

*Welcome to
Greystone Baptist Church*

December 14, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

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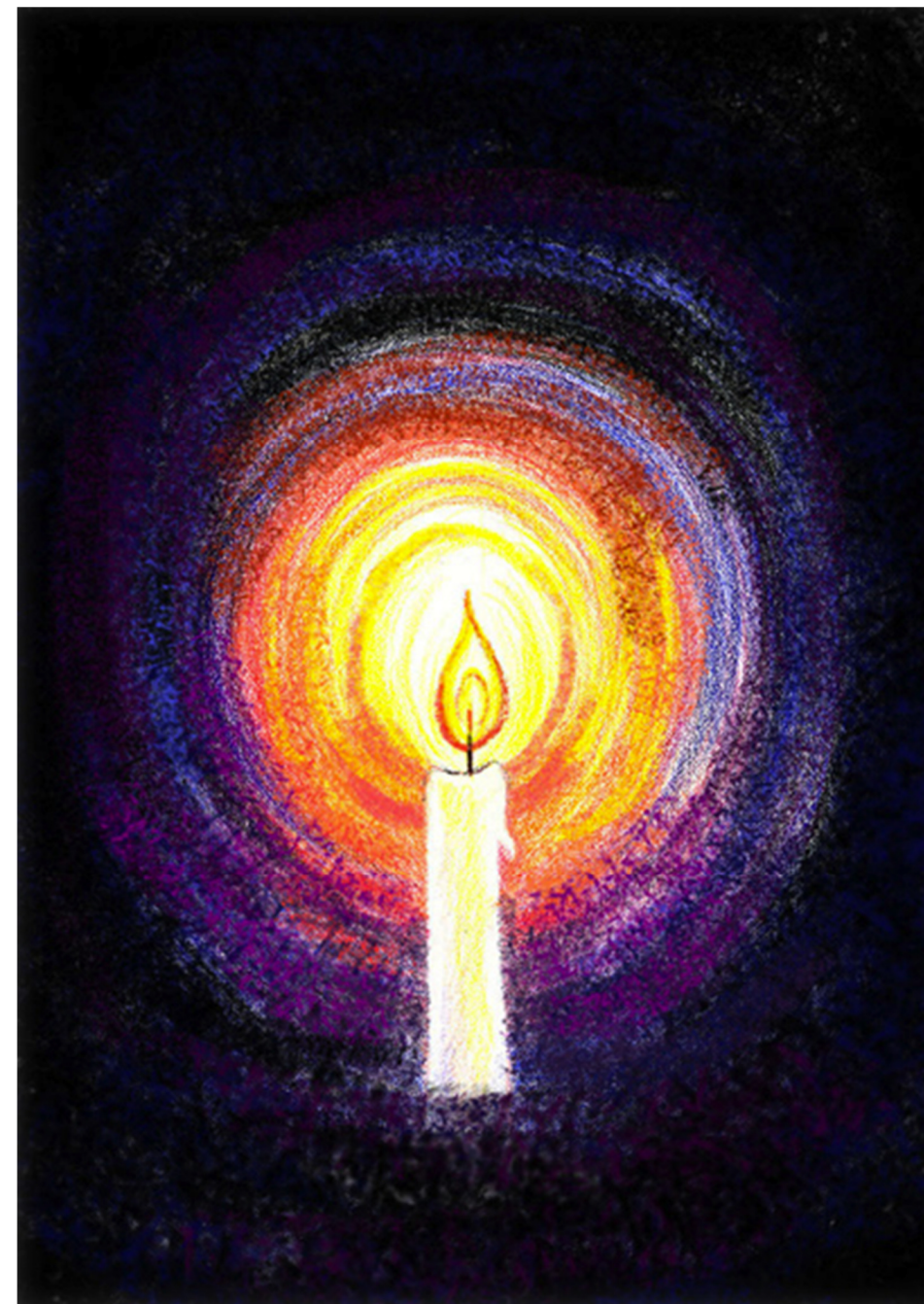
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www.greystonechurch.org

Mission Statement

With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones, where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people.
Based on I Peter 2:5, 6

The Light Shines in the Darkness...



Advent 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:5

Prelude

Tim Hendrix

Chorus

Canticle of the Turning

Irish Trad.

Text: Rory Cooney & the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

Music: Irish Traditional

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -
way all tears, for the dawn draws - near, and the
world is a - bout to - turn.

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Steve Rose, Penny Whistle

Invocation

Amanda Atkin

*A Time of Greeting

Worship Chime

Tim Hendrix

Welcome

§Skip Pike

*Carol 250

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Please bring your Shoeboxes for Hope forward to the communion table during the singing of the carol.

