GREYSTONE
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

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 I invite you visit our website: www.greystonechurch.org.

Worship Care is available in our preschool area for babies to five-year-olds during our worship 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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Service of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent — 11:00 AM

✠ Please rise in body or spirit

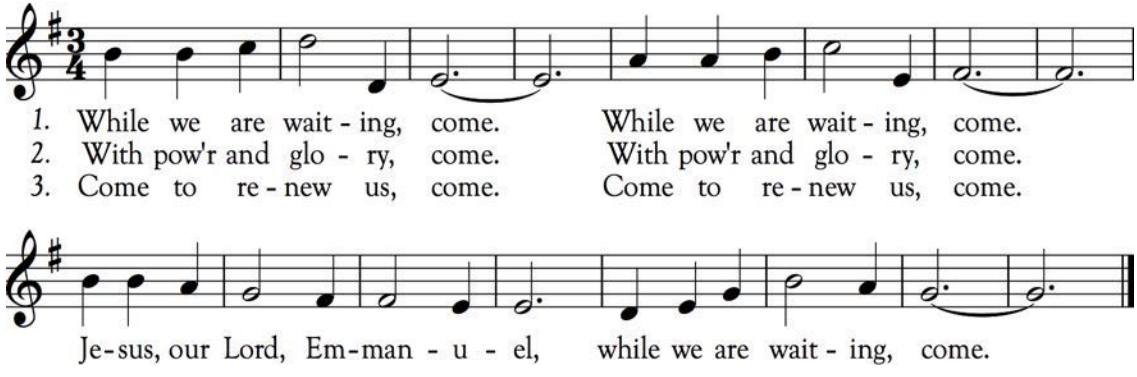
Prelude — "He Shall Feed His Flock" — arr. Broughton
Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

Welcome — Randy Ashcraft

✠ **Carol 245** — O Come, O Come Emmanuel — Veni Emmanuel
Stanza 1: All Stanza 2: Ladies Stanza 3: Men Stanza 4: All

Lighting the Advent Candles — Donnie, Jean and Nicole Moorefield

Response — While We Are Waiting, Come — Waiting
Children come forward during this song



