

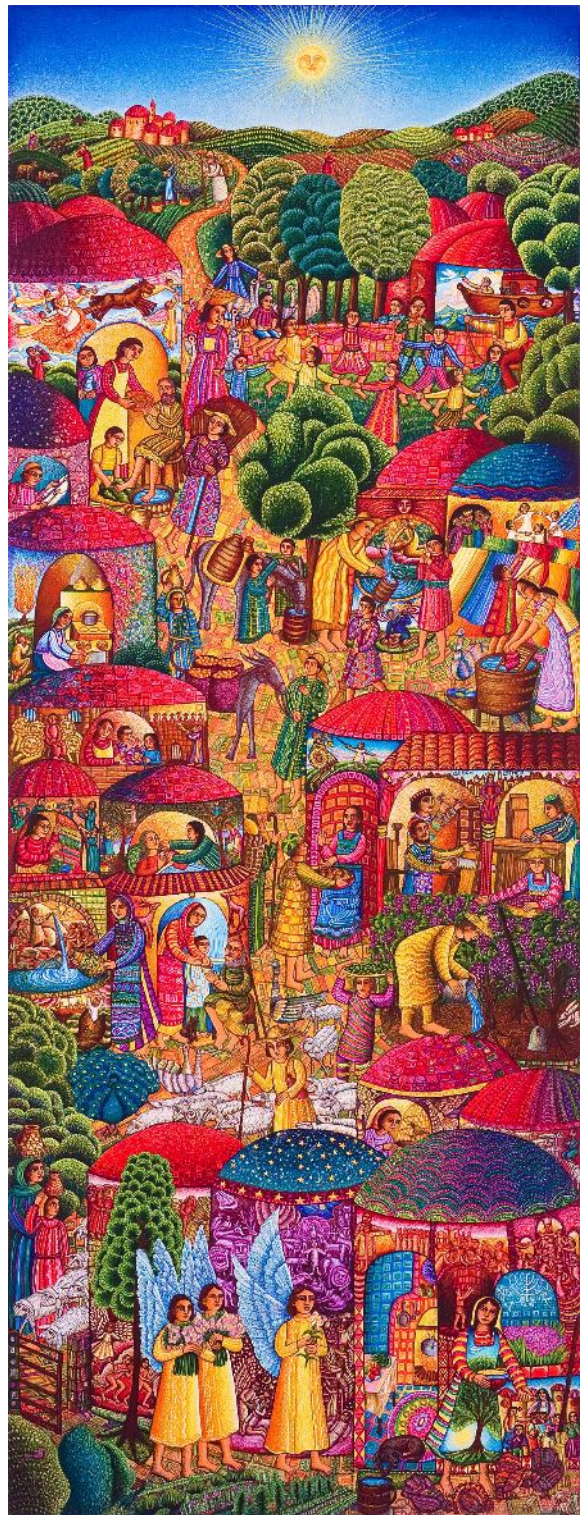
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

ADVENT

Hoping for the Good News

Dennis Herman, Stacy Pardue



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

In the silence of a midwinter dusk, there is far off in the deeps of it somewhere a sound so faint that for all you can tell it may be only the sound of the silence itself. You hold your breath to listen. You walk up the steps to the front door. The empty windows at either side of it tell you nothing, or almost nothing. For a second you catch a whiff in the air of some fragrance that reminds you of a place you've never been and a time you have no words for. You are aware of the beating of your heart. The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment.

- Frederick Buechner,
Whistling in the Dark



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, December 2

10:30 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 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” arr. Helvey
Steve Rose, Clarinet and Sue Newton, Piano

Welcome Allan Smith

Choral Call to Worship “Of the Father’s Love” Raney
Adult Choir

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope Steve and Robbie Little

Choral Response Of the Father’s Love
Adult Choir
Children come forward during this song of response

Children’s Message Lou Dawson

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 Mike Eller
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

✠ **Carol 245** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL
All Stanzas

✠ **Offertory Prayer** Kim Eshleman

Offertory “He Shall Feed His Flock” Handel
Steve Rose, Flute and Sue Newton, Piano

✠ All who are able, are invited to stand
Hearing devices and large-print hymnals are available at the back of the sanctuary.

♣ Response

Advent Doxology

GREENSLEEVES



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low.



Praise God, a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.



This, this is Christ, the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



Haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

♣ Scripture Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Stacy Pardue

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Hoping for the Good News”

Dennis Herman, Stacy Pardue

One Sermon, Two Voices

Discipline of Silence

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

Call to the Table

Allan Smith

Communion

Gluten-free bread is available at the back of the Sanctuary.