Children please come forward during last stanza.

Children's Sermon

§Missy Brookshire

Handbells

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

†Caralie Brown

arr. Page

Looking ahead this week . . .

Sunday, December 14th

8:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School / Orientation

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata - **Shine On Us**

Monday, December 15th

6:30 p.m. AA Women's Group - West Wing, Room 1

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - Upstairs, Youth Bldg.

8:00 p.m. AA Co-Ed Group - West Wing, Room 2

Tuesday, December 16th

6:30 p.m. AA Women's Group - West Wing, Room 2

Wednesday, December 17th

7:05 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room

Thursday, December 18th

6:30 p.m. Living Nativity (6:30, 7:00 & 7:30 PM)

Friday, December 19th

6:30 p.m. Living Nativity (6:30, 7:00 & 7:30 PM)

8:00 p.m. AA Group - West Wing, Room 2

Sunday, December 21st

8:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School / Orientation

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Service of Hope and Remembrance -
Sanctuary

Meetings this Week

(If a meeting cancels, please notify the office.)

Dec. 14 Student Ministry Leadership Team, 5:00
PM, Youth Room

PASSPORTkids®

Save the date: June 24 - 27, PASSPORT Kids! -
a camp for children in grades 3 - 5. More
information coming soon.

Flower Calendar 2015

There are still dates available to sign up to place
flowers in the sanctuary for worship in 2015.
Please check the calendar located outside the
church office and select the date you would like to
provide flowers.

Welcome Guests

December 14, 2014

Please complete this form, tear it off and place it in
the offering plate.

Circle title: Mr. Mrs. Dr. Ms. Miss

Circle one: Adult Youth Child

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone (home) _____

First time guest _____ repeat guest _____

Children's names and ages: _____

I would like more information on:

- ☐ How to become a Christian
- ☐ How to become a member
- ☐ Sunday School / Bible Study
- ☐ College ministry ☐ Youth ministry
- ☐ Children's ministry ☐ Preschool ministry
- ☐ Music ministry
- ☐ Arranging a visit in my home
- ☐ I would like to receive the newsletter.

**No Wednesday Night Live activities
through the rest of December.**

**Wednesday Night Live
resumes January 7, 2015**

Attention Youth:

D-Now - Our annual
Disciple Now retreat
will be January 23 -
25, 2015. Please let

Allan know if you would like to help out in
anyway (hosting students, helping with
transportation, providing food, etc) by
emailing to: students@greystonechurch.org.





Growing Greystone Through Prayer

Hospital

◆ Ken Mitchell, Rex Hospital, recent surgery

Concerns

- ◆ Greg Morton, recent surgery
- ◆ Arnold Lawson, recent surgery
- ◆ Debbie Reynolds, recent surgery
- ◆ Joe LeNoir, health concerns
- ◆ Ellen Staley, health concerns
- ◆ Zane Wood, recent knee surgery
- ◆ Alice Dickens, health concerns
- ◆ Sylvia Lawson, health concerns
- ◆ Pat Day, broken right foot
- ◆ Vercie Eller, health concerns
- ◆ Ken Mitchell’s brother, Sam Mitchell, hospice
- ◆ Carl Dawson’s mother, Lorraine Dawson, health concerns
- ◆ Lee Ann Spahr, health concerns
- ◆ Steve Holden, health concerns
- ◆ Hazel Perdue’s niece, Sandra Warnick, health concerns
- ◆ Evelyn Harper, back problems

- ◆ Rubye Light, Gene Light’s mother, health concerns
- ◆ Cindy Vestal, health concerns
- ◆ Todd Lesley’s sister, Karyn, health concerns
- ◆ Jan Ballard’s brother, Stanley Pegram, health concerns
- ◆ Donna and Bill Judd’s great niece, Brooklyn Milisits, health concerns

Residential communities/Health Care

Facilities

Cypress (Rosewood): John Lawrence
Magnolia Glen: Nancy Godwin
Rex Nursing Care: Louise Abernathy
Springmoor (Stewart Health Center): Mary Evelyn Divers, Martha Eames, Mildred Garrett, Sallie Greene, Madeline Griffith, Iris Hilliard, Juanita Register, Vi Rigney, Grace Smith

Sympathy

- ◆ Susan Burnette and family on the death of her husband, Thurman Burnette, 11/22/14
- ◆ Mark Stewart’s family on the death of his father, Gene Stewart, 11/18/14

2014 Contributions

If you wish to have tax credits for contributions for the current year, please note that they should be left at the office or mailed to the office postmarked no later than **December 31**. If you plan or would like to make a contribution in the form of stock, please remember, any stock contributions for 2014 must be received by Greystone or in Greystone's account by **December 31st** to be counted as a 2014 contribution.

