

# 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 Grevstone. 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 Grevstone, 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.

## **CONNECT WITH US**







#### Reflection

I have learned things in the dark that I could never have learned in the light, things that have saved my life over and over again, so that there is really only one logical conclusion. I need darkness as much as I need light.

> - Barbara Brown Taylor, Learning to Walk in the Dark



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, July 22 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 Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

Welcome Amanda Atkin

Opening Sentences

from Psalm 89

Mike Eller

- <sup>1</sup> I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.
- <sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- <sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;

igoplusChorusLord Most HighSadler

See music and text at the end of the order

Children come forward following this chorus

Chris Austin

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

<sup>\*8:45</sup> worship service / \*\*11:00 worship service

All who are able, are invited to stand

Worship Reflection

"Sanctuary" Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

Scruggs

**Old Testament Reading** 

Ezekiel 17:22-24

April Alston

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

April Alston

**†** Hymn 139

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

All Stanzas

**†** Offertory Prayer

David Ammons

Offertory

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

arr. Hayes

Sue Newton, Piano

**†** Response 813

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:26-32

Allan Smith

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

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Vocal Proclamation

"Cornerstone"

Morgan; arr. Larson

Teresa Dilday and Mike Eller

\*\*Anthem

"Cornerstone"

Morgan; arr Larson

Adult Choir, with Teresa Dilday, soloist

Sermon

"Growth in the Kingdom"

Dr. Wavne Hager

### Discipline of Silence

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

### **†** Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

### **†** Celebrating Community

Amanda Atkin

♦ Sending Song 139

Great is Thy Faithfulness

**FAITHFULNESS** 

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**†** Benediction

Amanda Atkin

Postlude

Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

## Music for Worship

# Lord Most High Sadler Verse From the ends of the earth, from the From the ends of the earth, from the depths of the sea, (Sing together) depths of the sea, from the heights of the heav - ens, your from the heights of the heav your From the hearts of the weak, From the hearts of the weak, from the be name from the shouts of the strong, from the shouts of the strong, from the lips of all peo - ple,



## Worship Notes

The flowers today are provided by Mark and Lisha Stewart in celebration of Lisha's father, Waymon Griffith on his 80th birthday.

## Today's Worship Leaders

**Dr. Wayne Hager** is our guest proclaimer this morning. Dr. Hager has served as the part-time Church Administrator at First Baptist Church, Raleigh since March, 2015. Wayne has served churches in Indiana, Kentucky, and North Carolina as pastor for over 35 years. A native of Lexington, KY, Wayne is a graduate of the University of Kentucky (BGS '78) and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (MDiv '81, PhD '87), with additional graduate work at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, OH. He is a certified Intentional Interim Minster and also does pulpit supply. Since leaving the full time pastorate in 2014, he has served as an interim at First Baptist Church, New Bern, NC and Nobels Chapel Baptist Church in Sims, NC. Wayne's wife of 33 years, Rev. Joy Crutchfield Hager,

died at Christmas time in 2015 after a courageous fight against cancer. Joy and Wayne have three adult children: Matthew, Nathan (spouse Mary), and Laura (spouse Cody). In late September 2018 Wayne will be a first time grandfather to Adalee Joy.

David Ammons, Deacon of the Week dwammons9504@gmail.com, 919-847-4815

David joined in July of 1985. He is a married to Leigh and they are members of the Salt and Light class. David serves on the Usher Team and rotates as a driver in our van service on Sundays.

Chris Austin is married to Patti. They joined in April of 2008 and are members of the Grace Fellowship class. Chris serves on the Adult Christian Education Committee and the Fellowship Team.



August 2 & 3, 6:00 - 8:00 PM August 4 & 5, 9:15 AM - 12:00 PM

# Registration Going On Now

All children who will be 4 years old by 8/31/18 through rising 6th graders are eligible and can be registered to attend VBS by going to the Greystone website homepage and clicking on the link for VBS 2018, then selecting "participant sign up". Greystone Church or Greystone Preschool members with children who will be 3 years old by 8/31/2018 are also eligible to register.

Sunday, August 5 - Grab your overalls and join us down at the farm for a special VBS Sunday morning worship service. Vacation Bible School will begin its final day at 9:15 AM that morning followed by Sunday school at 9:45 AM before the Combined Worship service at 11:00 AM (there will be no 8:45 service). Wear your comfortable farm attire for a relaxed, down home, country-good time of fellowship and worship, highlighted by a time of communion and worship leadership by our VBS children.