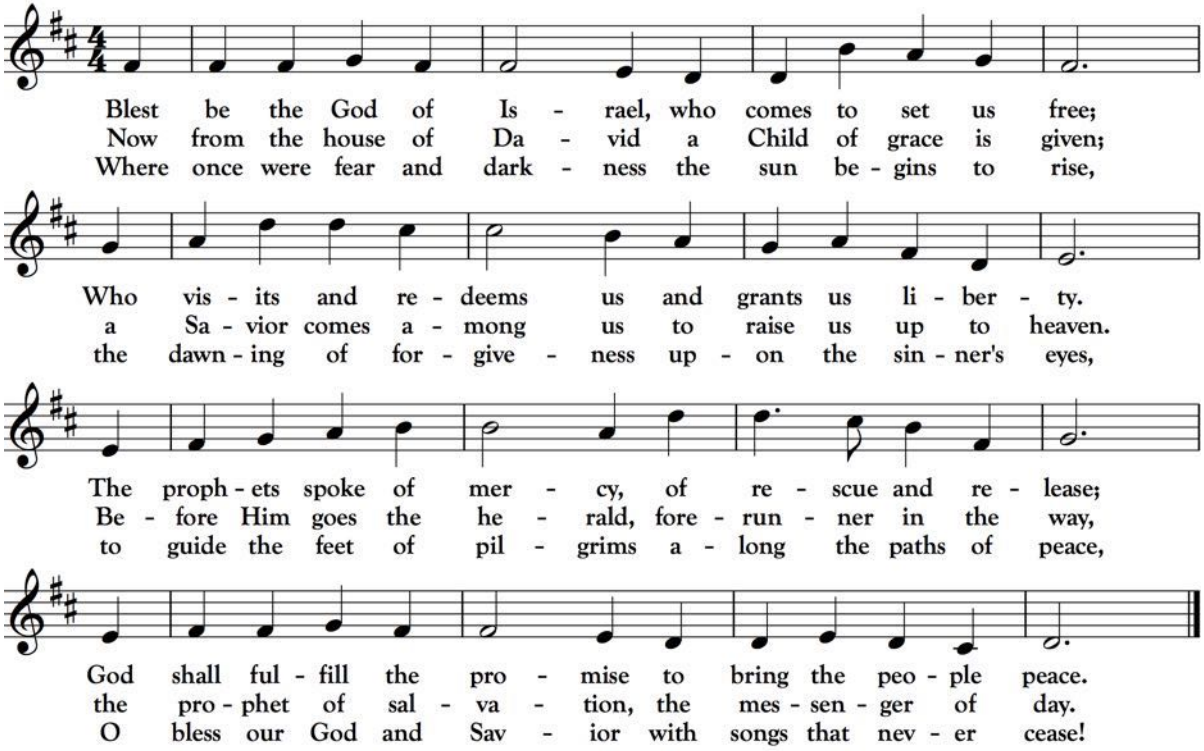
Children's Message — Kay Meyer

Worship Reflection — "Emmanuel" — McGee
Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 40:1-11 — Randy Ashcraft

Pastoral Prayer

✠ Hymn — Blest Be the God of Israel — Aurelia



✠ Offertory Prayer — Kim Craig

Choral Offertory — "Waiting" — Choplin

Adult Choir

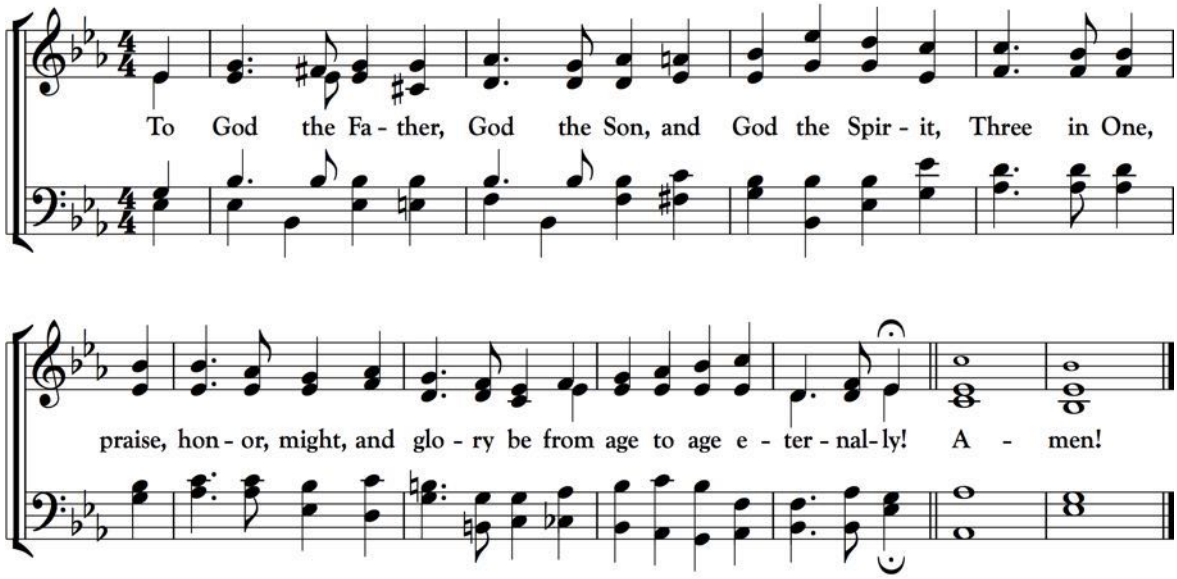
Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.
Fill the mind 'til we find Your light, Your truth.
Waiting, we are waiting. Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.
Fill the mind 'til we find Your will, Your way.

Now let us know Your presence, Lord; Emmanuel, God be with us.
We welcome You with open hearts; Emmanuel, God be with us. God be with us, Emmanuel.

Listening, we are listening, Lord. Listening, we are listening, Lord.
Draw near, let us hear Your Word for us.

Patience, give us patience, Lord. Patience, give us patience, Lord.
When we pray, give us faith that You hear ev'ry prayer.
As we're waiting . . . We are waiting. Waiting.

✠ RESPONSE CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT WALTHAM



✠ GOSPEL READING Mark 1:1-8 Allan Smith

Reader: May God add understanding to the reading of the lesson.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "*WAIT*" Randy Ashcraft

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes...and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1943

✠ CAROL 292 THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE MARGARET

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 — Randy Ashcraft

✠ SENDING SONG 648 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING, *stanza 1* — BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.

✠ BENEDICTION — Randy Ashcraft

POSTLUDE "LIFE UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES" — TRURO
Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

SPECIAL CALLED CHURCH IN CONFERENCE

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to Cranberry Tree Farms for their gracious donation
of wreathes and for the beautiful trees in the Sanctuary.

