



GREYSTONE
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
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!

Greystone Staff

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

✠ Please stand as you are able

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PRELUDE

“O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING”
Tim Hendrix, Organ

Holst; arr. Various

WELCOME

Randy Ashcraft

OPENING SENTENCES

Mike Eller

✠ CHORUS

LORD MOST HIGH

Sadler

See insert for music and words

Children come forward at the end of this chorus

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amanda Atkin

✠ HYMN

WE ARE TRAVELERS ON A JOURNEY

BEACH SPRING

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

✠ OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nell Panten

Adult Choir

We will rejoice in the Lord. We will rejoice in the God of our salvation.
He never fails, is never weary; He gives His strength to the weak.
Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.

They will mount up with wings as eagles; They will run and not be weary;
They will walk and faint not; Those who wait upon the Lord will have strength.
If the trees never blossom, if no fruit is on the vine, if the fields yield no grain,
if no herd is in the stalls, we will still rejoice in the Lord!
We will still rejoice in the God of our salvation.

For we will mount up with wings as eagles; We will run and not be weary;
We will walk and faint not; Those who wait upon the Lord will have strength.
We will rejoice in the Lord.
We will mount up with wings as eagles; We will run and not be weary;
We will walk and not faint for God is our strength!

⌘ RESPONSE 815

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SERMON

“A CHURCH JESUS MIGHT ATTEND”

Bill Wilson

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

CALL TO THE TABLE

Randy Ashcraft

COMMUNION

Music for communion will be provided by our keyboardists

⌘ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

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.

✠ CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Randy Ashcraft

✠ SENDING SONG

SENDING SONG OF JOY

BEECHER

In this day of celebration, we rejoice in wondrous grace.
We are loved and we are cherished, we are one in God's embrace.
Cup of Blessing, we have tasted, Bread of Life for all to share.
Nourished by the food of heaven, go forth now, Good News declare.

✠ BENEDICTION

Randy Ashcraft

POSTLUDE

"O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"

arr. G. Martin

Tim Hendrix, Organ

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers today are provided by Linda Peterson to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Skip Peterson.

A carnation is placed at the front today in honor of Becky Dean's 99th birthday on 2/7/18.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Dr. Bill Wilson - Today we welcome Dr. Bill Wilson as our guest proclaimer. Dr. Wilson is the founder and director of The Center for Healthy Churches. He has pastored churches in Georgia, Virginia and South Carolina. He brings over 33 years of local church ministry experience to his work. His work with churches and ministers is marked by a positive and unyielding belief that Christ-centered ministry is fulfilling and relevant. Dr. Wilson will be leading the Pastor Search Team Congregational meetings at Greystone.

Nell Panten - Deacon of the Week

(804) 601-3070; npanten12@gmail.com

Nell is married to Bob. They joined in June of 2014, and are members of the Generations class. Nell serves on the Wednesday Night Food Services Team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation from the Pastor Search Team - The Pastor Search Team is excited to announce that after an orientation with Dr. Bill Wilson with the Center for Health Churches, we have committed ourselves - and this church - to a time of prayerful discernment about who our next Senior Minister will be. To aid in that process, we are inviting you to a series of conversations about Greystone's past, present and future. These crucial conversations will help shape this work as a spiritual process, rooted in God's will for who and what Greystone is meant to be. Hopefully you were able to join us for the first conversation this morning in the Fellowship Hall. Additional conversations will be held on March 18 at 4 PM and in early May (date/time TBD). Please pray for our team and for our church as we embark on this holy work.

Orientation Sessions - We will be hosting a series of conversations to help orient guests and new comers to Greystone. These sessions will cover a bit of history about Greystone, our ministries and missions, ways for you to be involved, and time with our pastor, Randy Ashcraft. These conversations will take place in "Books on the Corner", our media center that is located just across the walkway from the Fellowship Hall. We will meet at 10 AM on February 11, 18 and 25. If you have further questions, please contact Amanda Atkin (amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org or 919.847.1333).

