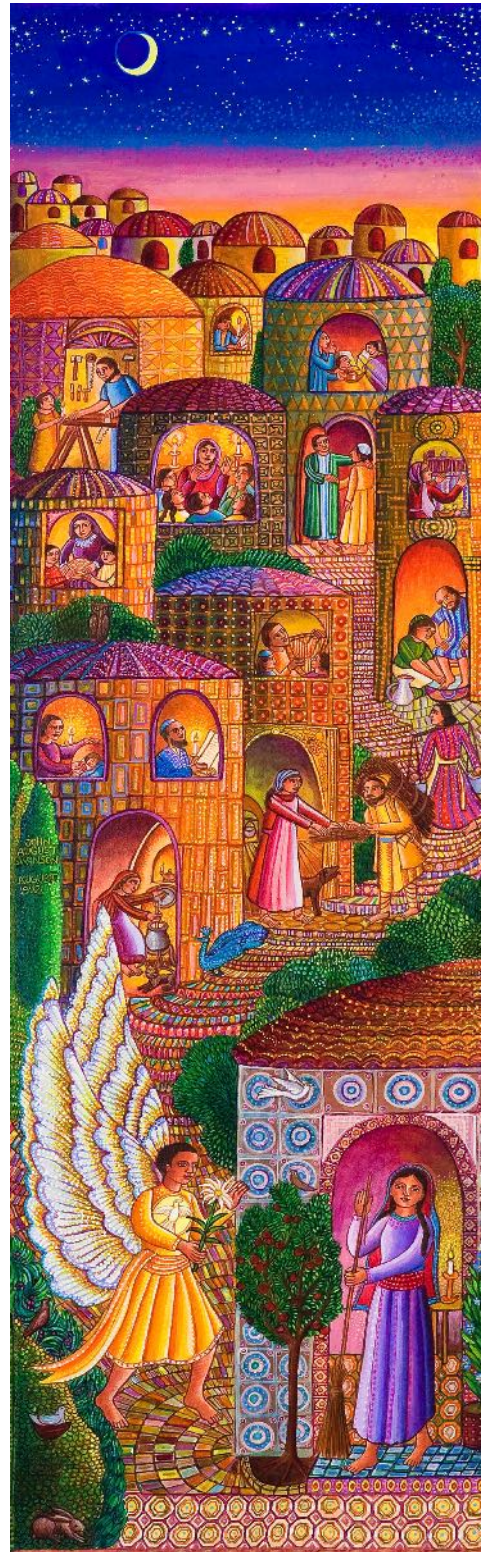


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 16, 2018

# ADVENT

*Living the Good News*  
Dennis Herman



# 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.

## CONNECT WITH US



on facebook



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## Reflection

This is no time for a child to be born,  
With the earth betrayed by war & hate  
And a comet slashing the sky to warn  
That time runs out & the sun burns late.

That was no time for a child to be born,  
In a land in the crushing grip of Rome;  
Honour & truth were trampled by scorn-  
Yet here did the Saviour make his home.

When is the time for love to be born?  
The inn is full on the planet earth,  
And by a comet the sky is torn-  
Yet Love still takes the risk of birth.

- Madeleine L'Engle, *The Risk of Birth*



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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, December 16

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                           | “O Come, All Ye Faithful”<br>Pam Weis, Organ   | arr. McDonald                           |
| Welcome                           |  | Amanda Atkin                            |
| ✠ Carol 286                       | Once in Royal David’s City<br>Stanzas 1, 2 and 3   | IRBY                                    |
| Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy |  | Marty and Mitzi Glazier                 |
| Response 86                       | Jesus, Name Above All Names<br><i>Children come forward during this song of response</i> | HEARN                                   |
| Children’s Message                |  | Missy Brookshire                        |
| Worship Reflection                | “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”<br>Pam Weis, Organ                                     | Trad. German Carol<br>(IN DULCI JUBILO) |

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✠ All who are able, are invited to stand

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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12:2-6

Allan Smith

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

♣ Carol 267

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

WALTHAM

All Stanzas

♣ Offertory Prayer

Patsy Chiles

Offertory

“Joy to the World”

arr. Roed

Vivian Adams, Piano

♣ 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 3:7-18

Mike Eller

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

“Creation Will Be at Peace”

Williams, Page

Adult Choir

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord, creation will be at peace.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,  
their young will play together; a little child will lead.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.  
They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

**Sermon**

“Living the Good News”

Dennis Herman

**Discipline of Silence**

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

⊕ **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 JOY of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Celebrating Community**

Allan Smith

⊕ **Sending Song 258**

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

⊕ **Benediction**

Dennis Herman

**Postlude**

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

Bach; arr. G. Edwards

Pam Weis, Organ

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## Worship Notes

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

Thank you to the Children's Choirs for creating our Advent banners that will be displayed in the choir loft throughout the season. A special thank you to Elaine Hansen for working alongside these children in this project.