A carnation is placed at the front today
in honor of Ellen Sineath's 93rd birthday on Dec. 13.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Kim Craig – Deacon of the Week
(919) 845-1739; kimcraig1604@gmail.com
Kim joined in April of 1996. She is a member of the Salt and Light class and teaches the 1st and 2nd grade classes. Kim serves on the Missions Committee and the Preschool Children's Ministry Committee.

Donnie, Jean and Nicole Moorefield
Donnie and Jean joined in November of 2005 and are members of the Grace Fellowship class. Donnie serves on the Student Ministry Leadership Committee and is an Usher. Jean serves on the Fellowship Team and is an Usher. Nicole attends Sanderson High School. She is a Buddy Break volunteer and active in the Youth Ministry.

Kay Meyer
Kay is married to John. They joined in February of 1996 and are members of the Salt and Light class. Kay serves on the Worship Care Committee.

Worship with us this Advent...

Morning Worship

DECEMBER 3, 10, 17 — 11:00 AM

Hanging of the Greens Service

DECEMBER 3 — 6:30 PM

Usher in the Advent season by joining us for this family-friendly service of carol-singing, music and readings, in which we will decorate our sanctuary*

Christmas at Greystone: The Word Became Flesh

DECEMBER 10 — 6:30 PM

A musical celebration featuring the GBC Music Ministries*

Service of Hope and Remembrance

DECEMBER 17 — 6:30 PM

A reflective service for those living with loss and grief - *Gathering Room**

The Living Nativity

DECEMBER 20 — 6:00, 6:30 & 7:00 PM

A retelling of Christ's birth by our Nativity characters, on the front corner of the church

Morning Worship with Children's Nativity

DECEMBER 24 — 11:00 AM

A service of worship with carols, readings and a children-led Nativity*

Service of Carols and Candlelight

DECEMBER 24 — 5:30 PM

A family-friendly Christmas Eve service

**Childcare provided*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Called Church in Conference - In the special called church conference today, the deacons will nominate the following persons to serve on the Senior Pastor Search Committee:

Susan Burnette	Annie Hardison-Moody (Chair)	Brian Grant
John Clarke	Jackson Hollingsworth	Joanne Thompson
Toni Cox	John Meyer	Johnathan Eshleman
Laura Nelson		

Christmas at Greystone: *The Word Became Flesh* - Join us tonight at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary for this special program featuring the Adult Choir, Soloists, Grace Tones Ensemble, with Narration and Orchestra.

Wednesday Night Adult Studies - Join us on this final Wednesday night opportunity in December for Adult study and fellowship. John Vestal will lead a discussion of the Christmas Story. Elaine Hansen will gather a group to write cards this Advent and Holiday Season. Classes are at 6:30, December 13. Dinner menu: Lemon chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll.

December Worship Schedule - Greystone is gathering on Sunday mornings to celebrate and worship as one church family during December. We will gather at 11:00am each Sunday (except for New Year's Eve Sunday). Additionally, the church will hold services every Sunday night the first four Sundays of Advent including Christmas Eve. Please check your church calendars for further details. This temporary change in schedule will give our congregation the opportunity to join together in one heart and voice during these beginning days of the Interim and hopefully will strengthen the impact of our worship and the "ties that bind" us as the people of God. You might even see some faces you haven't seen in a while!

Worship Schedule:	**Today:**	Morning Worship at 11 AM Christmas at Greystone - *The Word Became Flesh* at 6:30 PM
	December 17:	Morning Worship at 11 AM Service of Hope and Remembrance at 6:30 PM
	December 24:	Morning Worship at 11 AM with a Children's Christmas Pageant Candle Light and Communion Service at 5:30 PM
	December 31:	Coffee and Doughnuts at 10 AM Morning Worship at 10:30 AM (no Sunday School)

Senior Adult Sponsored Trip - Saturday, 12/16, we will travel to Wake Forest to Pipers Christmas Light Show to view the lights, ride the train and visit their candy shop. We will dine at Shucker's Oyster and Sea Food Restaurant. Meet in the Sawmill lot at 5:00 PM.

Youth Christmas Party - Saturday, December 16, 4:00 - 8:30 PM - Youth will meet in the Lead Mine parking lot of the church on Saturday, December 16 at 4:00 and go shopping to fill shoeboxes for Hope Elementary School. Afterward we will return to the Youth Building to wrap the boxes, eat dinner, and have our annual White Elephant Christmas exchange! The party will end by 8:30 PM. Feel free to invite friends to join us! Please RSVP on Sign-up Genius at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054daead229-youth1.