Practice Resurrection Study - In this time of transition at Greystone, it is really important to have practices and tools that strengthen our sense of togetherness. One of the ways we can do this is to study and discuss something together.

During Lent, our Adult Sunday School classes will be reading and discussing, Practice Resurrection, by Eugene Peterson. In Practice Resurrection, Peterson brings the voice of Scripture - especially Paul's letter to the Ephesians - and the voice of the contemporary Christian congregation together to unpack what it means to fully grow up "to the stature of Christ." Through all of us reading and discussing this book by Peterson, my hope is that we will all understand how to bring Christian character to the center of our lives.

In addition to these Sunday morning opportunities to join in on the discussion, we will also offer study groups on Monday mornings at 10:30 in the Gathering Room with Randy Ashcraft and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 with Amanda Atkin. We hope you will find a way to join your friends and church family in this study. Paul's letter to the believers in Ephesus was crucial in the development of the early church and can still be a trusted guide for us in today's modern church.

Thank You - Thank you to all of our GBC Preschool teachers and local college students for providing childcare for our congregational conversation meeting this morning. Your service allowed us to meet as an entire church family. Your service is appreciated.

Church-Wide Pancake Breakfast - Join us for fellowship and pancakes on Sunday, February 25 at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Dinners at Greystone - We will accept reservations until noon on Mondays. You can reserve your meal by filling in a reservation card (located in the Sanctuary pew racks) and placing that card in the offering plates, calling the church office or by signing up through our church website. Meals are \$7 per adult and \$4 per child with a family cap of \$20. Menu for 2/7: Bar-B-Q, fried chicken, slaw, boiled potatoes, hushpuppies, roll.

Announcements cont'd.

Youth Winter Mountain Retreat - Sign Up Now - Youth, grades 6-12 are invited to come away for a weekend of fellowship, recreation, and worship. On March 2 - 4, at the Mt. Shepherd Retreat Center, in Asheboro, NC, we will explore the mountains of central North Carolina with a variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, rock climbing, low and high ropes courses, and simply sitting amidst God's creation. Cost for the retreat will be \$100 with an early bird price of \$75 if forms and money are received by tomorrow, Monday, February 5. Full and partial scholarships are available. Please contact Allan Smith with any questions, allan.smith@greystonechurch.org.

Inclement Weather - In the case of inclement weather during the winter season, the staff of Greystone Baptist Church assesses weather and road conditions to determine which, if any, services will be affected. Our first priority is everyone's safety. The church office is closed each Friday through Sunday with no one available to provide updates by phone so please check WRAL, channel 5, or the church website at www.greystonechurch.org for updates when in doubt.

Flowers for the Sanctuary - The 2018 Flower Calendar is posted in the hallway by the door of the church office. Write your name next to the date you wish to provide flowers for the Sanctuary. Upcoming dates still available are February 11 and March 18. 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.

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)

THIS WEEK AT GREYSTONE

February

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| 4 | 9:00 am | Pastor Search Team Congregational Meeting, Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:00 | Joint Worship Service |
| | 4:00 pm | Grace Tones Ensemble Rehearsal |
| | 5:00 | Student Choir Rehearsal |
| | 6:00 | Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal Sunday Night Youth |
| 7 | 5:30 pm | Wednesday Night Live Dinner |
| | 6:00 | Children's Worship Arts & Music (WAM!) |
| | 6:15 | Prayer Youth <i>Selah</i> |
| | 6:20 | Adult Study |
| | 6:45 | Children - Mission Study |
| | 7:15 | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| 10 | 9:30 am | Buddy Break |

Worship Care Providers

Sunday, Feb. 11

Patsy Chiles

Johnathan and Kim Eshleman

Chris and Sarah Lannom

Jeannie Miller

Joanna Perry

Mary Sherron

“Every Member a Minister”

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