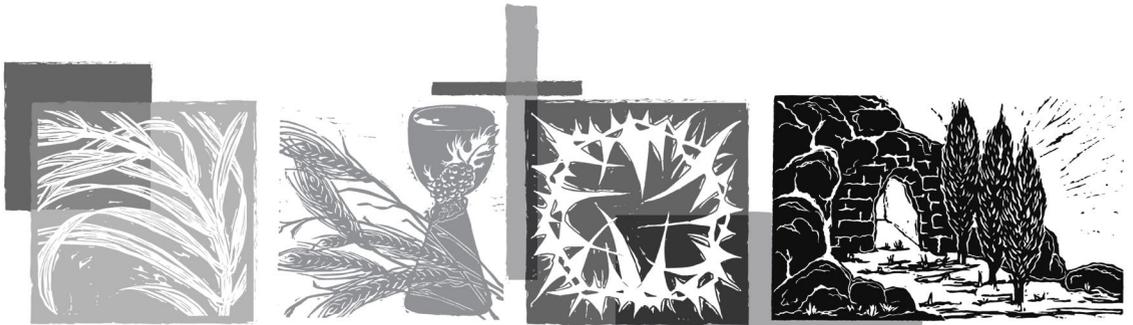


Third Sunday in Lent



LENT

journey to the cross



SUNDAY WORSHIP
MARCH 4, 2018

Welcome to 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.

GETTING CONNECTED AT GBC

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. We also invite you to visit our website where you'll learn more about Greystone.

YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IS WELCOME!

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 your children to participate 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.

Reflection

Whether I kneel or stand or sit in prayer
I am not caught in time nor held in space,
But, thrust beyond this posture, I am where
Time and eternity are face to face;
Infinity and space meet in this place
Where crossbar and upright hold the One
In agony and in all Love's embrace.
The power in helplessness which was begun
When all the brilliance of the flaming sun
Contained itself in the small confines of a child
Now comes to me in this strange action done
In mystery. Break time, break space, O wild
And lovely power. Break me: thus am I dead,
Am resurrected now in wine and bread.

- Madeleine L'Engle, *At Communion*

Where have you seen a moment of resurrection this week? Take a moment to write about it on the Post-it provided and share it on the Reformation Door at the back of the Sanctuary.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, March 4

8:45 & 11:00 am

At the opening of this hour of worship,
take a moment to prepare your hearts.
*Be sure to sign the Friendship Pad located in
your pews and pass it down the row.*

Prelude	“Adagio in G Minor” Lee Ann Spahr, Organ	arr. Harris
Welcome		Mike Eller
**Children’s Choirs	“Come with a Grateful Heart” with Lee Ann Spahr, Flute	Bailey, Mayo
	“Living in the Light” Directed by Mike Eller	Schram
✠ Hymn 450	Lift High the Cross <i>Stanzas 1, 3, 4 and 5</i>	CRUCIFER
	<i>Children come forward during the last stanza</i>	
Children’s Message		Missy Brookshire
Worship Reflection	“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Lee Ann Spahr, Organ	Maker

* 8:45 worship service / ** 11:00 worship service

✠ All who are able, are invited to stand

Hearing devices and large-print hymnals are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Lenten Prayer

April Alston

Give up harsh words: **use generous ones.**
Give up unhappiness: **take up gratitude.**
Give up anger: **take up gentleness and patience.**
Give up pessimism: **take up hope and optimism.**
Give up worrying: **take up trust in God.**
Give up complaining: **value what you have.**
Give up stress: **take up prayer.**
Give up judging others: **discover Christ within them.**
Give up sorrow and bitterness: **fill your heart with joy.**
Give up selfishness: **take up compassion for others.**
Give up being unforgiving: **learn reconciliation.**
Give up words: **fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.**
Give up the ways of death: **practice resurrection.**

**Instrumental Praise

“Prelude to Sunrise”
Children’s Handbells

Eithun

⊕ Chorus 583

You Are My All In All
Both Stanzas

Jernigan

⊕ Offertory Prayer

Kerry Crabb

Offertory

**“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (Thygerson)

Sue Newton, Piano

**“Lonesome Valley” (arr. Althouse)

Adult Choir

Soloists: Heather Choplin and Melissa Langston

⊕ Response 87

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration.
Now and forevermore be Thine! Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Mike Eller

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Discipline of Silence

Take a moment to hear what the Spirit may be speaking to you

Call to the Table

Amanda Atkin

The Bread

"I Come to the Cross" (Raney)

Sue Newton, Piano

The Cup

"The Old Rugged Cross" (arr. Keyser)

Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

✦ Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

✦ Hymn 488

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

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.

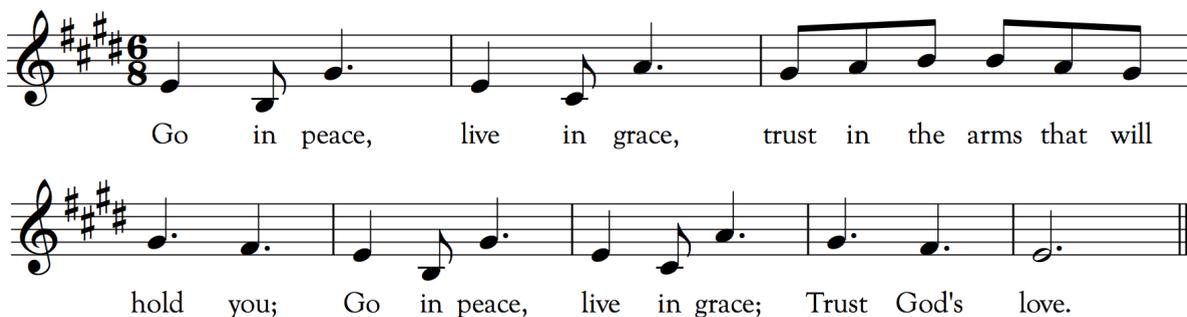
✦ Celebrating Community

Amanda Atkin

✦ Sending Song

Go in Peace (Traveling Mercies)

Crockett



Go in peace, live in grace, trust in the arms that will
hold you; Go in peace, live in grace; Trust God's love.