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## Worship Leaders

We're grateful for **Dr. Dennis Herman** to be preaching through the month of December.

### **Patsy Chiles, Deacon of the Week**

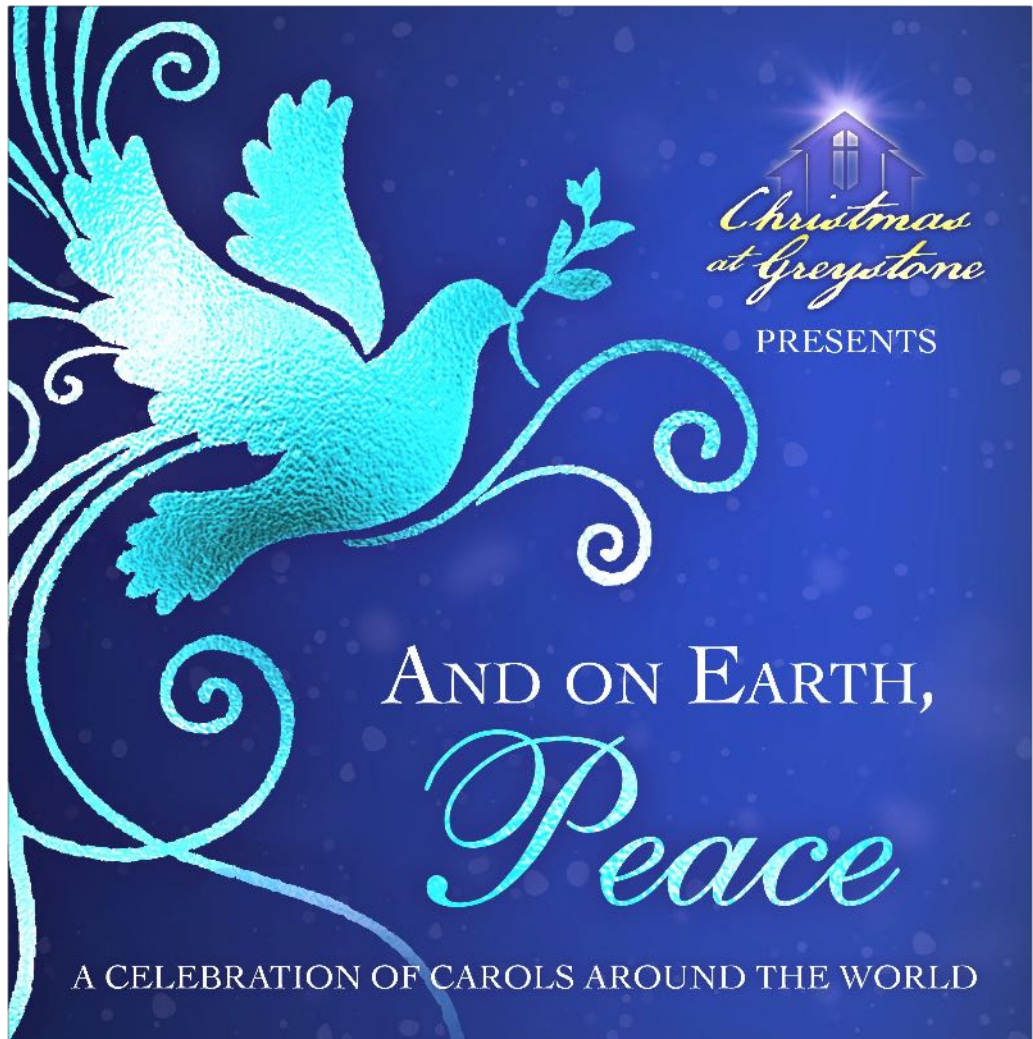
(chilesp630@aol.com, 919-783-5780)

Patsy is married to Jerry. They joined in November of 2012 and are members of The Edge class. Patsy serves on the Outreach Committee and Worship Ministry Committee.

**Marty and Mitzi Glazier** joined in July of 2018 and are members of the Grace Fellowship class.

**Missy Brookshire** is married to Jeb. They joined in September of 2012 and are members of the Young Adults class. Missy teaches the Middle School Sunday School class and serves on the Ordinances Team.