The Bread

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. Larson

Sandra Hunt, Piano

The Cup

“Blessed Be His Name”

Phillips

Mike Eller and Elizabeth Worley

with Steve Rose, Clarinet and Sue Newton, Piano

✠ Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

✠ Hymn 648

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

*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.*

Parent and Child Dedication

Shawn Patrick Tuttle

Celebrating Community

Amanda Atkin

✠ Sending Carol 250

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Stanza 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray.

Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

✠ Benediction

Dennis Herman

Postlude

“What Child is This”

arr. Wilhelmi

Sandra Hunt, Piano

Worship Notes

A Time of Dedication

Shawn Patrick Tuttle



God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

– 2 Samuel 22:31 (NLT)

We welcome to Greystone this morning Shawn Patrick Tuttle son of Dustin and Emily Tuttle. Through this dedication, the family pledges to raise Shawn in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and Greystone pledges our support in their efforts so that when Shawn reaches an appropriate age he may choose for himself to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. Joining us on this special day are Shawn's parents, grandparents, great-grandmother, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family.

A carnation is placed at the front today in honor of Eileen Trawick's 92nd birthday on December 5.

For centuries the Dutch placed Cradle Crosses over the beds of their infant children-that this symbol of the Christian faith might always be a part of the child's consciousness. Today we hang a Cradle Cross to celebrate the birth of Jack Gordon Davis, 11/27/18. Jack is the son of Greyson and Amy Davis and brother to Charlotte and Henry.

Worship Leaders

We welcome back **Dr. Dennis Herman** as our guest proclaimer this morning. Dr. Herman retired as senior pastor of Greystone Baptist Church in 2010. Previous to that time he had served as pastor and chaplain at churches and hospitals in Virginia and in South America. Dennis is married to Betsy and they have three children and four grandchildren with a fifth on the way. In his retirement, Dennis serves as interim and supply pastor, and is currently a part-time chaplain at Duke Raleigh Hospital.

The **Reverend Stacy Pardue** was Associate Minister for Spiritual Formations at Greystone for 12 years. In 2010 she became Minister to the Meredith University community until her move to Athens, Georgia, where her husband, Sam, is Dean of Agriculture and Environmental Science at the University of Georgia. Stacy is director of the Athens area Interfaith Hospitality Network and was recently called as Co-Pastor of the First Christian Church of Athens, Ga.

Kim Eshleman, Deacon of the Week

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Kim is married to Johnathan. They joined in October of 2011 and are members of the Young Adults class. Kim teaches the 9 - 12 grade SS class and volunteers as a worship care provider.

Steve and Robbie Little are new members to Greystone. They joined in June of this year and are members of the Grace Fellowship class.

Lou Dawson is married to Carl. They joined in September 1989 and are members of the Life Application class. Lou serves on the Preschool Children's Ministry Committee and is active in the music ministry.



Join us on Dec 2 for the Hanging of the Green

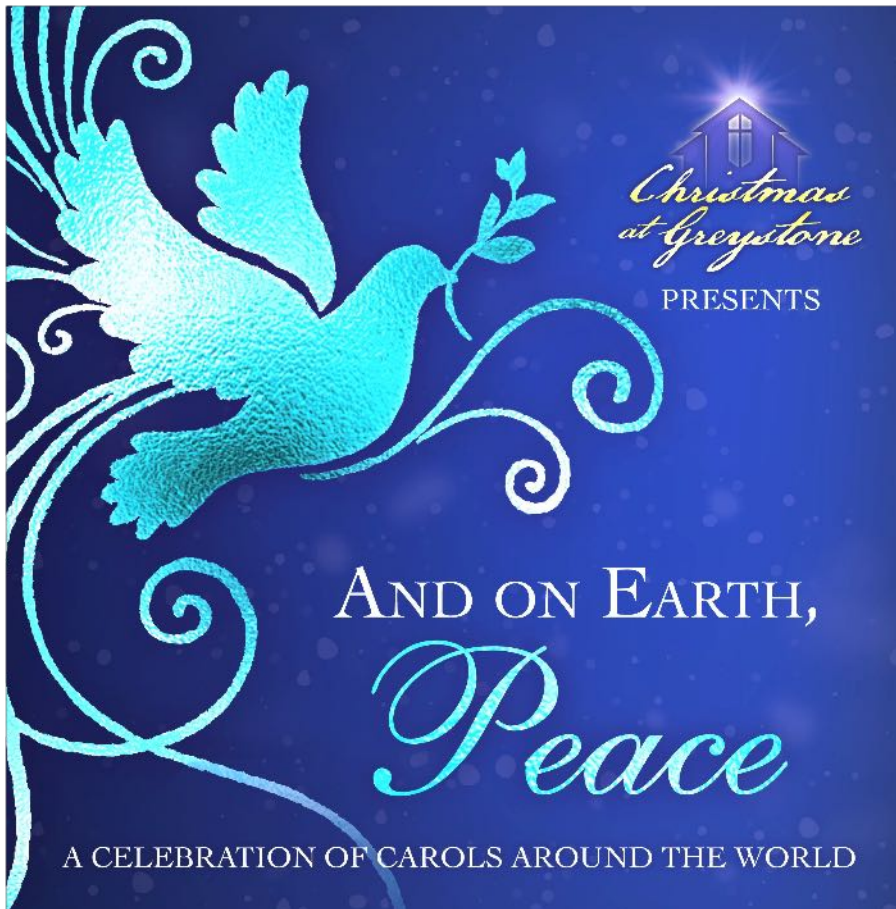
6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