Contact the church office or the financial secretary, Phil Kraemer, for the information you will need to complete the transfer of stock to Greystone.

Advent Candle of Joy

§Leigh Ammons, Jeff Register
†Carl Dawson, Nina Cole

Lighting the candle today are musicians from our congregation. We are grateful for those who cast light and melody into all areas of life. Those who remind us to joyfully praise God at all times.
May their steady witness give us courage to sing.

Pastoral Prayer

*Carol 269

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory

*Response

How Great Our Joy

Louise Estes

Vivian Adams

Doxology
(tune: Veni Emmanuel)

Praise God from whom all bles - - sings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here - - below.
Praise Him above, ye heav - - nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Ho - - ly ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Is - - rael.

Choral Anthem

*Scripture Reading

Come, Emmanuel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

arr. Sterling

§Bryan Martin

†Amy and Greyson Davis

Reader: May God add understanding to the reading of our lesson.

Response: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Discipline of Silence

Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.

*Carol 271

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Chorus 247

Let’s worship and adore Him, Let’s worship and adore Him, Let’s worship and adore Him, Christ the Lord.

“The Light of Joy”

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

Let’s worship and adore Him, Let’s worship and adore Him, Let’s worship and adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able. §8:45 service only †11:00 service only

Sean Allen

Tim Hendrix

The Chrismon trees and wreaths were donated by Cranberry Tree Farms

Deacon of the week

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First Time Guests - We extend a warm welcome to all guests. Information packets are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick one up.

Activity Bags for the children are located in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Each bag contains a clipboard, paper, pencils, etc. Please return the bags to the basket at the end of the service.

Canticle of the Turning by Rory Cooney

You might have noticed that each of our Advent services has begun with an Irish tune. The piece is called, *Canticle of the Turning*. It is based on Mary’s song from Luke 1. Each week the choir has sung a different verse and the congregation sings the refrain. All of the lyrics of the song are below. We hope you have enjoyed singing with Mary this season as we await the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. (refrain)



To everyone who baked cakes for the NC Correctional Center for Women. Greystone baked and delivered 17 cakes to the Raleigh Baptist Association.



**Christmas Groceries to Go
Raleigh Rescue Mission**

Once again this year we are collecting Christmas Groceries to Go for the Raleigh Rescue Mission. Bags are available for you to take and return and include a shopping list. If you are interested in participating in this project, please take a bag. All details will be on the bag. Bags need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 21st.



5th Annual Troop 388 Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

Going on now through December 23rd. Select your own tree this year! Order forms are on posters located in the hallway outside the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall. For questions about ordering, call Lanette at 919-622-8832.



**Living Nativity
Sign Ups**

Our Annual Living Nativity is December 18th and 19th. Program times will be 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 PM each night. Sign ups continue and the signup board is in the hallway outside of the sanctuary. For more information, contact Tina Pickles, tinapickles@nc.rr.com, or Heather Choplin, hchoplin@earthlink.net.

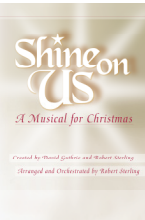
Upcoming Events

- December 18th & 19th - Living Nativity**, 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM
- December 21st - Service of Hope and Remembrance**, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Service**, 5:30 PM, Sanctuary
- December 28th - 10:00 a.m. Doughnuts and Coffee**, Gathering Room
- 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship Service** - no 8:45 a.m. Worship Service.

Wednesday Night Live resumes January 7th

This year Milton Brasher-Cunningham will be leading our January Bible Study. We will be exploring his book, Keeping the Feast, and thinking about communion, fellowship and the church. As Reverend Brasher-Cunningham knows and tells beautifully in Keeping the Feast, the Kingdom of God is like a restaurant. It isn't a solitary business. You can't have a restaurant, or a church, alone. You need to stand the heat with other people, listen to other people weep, let other people pop fresh strawberries or little pieces of communion bread into your mouth. And doing this takes practice, too. You always need cook for people you don't know, pray for people you don't like, and eat with whoever shows up.

Milton Brasher-Cunningham was born in Texas, grew up in Africa as a Missionary Kid, and lived almost twenty years in the Boston area before moving to Durham, North Carolina, where he lives with his wife, Ginger, and their two Schnauzers. He is an ordained minister, has been a high school English teacher and a professional chef. Don't miss this wonderful study!



**Christmas Cantata
Shine On Us
Tonight
6:00 PM, Sanctuary**
Childcare provided for
Babies - Preschool