



MORNING WORSHIP *WITH* CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 | 10:30 AM

✠ Please stand, as you are able

Prelude **“JOSEPH DEAREST, JOSEPH MINE”** arr. Hughes
Pam Weis, Organ

Welcome Amanda Atkin

✠ Carol 278 **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH** GLORIA
Stanzas 1, 2 and 3

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

The Ng Family
— *Eddy, Amy, Aaron and Mia*

Choral Reflection **“BE A CANDLE OF HOPE”** Mayo
Children’s Choirs

Worship Reflection “**SILENT NIGHT**” Jamie Brookshire, Piano
and “**HANDBELL JOY**”

Pastoral Prayer Allan Smith

Children's Nativity

*Please hold photography and applause until the very end of the Children's Nativity portion.
Words for the NATIVITY CAROLS are provided on the page following the Worship Order.*

The Prophecy Isaiah 9:2 John Meyer

Carol O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Mary, Joseph and Jesus Luke 2:1, 3-7 Patti Ogden

Carol **O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

The Angels Luke 2:8-14 Leigh and Lauren Ammons

Carol	HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING	
<i>The Shepherds</i>	Luke 2:15-20	Greyson Davis
Carol	THE FIRST NOEL	
<i>The Wise Men</i>	Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11	Becky Sansbury
Carol	WE THREE KINGS	
Worship Reflection	“INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY” (Trad. Polish Carol) <i>Feel free to take pictures during this time</i>	Pam Weis, Organ
Offertory Prayer		Linda Peterson
Offertory	“THERE’S A SONG IN THE AIR” Cynthia Griesedieck, Piano	arr. Berry
✦ Response 278	ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH , <i>Stanza 4</i>	GLORIA
	See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth! Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Savior’s birth. <i>Glo — ria in excelsis Deo, Glo — ria in excelsis Deo.</i>	
Christmas Blessing		April Alston
Discipline of Silence— <i>Please pause for a moment of silent reflection</i>		
✦ Carol 278	WHAT CHILD IS THIS	GREENSLEEVES
✦ Passing the Peace		
	Leader: The LOVE of Christ be with you. People: And also with you.	
✦ Celebrating Community		Mike Eller
✦ Sending Song 648	LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING	BEECHER
	Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n to earth come down! Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion; Pure unbounded love Thou art. Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.	
✦ Benediction		Mike Eller
Postlude	“HARK, THE GLAD SOUND” Pam Weis, Organ	arr. S. Landon

Carols (for the Children's Nativity)

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL (No. 245)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (No. 250)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to 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.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING (No. 277)

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Off-spring of a Virgin's womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the Incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

THE FIRST NOEL (No. 265)

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay tending their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

WE THREE KINGS (No. 288)

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

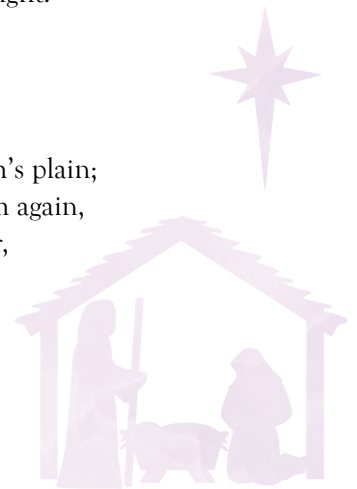
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain;
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Worship Leaders Today

Linda Peterson, Deacon of the Week
(lwpeterson@gmail.com, 919-847-3707)

Linda joined in November of 1984. She is a member of the Grace Fellowship class, serves on the Outreach Committee and is a greeter.

Eddy and Amy Ng joined in October of 2009 and are members of the Young Adults class. **Aaron** joined by Baptism in March of 2016, is a member of the Middle School Sunday School class and is active in the Youth Ministry. **Mia** is a member of the 4th Grade Sunday School class and is active in the Children's Ministry.



Announcements

Worship Next Sunday - 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.

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* — a local charity that works with Wake County schools in which a group of volunteers runs an after-school literacy program providing meals, tutoring, and offering books to Wake County children of low-income families.

The genius of *Read and Feed* is that it goes into the children's neighborhoods, offers a hot meal and provides reading instruction through a one-on-one weekly relationship. We are excited to see how this will 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 services (8:45 and 11:00).

There are still some opportunities to sign up to help with the **Williamson family's move**, which is coming up this week! If you are available to provide some moving support (unpacking, organizing, etc.), or would like to bring an item to help stock their pantry, please sign up on the sign up genius on the GBC website.

This Week at Greystone

December

23	9:15 am	Coffee and Cider
	9:30	Sunday School
	10:30	Morning Worship (Children's Nativity)
	6:30 pm	Service of Hope and Remembrance
24	5:30 pm	Carols, Candlelight and Communion
	6:30	AA Women's Group
	8:00	AA Co-ed Group
25	6:30 pm	AA Women's Group
26		Church office closed – No Wed. Night Activities
28	1:00 pm	Kids' Flu Vaccine Clinic (Cedar Point)
	8:00	AA Group

Child Care Helpers

Today

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

Sunday, Dec. 30

Lou Dawson, Steve & Linda Wheeler,
Louise Estes, Joy Croom Griffin

