

November

19	8:45 am	Worship Service
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	1:25 pm	Children - Movie “Wonder”
	4:00	Grace Tones Ensemble
	5:45	Dinner and Variety Show
22		No Wednesday Night Live Activities No Adult Choir Rehearsal
23		Church Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving

Worship Care Providers

Today	Sunday, 11/26/17
David Alston	Brian and Lilian Grant
Suzanne Best	James and Shyla Tatum
Susan Burnette	Brad and April Walker
John Clark	Brent and Jennifer Walker
AnaRita Eason	
Katie Lindsey	
Eileen Trawick	
Elizabeth Worley	

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
8:45 & 11:00 AM Worship

Welcome

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 we invite you 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.

We 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.” We 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

THANK YOU - The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for your support in the 2018 Pledge Campaign for next year. While the tally is being taken and recorded, and in the unlikely event you didn’t have the opportunity to submit your pledge card, there is still time. Call or come by the church office and pick up your pledge card, sign it, submit it. It’s that easy. We are a blessed community that is walking hand in hand and *Building Toward the Future*.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY - The 2018 Flower Calendar is now posted in the hallway by the door of the church office. You may write your name next to the date you wish to provide flowers for the Sanctuary. The arrangements start around \$65.00. North Raleigh Florist provides free delivery but you are welcome to use your own florist and arrange for delivery if that is a better option for you.

WONDER - Greystone’s 3rd-5th grade children have been reading the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Our younger children read the book *We Are All Wonders*, by the same author. All children and their families are invited to go see the movie based on these books together today, 1:25 PM at North Hills. Meet outside the theater at 1:00. Let April know you are coming so she can look for you.

SHARE A PIE - Want a break from baking this Thanksgiving AND help 2 local ministries? Alliance Medical Ministry and Step Up Ministries will again be providing pies that can be purchased and delivered for Thanksgiving. For more information, to order or volunteer, go to <https://www.sharethepie.org>.

LUMBERTON RELIEF EFFORT - You are invited to join the team going to Lumberton November 30-December 2 to reconstruct homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew. You can go one, two or three days. You can stay with the team in Lumberton or drive down for the day. Contact Jerry Chiles, jerrychiles1@gmail.com or call 919-606-2751.

SHOE BOXES FOR HOPE - This year will be the 18th year Greystone has provided shoeboxes filled with gifts for the students of Hope Elementary School and gift cards for the staff. The Greystone Youth are sponsoring this as a church-wide mission project and sign-ups will begin November 26 so look for the sign-up table outside the sanctuary. We will dedicate the shoeboxes in our services on Dec. 17. We want to show Hope Elementary that we support the special things they are doing and the leaders they are creating. Contact Pam Ouzts at 919-931-9507, pouzts@cisco.com, or Leigh Ammons at 919-637-6881.

SAVE THE DATE - PASSPORT KIDS 2018 - Passport Kids 2018 will be July 2-5 at Montreat. Reserve a spot for your 3rd-5th grader now with a \$60 deposit by December 31. See April for more information.

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 1 Peter 2:5, 6)

The flowers are given today by Erich and Karen Brewer
in loving memory of Erich’s mother Margaret Kestner Brewer
who passed away on November 13 at age 91.

In this season of Thanksgiving, the staff would like to call your attention to the beautiful Thanksgiving display on the communion table this morning which hopefully will draw your spirit to reflect and be thankful for the blessings of God. We’d also like to thank the Worship Committee for creating this visual display that enhances our worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

LARRY MOORE (919-787-4013, larrymooremail@gmail.com) is serving as Deacon of the Week this morning. Larry is married to Libby. They joined Greystone in February 1992 and are members of the Life Application class. Larry serves on the Ordinance Team and Living Nativity Team.

ADVENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- December 3

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE | 6:30 pm

Usher in the Advent season with this family-friendly service in which we will decorate our sanctuary – including carols, music and readings.
- December 10

CHRISTMAS AT GREYSTONE: *THE WORD BECAME FLESH* | 6:30 pm

A musical celebration featuring the GBC Music Ministries.
*child care provided
- December 17

SERVICE OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE | 6:30 pm

A reflective service for those living with loss and grief - in the Gathering Room.
*child care provided
- December 20

THE LIVING NATIVITY | 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 pm

Join us for this retelling of Christ’s birth by our nativity characters, on the front lawn of the church.
- December 24

MORNING WORSHIP FEATURING CHILDREN’S NATIVITY | 11:00 am

The whole family is invited to this special service of readings and carols featuring our Children’s Nativity.

SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT | 5:30 pm

A family-friendly Christmas Eve service, with communion.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

✦ Please rise in body or spirit

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- PRELUDE

“COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME”

arr. Ryan
Pam Weis, Organ
- WELCOME

Randy Ashcraft
- OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 123

Amanda Atkin
- ✦ HYMN

OH, HOW GOOD IT IS

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(Bring canned goods forward during this time. Children come forward at the end of this hymn.)

Verse

1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to-geth - er in

2. Oh, how good it is, on this jour - ney we share, to re-joice with the

spir-it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the bonds of peace, of ac-

hap-py and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the af-

cept - ance and love, are the fruit of His pres-ence here a - mong us.

flict - ed find grace when we of - fer the bless-ing of be - long - ing.

Refrain

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord. And with one heart we'll

live out His Word till the whole earth sees the Re-deem - er has

come, for He dwells in the pres-ence of His peo - ple.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		April Alston
WORSHIP REFLECTION	“FIND US FAITHFUL” Pam Weis, Organ	Mohr
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Allan Smith
✠ HYMN 793	FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH	DIX
✠ OFFERTORY PRAYER		Larry Moore
VOCAL OFFERTORY	“SUN DON’T SET IN THE MORNING” Grace Tones Ensemble	Spiritual; arr. Althouse
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<p>Sun don't set in the morning, sun don't set in the morning, Lord, Sun don't set in the morning, ‘cause light shines over the world, Yes, light shines over the world.</p> <p>Rain don't fall from a blue sky, rain don’t fall from a clear blue sky. Rain don’t fall from a blue sky, ‘cause light shines over the world, Yes, light shines over the world.</p> <p>Oh, pray on, brother, pray on sister, light shines over the world. Pray on brother, pray on sister, light shines over the world, Yes, light shines over the world.</p> <p>Water don’t rise when the stars glow. Water don’t rise when the stars glow bright. Water don’t rise when the stars glow, ‘cause light shines over the world, Yes, light shines over the world.</p> <hr/>		
✠ RESPONSE 788	NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD	NUN DANKET
<p>All Praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven, The one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.</p>		
✠ SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 25:14-30	Mike Eller
<p>Reader: May God add understanding to the reading of the lesson. Response: Thanks be to God.</p>		

ANTHEM	“A TIME FOR TURNING” Grace Tones Ensemble	Courtney
<div>To everything a season, to everything a time, A moment to move forward and leave the past behind. As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring, There comes a time for turning, to every living thing. The breezes change direction, the geese turn homeward bound, The leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground. The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow And so to all a season, a time for letting go. Now is the time for turning, and this the place to start, For yielding to the yearning, a changing of the heart. A moment to surrender the things we should release, Forgive and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, peace.</div>		
SERMON	“THE BURDEN OF A GREAT POTENTIAL”	Randy Ashcraft
DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE		
✦ HYMN 664	TAKE MY LIFE, LEAD ME LORD	LANGLEY
<div>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.</div>		
✦ PASSING THE PEACE		
<div>Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you.</div>		
✦ CELEBRATING COMMUNITY		Randy Ashcraft
✦ SENDING SONG 797	COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME	ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR
<div>All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; Wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.</div>		
✦ BENEDICTION		Randy Ashcraft
POSTLUDE	“GIGUE (DANCE)” Pam Weis, Organ	arr. Wagner