Postlude

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Conkey

Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

Worship Notes

The flowers today are provided by Doug and AnaRita Eason in celebration of Nicolas' and Caitlin's wedding, March 3, 2018.

Today's Worship Leaders

Dr. Curtis W. Freeman - We welcome Dr. Curtis Freeman as our guest proclaimer this morning. He is research professor of theology and Baptist studies and director of the Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC. His research and teaching explores areas of Free Church theology. Dr. Freeman's life in the church began when he was a child - the oldest of four siblings - in Denton, Texas, a small town about 35 miles north of Fort Worth. His family was Episcopalian, and Dr. Freeman came to deeply appreciate that church and its traditions. His early track led him directly into theology and the pulpit. He attended Baylor University and then Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, graduating in 1980. He completed a Ph.D. at Baylor in 1990 while also serving as pastor of several churches in and around Waco. From 1987 to 2001, Freeman taught in the Department of Christianity and Philosophy at Houston Baptist University. Published works include *Undomesticated Dissent: Democracy and the Public Virtue of Religious Nonconformity*, *Contesting Catholicity: Theology for Other*

Baptists, A Company of Women Preachers: Baptist Prophetesses in Seventeenth-Century England, and *Baptist Roots: A Reader in the Theology of a Christian People*. He is an ordained Baptist minister and serves as editor of the American Baptist Quarterly and serves on the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Doctrine and Christian Unity.

Kerry Crabb, Deacon of the Week (carolina.crabb@yahoo.com, 919-596-6573) is the Deacon of the Week this morning. He is married to Barbara. and they joined in September of 2002 and are members of the Grace Fellowship class. Kerry is Vice Chair of the Deacons and also serves on the Nominating Committee.

Missy Brookshire is married to Jeb. They joined in September of 2012 and are members of the Young Adults class. Missy is Chair of the Student Ministries Leadership Committee, serves on the Ordinances Team and teaches Sunday school for grades 6 - 8.

The Living Last Supper
A Dramatic Worship Experience
for Holy Week
Featuring
the Adult Choir
March 25
6:30 pm

Maundy
Thursday
Service
March 29
6:30 pm

Easter
Sunday
Worship
April 1
8:45 & 11:00 am

Coming up at Greystone

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 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.

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 3/7: Bar-B-Q, fried chicken, slaw, boiled potatoes, hushpuppies, roll.

Buddy Break Training - Buddy Break is growing and more buddies are needed! We will have a Buddy Training on Saturday March 10 from 9 to 10:30 AM during our Buddy Break program. Come for the training and stay to experience our ministry. You are also invited to visit our program to check it out any time from 10 AM to 1 PM. Email us at buddybreak@greystonechurch.org for more information or to let us know you are coming.

Habitat Workdays - Churches from the Wake Missionary Baptist Association and the Raleigh Baptist Association are partnering together to build

Habitat homes in 2018. Greystone is a part of that effort again this year. We have one more work day volunteers may sign up for - Friday, March 23. You can sign up at the back of the sanctuary. For more information contact Johnny Glover at johnnyglover1950@yahoo.com.

Second Sunday Family Fellowship - All families are invited across the street at Sawmill Taproom for lunch together after the 11:00 worship on March 11. This is a wonderful way for families to connect with one another and enjoy fellowship time together. This is organized by the Preschool/Children's Ministry Committee. Contact April Alston with any questions.

PASSPORT Kids 2018 - Current 3rd through 5th graders are invited to attend this camp July 2-5 at Montreat Conference Center. The Theme this year is "ENOUGH: you are, God is, there is." Come and let's learn together how God's grace is sufficient enough for each of us. Reserve your spot with a \$75 deposit by April 1. The total cost for the trip is \$308 but we are working on more fundraisers to lower that cost for all participants. Scholarships are available for further assistance. Please see April Alston to register or inquire about scholarships.

Lumberton Relief Effort - The Greystone family is invited to participate in the rebuilding of homes in the Lumberton, NC area. You may participate one, two or three days in each of the designated dates. Please contact Jerry Chiles, jerrychiles1@gmail.com or the church office to participate. Dates: March 8-10, April 19-21, May 24-26 and June 20-24.

Pastor Search Update - On February 4, Greystone held the first of three Congregational Conversations in conjunction with the Senior Pastor Search Committee process. A second congregational conversation will be held March 18 at from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Bill Wilson will lead us once again, this time exploring Greystone's present activities and vision. How is our church living out our mission? Your remarks and questions will lead the the Search Committee in helping to understand God's will for our church. Child care will be provided, but all youth grades 6 and up are encouraged to attend. For more information on the first conversation, please check out the website or upcoming newsletter. Please continue to pray for our church in this process.