*Join us tonight as we usher in the
Advent Season with this family-friendly service.*

*Bring your whole family, invite a friend.
We will decorate the sanctuary, sing carols,
listen to readings and enjoy music.*

Christmas Eve Offering

As you begin to think about and plan for Christmas, take note of our Christmas Eve Offering. This year's offering will go to *Read and Feed*. *Read and Feed* is a local charity. Working with Wake County schools, this group of volunteers runs an after-school literacy program that provides meals, tutoring and books to children from low-income families in Wake County. The genius of *Read and Feed* is that it goes into the children's neighborhoods, offers a hot meal and then provides reading instruction through a one-on-one weekly relationship. We are excited to see how our gifts given to honor the Christ child will build up children in our community.



Christmas at Greystone: And On Earth, Peace
Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 pm

FEATURING THE GBC MUSIC MINISTRIES
WITH NARRATION AND ORCHESTRA

The whole world yearns for peace—and peace is a promise of God as found in the gift of Jesus Christ. Join us this night as we celebrate with songs and carols of peace from cultures around the world in this program of music and the spoken word.

Childcare available.

WORSHIP WITH US THIS ADVENT

Advent Morning Worship

DECEMBER 2, 9, 16

10:30 A.M.

Advent-themed Morning Worship led by the Adult Choir and instrumentalists

Hanging of the Green Service

DECEMBER 2

6:30 P.M.

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

The Living Nativity

DECEMBER 16 & 17

6:15 & 7:00 P.M.

Join us for this retelling of Christ's birth by our nativity characters out on the front lawn of the church (corner of Lead Mine and Sawmill)

Children's Nativity in Morning Worship

DECEMBER 23

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship featuring readings and songs led by the children

Service of Hope and Remembrance

DECEMBER 23

6:30 P.M.

A reflective service for those living with loss and grief — in the *Gathering Room*

Carols, Communion and Candlelight

DECEMBER 24

5:30 P.M.

A family-friendly Christmas Eve service, with carols, candles and communion

Morning Worship

DECEMBER 30

10:30 A.M.

Help us celebrate the birth of Christ in this last service of the year
Come for donuts and beverages at 10:00 A.M. No Sunday School

Prayer List

Praise

- Birth of Jack Gordon Davis, 11/27/18, born to parents Greyson and Amy, sister Charlotte and brother, Henry
- Birth of Brooke Nicole Eason, 11/17/18, born to parents Travis and Mikayla Eason, and grandparents, Doug and AnaRita Eason

Health Concerns

- Ron and Joanne Thompson's granddaughter, Hollis Baker
- Susan Burnette's friend, Wes Procner
- Annie Hardison-Moody's step-brother, Johnathan Johnson
- Joe LeNoir's brother, Bryan LeNoir
- Susan Burnette's friend, Molly Stevens
- Debbie Reynolds' friend, Susan Lewis
- Victor and Elizabeth Santana's newborn granddaughter, Gabby
- Molly Walker
- Deanna Choplin's cousin, Lottie
- Louise Estes' friend, Frank Marshall
- Jack Hughens
- Amy Davis's brother-in-law, Chris Renn
- Ron Thompson's friend, John Darr
- Patti Austin's sister, Cheryl Bryant

Residential / Health Care Facilities

Sunrise at North Hills: Jean Brown

Springmoor (SHC): Vergie Baxley, Lib Daniels, Becky Dean, Sallie Greene, Pauline Noble, Juanita Register, Greta McMillan

Sympathy

- Steve Little's family on the death of his mother, Rachel Little, 11/20/18

Updated Prayer Requests - Greystone is a community of friends who believe in the power of prayer.

As we begin a new church year, we will begin a new prayer list. We hope that you will provide updates to the concerns you have previously shared with us and continue to inform us of ways that we can prayerfully support you and those close to you. We are hoping to create a living document and will be working to keep this list vital and current by updating it every month. Any request that you submit will remain on the prayer list for a month. After a month we hope that you will offer an update and advise if this is still an ongoing need. We are humbled and grateful for the ability to come alongside you in your distress and in your joy to offer prayers to our loving, creative and merciful God.

