blue Friendship Pads as they are passed down the pews during the service. This will give us a chance to connect with you and help you learn more about Greystone. You can also ask one of the Ministers or Ushers who will direct you to information about our church, or I invite you to visit our website: www.greystonechurch.org.

Worship Care is available in our preschool area for babies to five-year-olds during both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. If you would like to place your children in Worship Care, please stop by the check-in desk to register and drop off your children. We also have activity bags available for children of all ages. They are located in the basket near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

I hope you find Greystone to be a vibrant, diverse community of faith. Our members come from a wide range of spiritual backgrounds and life experiences. All of them care deeply for each other and the world around them. At Greystone, we believe "Every Member is a Minister." I pray your worship with us today leads you further down the path of God's calling upon your life.

Welcome to Greystone Baptist Church!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE IN JANUARY - Join us for Wednesday Night Bible Study and fellowship in the new year when Wednesday Night Live resumes on January 11. We are offering two studies for adults to choose from in January:

Leading Bible study with Preschoolers and Children - Emily Carter Cox, a child and family therapist with the UNC Department of Psychiatry, Raleigh Campus, will join us in January to talk about child development and children's understanding at different ages. She will discuss specifically how to share some of our most beloved yet problematic Bible stories when working and learning with children.

Cultivating and Strengthening Resilience - Our very own Becky Sansbury will lead us in a conversation of practices that can help us stabilize and move forward even during times of crisis. Becky is an author and nationally recognized speaker. We look forward not only to her insights but also her care and compassion in this study. Consider bringing a friend who might need a bit of support and encouragement.

HABITAT WORKDAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 - We will be participating in the Raleigh Baptist Build again this year. Our first workday is Saturday, January 21. Sign up with Johnny Glover, johnnyglover1950@yahoo.com.

PANCAKE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - Join us on Sunday, January 22 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, for good food and fellowship.

STOP HUNGER NOW! - On Sunday, February 5, we will gather together to package 40,000 meals to be distributed through out the world. Plan to come to church on the first Sunday of February for a morning of "working worship". We will have one worship service at 8:45 AM and then go to the fellowship hall to package meals. Wear comfortable clothes and comfortable shoes. Consider inviting a friend.

SAVE THE DATE! - Join us for a weekend retreat on February 10 - 11. We will gather here at Greystone for a time of learning and reflection led by Mark Tidsworth. The theme of our retreat will be "Letting Go and Taking Hold".

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Hughes



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in-to dark - ness, o-pened my eyes, let me see
2. King of all days, oh so high-ly ex-alt - ed, glo-rious in heav-en a - bove;



Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with You.
Hum-bly You came to the earth You cre-a - ted, all for love's sake be - came poor.



Here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.



You're al-to-geth-er love-ly, al-to-geth-er wor-thy, al-to-geth-er won-der-ful to me.

⊕ Please rise in body or spirit

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PRELUDE

“A NEW DAY DAWNS”
Tim Hendrix, Organ

arr. Linker

WELCOME

April Alston

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 148

Allan Smith

⊕ CAROL 290

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD
All Stanzas

DIX

(Children are invited to come to the front during this song.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Caralie Brown

WORSHIP REFLECTION “PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS”
Tim Hendrix, Organ

arr. Honoré

CELEBRATING HOSPITALITY

Mark and Kim Wyatt

PRAYER

⊕ CHORUS

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP
All Stanzas

Hughes

(Music and text printed following the order)

⊕ OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jill Pike

OFFERTORY

Cynthia Griesedieck, Piano

⊕ RESPONSE CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY ADESTE FIDELES
Praise God Who sent the Christ-Child;
Praise Jesus born among us;
And praise the Comforter, bringing peace on earth.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:13-23 Amanda Atkin
Reader: May God add understanding to the reading of the lesson.
Response: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "ANGEL BAND" Choplin
Adult Choir

SERMON "INCARNATION IN THE DARKNESS" Sean Allen

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE
Washing one's hands of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless means to side with the powerful, not to be neutral.
- PAULO FREIRE

⊕ HYMN 648 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING BEECHER

A minister will be at the front during this time to welcome any prayer need or decision you would like to share - whether it is to publicly profess faith in Christ or to join the Greystone church family. Respond as God's Spirit leads.

⊕ PASSING THE PEACE
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY Sean Allen

⊕ SENDING SONG O LORD, WHO CAME TO EARTH TO SHOW CAROL
O Lord, who came to earth to show Your way of truth and love,
Who ministered to varied needs with grace sent from above,
Equip us now to likewise go, and thus fulfill Your word
Compelling us to minister: give us Your love, O Lord.

⊕ BENEDICTION Sean Allen

POSTLUDE "SELECTIONS FROM 'LIGHT ETERNAL' " J. M. Talbot
Tim Hendrix, Organ

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

JILL PIKE (919-270-0091, jillicconepike@gmail.com) is serving as Deacon of the Week this morning. Jill is married to Skip, and she joined him in membership here in March of 1987. Jill serves on the Teller Team and the Wednesday Night Food Service Team.

CARALIE BROWN is a founding member and joined in September of 1984. She is a member of the Edge class and also leads the New Member Orientation class.

MARK AND KIM WYATT have long been involved in engaging displaced peoples with holistic ministry. They began their work as Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel in 1996, serving in Thailand and Canada. In July 2014, the Wyatts' missional journey brought them back to their home state of North Carolina to continue working with those living as strangers in foreign lands in the Raleigh area.

A carnation is placed at the front in honor of Virginia Creamer's 92nd birthday on 1/3/17.