## Prayer List

#### Health Concerns

- Joan Murphy's friend, Josie Corse
- Dan Nichols
- Tommie Bennett
- Jill Pike's nephew, Brett Ciccone
- Louise Estes' friend, Frank Marshall, and his family
- Molly Walker
- Carl Dawson
- Carl Dawson's mother, Lorraine Dawson
- Michelle Byrd's mother, Cynthia Rockwell
- Ramona Taylor's sister, Teresa Jones
- Jack Hughens
- Dottie Thompson's mother, Barbara Polky
- Sue Blow
- Pat Boone's mother, Mary Boone
- Michael-David Rowe's mother, Jill Smith
- Nancy Register's friend, Jonathan McGee
- Iim Burris
- Karen Brewer's sister, Nancy
- Ginny Liverance's friend, Renee Bischoff
- Virginia Creamer's son, Jack Creamer
- Ron Thompson's friend, John Darr
- Dottie Thompson's grandson, Edward Thompson
- Cathy Perkinson
- Deanna Choplin's friend, Emily Kinlaw

#### Residential / Health Care Facilities

Sunrise at North Hills: Jean Brown Springmoor (SHC): Vergie Baxley, Lib Daniels, Sallie Greene, Pauline Noble, Juanita Register, Greta McMillan

### Sympathy

- Family of Teresa Dilday on the death of her father, John Powell, 7/15/18
- Family of Sylvia Goulding on her death, 7/2/18
- Family of Teresa Carraway on the death of her father, William Stewart, 6/29/18

The Goulding family would like to acknowledge those who provided support and care to Sylvia during the last two years. Thank you Greystone for the cards, meals, prayers, time and many other expressions of love and friendship. Each is deeply appreciated.

## **Coming up at Greystone**

Youth Swim and Study - Youth are invited to fellowship at the Greystone Swim and Racquet Club on Sunday evenings from 5 - 8 PM this summer. There will be a devotional for the group around 7 PM. The next Swim and Study date is 8/5/18. Contact Allan Smith with any questions.

No Vacation From Hunger - Greystone is sponsoring a summer food drive for Urban Ministries. Your donations in June totaled 2994 servings of breakfast. Let's beat that in July!

- What to bring: Healthy breakfast foods (cereal, oatmeal, grits, breakfast bars)
- When: Throughout the month of July.
- Why: Many families need extra help during the summer months when their school age children are not receiving meals at school.
- Where: Drop off food items in the bins in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary.

Vacation Bible School, 8/2 - 5/2018 - We still need several 'farmhands' for VBS. These volunteers are the helping hands that travel with a group of kids from one area to the next and assist the leaders in those areas with the activities that they have planned and prepared. There is no preparation needed to be a farmhand, just an open heart and a willingness to help. Decorating and set assembly help is needed July 30 and 31 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Contact April Alston with any questions.

# Time to Register for Friends Retreat 9/14 - 16/2018

All rising 3rd - 5th graders are invited to attend our annual Friends Retreat, at Camp Willow Run. Our theme this year is *Friends are Good* and we will explore friendships in the Bible.

Cost is \$125 per person. Scholarships are available. Deadline to register is August 13, 2018. Contact April Alston to signup.

#### Senior Pastor Search Committee Update

The Senior Pastor Search Committee continues their efforts to discern God's desire for Greystone. Through frequent meetings, lots of work by members and plenty of prayer, the committee has finalized a congregational profile using data from our Congregational Conversations, our website and demographics. This profile is available for prospective candidates to review in order to inform them about us. It is posted on the Greystone Church website and it is our hope that all members will read it and rejoice in our great resources and potential. You can view the profile by going to the website home page and clicking on "Pastor Search Team - Church Profile" under "Recent. Posts" or by using this link: https:// greystonechurch.org/wp-content/uploads/ 2018/07/gbc-church-profile-2018-07-07.pdf

We have enlisted The Center for Healthy Churches (CHC) to create a list of approximately 10 high potential candidates that closely match the matrix developed by our committee. We would like to hear from you, the congregation, for any referrals you feel may be a good fit at GBC. Continue to keep the committee in your prayers. We are committed to providing our best efforts to discover the person God will bring to us.

**Church in Conference** - There will be a Church in Conference on Sunday, July 29, at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.



Sunday, Jul. 22

8:45 & 11:00 am

9:45 Sunday School

Monday, Jul. 23

Unidiversity Youth Camp

July 23 - 28, 2018

6:30 pm Constitution & Bylaws Comm. mtg.

Worship

AA Women's Group

8:00 AA Co-ed Group

Tuesday, Jul. 24

9:30 am Staff meeting

5:00 pm Greystone Swim Club Awards Event

6:30 AA Women's Group

Wednesday, Jul. 25

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Pastor Search Team meeting

Thursday, Jul. 26

6:30 pm Yester Oaks HOA Meeting

Friday, Jul. 27

8:00 pm AA Group

### Child Care Helpers

**Today** 

David Alston, Brian Grant, James and Shyla Tatum, Brad and April Walker, Brent and Jennifer Walker

Sunday, July 29

Louise Estes, Donna Judd, Mary Fran Perkinson, Nancy Register, Steve and Linda Wheeler, Elizabeth Worley

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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.