Shoe Boxes for Hope - This is 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 are on a table outside the sanctuary. We will dedicate the shoeboxes in our services on Dec. 17. Contact Pam Ouzts at (919) 931-9507, pouzts@cisco.com, or Leigh Ammons at (919) 637-6881.

Living Nativity - Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00 PM on the front corner of the church. An all church email went out this week with a link for Sign-up Genius for volunteers. The volunteer sign-up is at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084daeaf23a57-living.

Christmas Eve Offering - Greystone's Christmas Eve Offering is traditionally dedicated to a Missions Project. This year's offering will go toward a 2018 Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging event (formerly Stop Hunger Now). Our goal is $11,600 which will allow us to package 40,000 meals for those in need around the globe. Please consider donating an amount equal to taking your family out for an evening dinner so that others will be able to have a hot and nutritious meal. A $60 donation will provide over 200 meals for those in need. Thank you for your generous support!

2017 Contributions - If you wish to have tax credit for contributions in 2017, please note that they should be left at the office, in the drop box outside 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 2017 must be received by Greystone, in Greystone's account, by December 31 to be counted as a 2017 contribution. Contact the financial secretary for the information you will need to complete the transfer of stock to Greystone, by calling 919-847-1333 or emailing finance@greystonechurch.org.

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)

PRAYER LIST 12/10/17

On-call Minister #: (919) 817-8975

Praise

- Kyle and Teresa Dilday on the birth of their granddaughter, Rosemary "Rosie" Powell Dilday born November 29
- Skip and Jill Pike on the birth of their grandson, August John Bagwell born November 22 to parents Joshua and Isabel Bagwell
- Lou and Marcia Ostendorff on the birth of their grandson, Magnus Shepherd Killingsworth born November 18

Hospital

- Duane Long, Duke Hospital

Health Concerns

- Bethany Roberts, Bill and Pam Weis's granddaughter
- Michael Rowe's mother, Jill Smith and grandmother, Augusta Schreyer-Smith
- Amy Vandersip
- Martha Castleberry
- Lisha Stewart's mother, Delores Griffith
- Milton Whann, Heather Choplin's dad
- Eileen Trawick
- Virginia Creamer's son, Jack Creamer
- Linda Peterson's friend, Finlay Judy
- Vercie Eller
- Ron Thompson's friend, John Darr
- Amy Vandersip's sister, Jill
- Joanne Thompson's brother-in-law, Tim Marshall
- Dottie Thompson's grandson, Edward Thompson
- Cathy Perkinson
- Karen Brewer's sister, Nancy Jones
- Elizabeth Cregger
- Sylvia Goulding
- Roger Gardner
- Deanna Choplin's friend, Emily Kinlaw

Other Concerns

- Michael David Rowe's sister, recent move

Residential / Health Care Facilities

- **Abbotswood**: Jean Brown
- **Rex Nursing Care**: Nancy Godwin
- **Springmoor (SHC)**: Vergie Baxley, Lib Daniels, Sallie Greene, Pauline Noble, Juanita Register

Sympathy

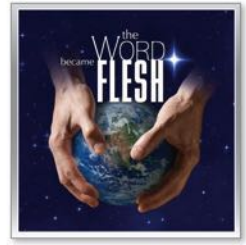
- Pam Phillips' family on the death of her cousin, Gregory Aaron, 11/21/17

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 6:30 PM

CHRISTMAS at GREYSTONE

FEATURING
ADULT CHOIR, SOLOISTS, AND GRACE TONES
WITH NARRATION AND ORCHESTRA

PRESENTING DAN GOELLER'S
THE WORD BECAME FLESH



This Week at Greystone

December

10	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00	Joint Morning Worship
	12:00 pm	Special Called Church in Conference
	6:30	Christmas *at* Greystone
13	5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Live Dinner
	6:00	Worship Arts & Music for Children (WAM!)
	6:15	Prayer
		Youth *Selah*
	6:20	Adult Study
	6:45	Children - Mission Study
	7:15	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Worship Care Providers

Today

Barbara Crabb
Johnathan and Kim Eshleman
Chris and Sarah Lannom
Jeannie Miller
Joanna Perry
Mary Sherron

Sunday, Dec. 17

Patsy Chiles
Katie Eller
Gayla Hollingsworth
Maria Morton
Cheryl Muncie
Dustin and Emily Tuttle

"Every Member a Minister"

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