**Christmas at Greystone: And On Earth, Peace  
Tonight 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.*



Service of *Hope*  
and  
*Remembrance*

A reflective service for those living with loss and grief

Sunday, Dec. 23 at 6:30 pm  
in the Gathering Room



*Carols, Candlelight*  
and  
*Communion*

Join us for this family-friendly  
*Christmas Eve Service*

Monday, Dec. 24 5:30pm



# WORSHIP WITH US THIS ADVENT

## Advent Morning Worship

DECEMBER 16

10:30 A.M.

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

## Christmas at Greystone: And on Earth, Peace

DECEMBER 16

6:30 P.M.

A musical celebration of carols from around the world  
featuring the GBC Music Ministries, with Orchestra and Narration

## The Living Nativity

DECEMBER 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, Candlelight and Communion

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

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# 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

## Hospital/Rehab

- Helen Tugwell, Rex Rehab

## Health Concerns

- Sue Blow
- Sylvia Cash's sister, Martha Walker
- Debbie Reynolds' friend, Barbara Darling
- 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
- Louise Estes' friend, Frank Marshall
- Ron Thompson's friend, John Darr

## 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

- Joyce Beauchaine's family on the death of her brother, Tommy Hill, 12/9/18
- Steve Little's family on the death of his mother, Rachel Little, 11/20/18
- Sandra Wilson's family on the death of her mother, Myrtle M. Grant, 11/16/18

**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

**And On Earth Peace: A Celebration of Carols from Around the World** - This presentation from our choir and musicians has been rescheduled to tonight at 6:30 PM. We hope that you will bring a friend and join us for a beautiful night of music. Childcare is available.

**Living Nativity** - We will not offer our Living Nativity tonight (choir presentation instead) but will offer this community tradition on Monday night, December 17 (one night only). We are still in need of volunteers to help set up and participate. There is an updated SignUp Genius.

**Worship During Advent** - During this season of Advent we will come together on Sunday mornings (through the 23rd) 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).

**2018 Contributions** - If you wish to have a tax credit for contributions in 2018, they should be left at the office or in the drop box outside the office by December 31, 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, any stock contributions for 2018 must be received by Greystone, in Greystone's account, by December 31 to be counted as a 2018 contribution. For the information you need to complete the transfer of stock to Greystone, call the Financial Secretary at 919-847-1333 or email [finance@greystonechurch.org](mailto:finance@greystonechurch.org).

**College Christmas Gathering** - We look forward to a college Christmas gathering at the home of Kraig and Anne Mueller, 7705 Kelmscot Way in Raleigh. It will be on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 PM. Please come for an informal evening of fellowship with one another. Plenty of food and drinks will be provided.

**Children's Nativity** - We will present our Children's Nativity on Sunday, December 23 as part of our

morning worship service. Elementary students will gather at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall to prepare for our part in worship. Preschoolers will meet in their regular classrooms and join us for the rehearsal in the sanctuary. Children are encouraged to wear a costume to be a part of the Nativity. Costumes can be simple - white clothing for angels, neutral colors and a bathrobe for shepherds and wisemen. Children will present the Nativity during the early part of the service. After we lead in worship, students will return to sit with their parents and preschoolers can move to worship care, though they are welcome to stay and enjoy the service.

**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.

**Jan. 6, 2019 - Epiphany Sunday Gift Exchange**  
We hope 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).

**Inclement weather** - In the event of inclement weather, go to WRAL, WTVD or the church website for cancellations/closings.

### Sunday, Dec. 16

9:15 am Coffee and Cider  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:30 Joint Worship Service  
6:30 pm Christmas At Greystone:  
*And on Earth, Peace*

### Monday, Dec. 17

6:15 pm The Living Nativity (also at 7:00 PM)  
6:30 AA Women's Group  
8:00 AA Co-ed Group

### Tuesday, Dec. 18

9:30 am Staff meeting  
6:30 pm AA Women's Group  
7:00 Senior Adult Team meeting  
College Christmas Gathering

### Wednesday, Dec. 19

No Wednesday Night activities

### Friday, Dec. 21

8:00 pm AA Group

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## Child Care Helpers

Today - Brad & April Walker, Gayla Hollingsworth, Barbara Crabb,  
Katie Eller, Dustin & Emily Tuttle

December 23 - Bonnie Raddatz, Annie Hardison-Moody & Will  
Moody, Bob & Joy Millikan, Greyson & Amy Davis

## 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.