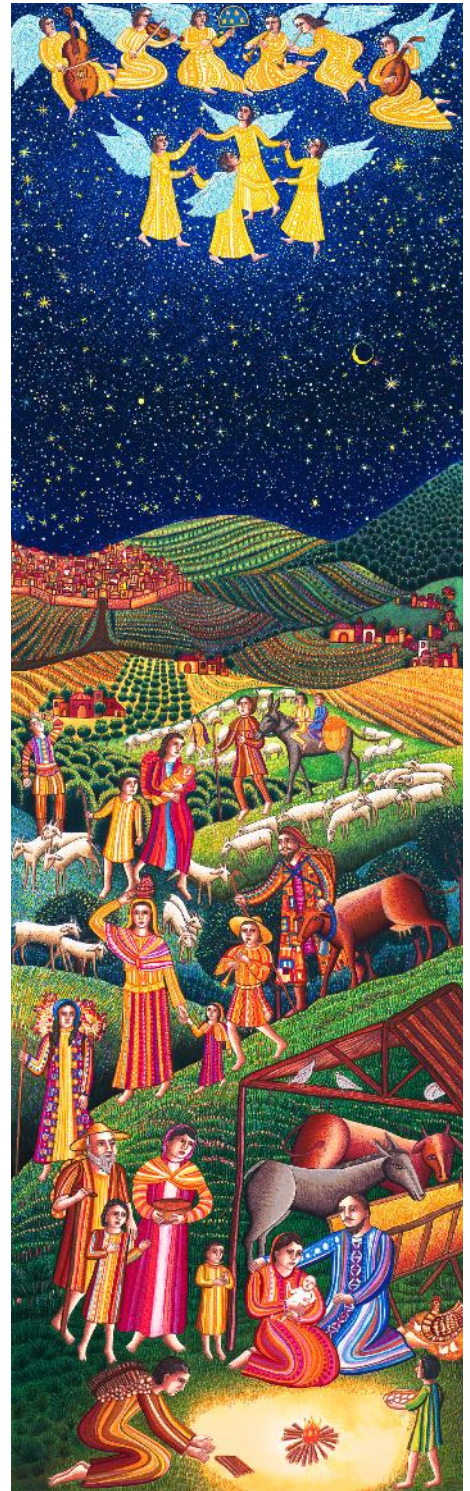


FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 30, 2018

CHRISTMAS

The 12 Days of Christmas
Allan Smith



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!

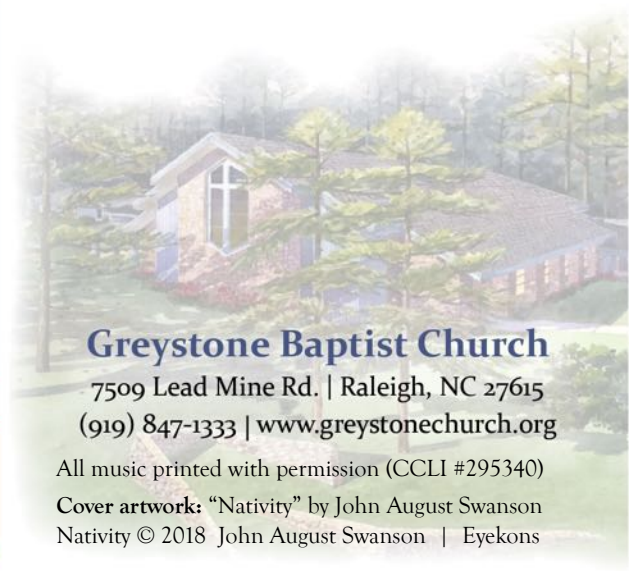
Worship Care is available in our preschool area for babies to five-year-olds during both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. If you would like your children to participate in Worship Care, please stop by the check-in desk to register and drop off your children. We also have activity bags available for children 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

And then, just when everything is bearing down on us to such an extent that we can scarcely withstand it, the Christmas message comes to tell us that all our ideas are wrong, and that what we take to be evil and dark is really good and light because it comes from God. Our eyes are at fault, that is all. God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us; whatever men may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as love and rules the world and our lives.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, December 30

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.*

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| Prelude | “On Christmas Day In the Morning” Pam Weis, Organ | arr. Moorhead |
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| Welcome | | Amanda Atkin |
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✠ Carols of Joy

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| Carol 269 | How Great Our Joy! Stanzas 1 and 4 | JUNGST |
| Carol 270 | Joy to the World! Stanzas 1 and 4 | ANTIOCH |
| Carol 271 | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You Both Stanzas | HYMN TO JOY |

Children come forward during the second stanza

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| Children’s Message | | April Alston |
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| Christmas Praise | “He is Born!” James Tatum, Trombone and Pam Weis Piano | arr. Curnow |
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| Pastoral Prayer | | Amanda Atkin |
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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.

♣ Offertory Prayer

Kay Meyer

Offertory

Pepper Choplin, 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 2:41-52

April Alston

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The 12 Days of Christmas”

Allan Smith

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 277

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

✠ Benediction

Allan Smith

Postlude

"Joy to the World"
Pam Weis, Organ

arr. R. Hughes

Worship Notes

A carnation is placed at the front today in honor of Virginia Creamer's 94th birthday on January 3.

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.

Worship Leaders

Kay Meyer, Deacon of the Week

(jwmeyer@mindspring.com, 919-600-2372)

Kay is married to John. They joined in February of 1996 and are members of the Salt and Light class.

Kay serves on the Worship Care Committee.

Prayer List

Hospital/Rehab

- Helen Tugwell, Rex Rehab

Health Concerns

- Molly Walker
- Sue Blow
- Sylvia Cash's sister, Martha Walker
- 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

Coming up at Greystone

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.

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).

Lumberton Disaster Relief

Thank you to those who traveled to Lumberton on December 8. We discovered there is much left to do. We have scheduled our next trip for January 10-12. This means you can go for three days, two days, or just one day. No experience necessary. If you can share a day (or two, or three) to help a family in need, please contact Jerry Chiles, jerrychiles1@gmail.com.

30 Days of Prayer

As we prepare to welcome Pastor Chrissy Tatum Williamson and her family to Greystone, we ask that you continue a season of 30 days of prayer with us. We will pray together for Pastor Chrissy, her family, and for Greystone from December 15th until her first Sunday preaching, January 13th, in order to prepare our hearts and minds to be attuned to God's will for Greystone. The devotional guide is on our website.

Crock Pot Cook-off and Kids Dessert Contest

On Saturday, January 26, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall we will hold our 3rd annual Crock Pot Cook-off. We want your best crock pot dish, be it pot roast, mac-n-cheese, soup, stew or chili, we want to taste it. Sign-up sheets will be in the hallway and on Sunday school clipboards. Contact April Alston with any questions.

Inclement weather

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

Sunday, Dec. 30

10:00 am

Donuts and Beverages

10:30

Joint Worship Service

Monday, Dec. 31

6:30 pm

Church office closed

AA Women's Group

8:00

AA Co-ed Group

Tuesday, Jan. 1

6:30 pm

Church office closed

AA Women's Group

7:00

Senior Adult Team meeting

College Christmas Gathering

Wednesday, Jan. 2

No Wednesday Night activities

Friday, Jan. 4

8:00 pm

AA Group

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Child Care Helpers

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

January 6 - Brian & Lilian Grant, David Ammons, Andy & Sandra
Hunt, Johnny Glover, Kim Craig

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.

Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6