Coming up at Greystone

Hurricane Relief Trip, December 8 - As we begin to make plans and think about holidays, gathering with family and friends, consider this opportunity to reach out and help your neighbors who are in desperate need. Hurricane Florence devastated sections of our state already trying to recover from previous hurricanes. We will be sending a team to Lumberton to clean out a flood damaged home on Sat., Dec. 8. If you can share a day to help a family in need, please contact Jerry Chiles, jerrychiles1@gmail.com.

Worship During Advent - During this season of Advent (Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23) we will come together for fellowship and enjoy coffee and cider at 9:15 AM, have Sunday school at 9:30 AM and worship together at 10:30 AM (no 8:45 service). On Dec. 30, we will share donuts and beverages at 10:00 AM and worship together at 10:30 AM (no 8:45 service, no scheduled Sunday School classes). The regular schedule will resume Sunday, Jan. 6.

Youth Christmas Party - Dec. 15, 1:00 - 6:00 PM We will meet in the Youth Building at 1:00 PM before going over to Cedar Point to share snacks, do crafts, and play games with the elementary aged students living there. Then we will return to the Youth building for our Christmas gift exchange game and dinner. Each student is asked to bring a \$10 wrapped gift for the gift exchange game. Please plan to park in the Lead Mine lot that day.

Senior Adult Team-Sponsored Trip - On Saturday, Dec. 15, we will visit Bennett Place and witness how Christmas was celebrated in the Piedmont during the Civil War. There will be cooking demos, soldiers in the field, a bake sale, hot apple cider and Old Saint Nick. No entry fee. We will enjoy a casual lunch before returning around 4:00 PM. We will leave from the Sawmill parking lot at 9:30 AM. Sign up in the hallway.

Maturing and Ministering - The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for renewing your commitments to our church for the coming year. We look forward to working along side you to

reach our ambitious goals as we continue to mature and minister together as a family in 2019. If you have not had a chance to submit your updated pledge card for the year, please turn these in to the church office. Thank you for your continued support!

Wednesday Night Studies in December - We hope that you will join us for Adult Bible Study on Wednesday nights in December. Our Bible study group will be finishing up their look at the book of Acts. The book study group will finish our treatment of Rachel Held Evans' *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*. We will discuss Chapter 6, The Gospels, on Dec. 5 and then Chapters 7&8 on Dec. 12. This has been a fascinating study with lots of good discussion. Don't be afraid to join us even if it is at the end of the book! Studies meet at 6:30 PM in the West Wing.

Wednesday Night Special - On Dec. 5 and 12 we will celebrate the Christmas season with a special meal cooked in our kitchen by our Wednesday volunteers. On the 5th we will be serving BBQ, boiled potatoes, and green beans (children can get spaghetti if they wish). The 12th will be spaghetti and salad. We will have a special price for these two nights: \$4.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child. Come join us for Bible Study and a great meal.

Jan. 6, 2019 - Epiphany Sunday Gift Exchange We hope that as you begin 2019 that you will join us for worship on the first Sunday of the new year, Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany is the church's celebration of the Magi bringing their gifts for the Christ child. We are asking that you bring a small gift to worship on this Sunday. Gifts can be homemade or purchased, edible or not. Please bring a small gift to share with a fellow worshipper. At the end of worship you will choose a gift to take with you. Join us as we celebrate the gifts of the Magi, the gift of our church fellowship and the eternal and transformative gift of Jesus to our lives. There will be two worship services (8:45 and 11:00).

Sunday, Dec. 2

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| 9:15 am | Coffee and Cider |
| 9:30 | Sunday School |
| 10:30 | Joint Worship Service |
| 6:30 pm | Hanging of the Green Service |

Monday, Dec. 3

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| 6:30 pm | AA Women's Group |
| 7:00 | Outreach Committee meeting Student Ministry Leadership Comm. mtg. |
| 8:00 | AA Co-ed Group |

Tuesday, Dec. 4

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| 9:30 am | Staff meeting |
| 6:30 pm | AA Women's Group |

Wednesday, Dec. 5

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| 5:30 pm | Wednesday Night Live Dinner |
| 6:00 | Children's Worship Arts & Music (WAM!) |
| 6:15 | Prayer & Adult Studies Youth <i>Selah</i> |
| 6:45 | Children - Mission Study |
| 7:15 | Adult Choir Rehearsal |

Friday, Dec. 7

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| 6:00 pm | CAG Dress Rehearsal |
| 8:00 pm | AA Group |

Saturday, Dec. 8

Lumberton - Disaster Relief

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Today - Jim & Natalie Herrmann, Jeff & Nancy Register, Cheryl Grimes, Missy Brookshire, Ginny Liverance

December 9 - Elizabeth Worley, Johnathan & Kim Eshleman, Jeannie Miller, Barbara Crabb, Louise Estes, Joy Croom Griffin

Our Mission

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.