SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 9, 2018

# ADVENT

Sharing 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 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 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**







#### Reflection

At Advent, God's people summon the courage and the spiritual strength to remember that the holy breaks into the daily. In tiny ways, we can open our broken hearts to the healing grace of God, who opens the way to peace. May that peace come upon us as a healing balm, as a mighty winter river, gushing and rushing through the valleys of our prideful fear and our own self-righteous indignation. Advent is not a season for passive waiting and watching. It is a season of wailing and weeping, of opening up our lives and our souls with active anticipation and renewed hope.

> - Jessica Miller Kelley, Feasting on the Word



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, December 9 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

"Prepare Thyself, Zion" Pam Weis, Organ Bach; arr. R. James

Welcome

Once in Royal David's City Stanzas 1, 2 and 3 Mike Eller

**IRBY** 

† Carol 286

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Pat, Trish and MacKenzie Boone

Response 86

Jesus, Name Above All Names

**HEARN** 

Children come forward during this song of response

Children's Message

Elizabeth Santana

Worship Reflection

"Still, Still, Still" Pam Weis, Organ

Austrian Carol

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

<sup>•</sup> All who are able, are invited to stand

April Alston

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

Pastoral Prayer

♦ Carol 81

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

Stanzas 1, 2 and 3

**†** Offertory Prayer

Julia Glover

Offertory

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" James Tatum, Trombone and Sue Newton, Piano

arr. Curnow

\*\*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;



**†** Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-6

Allan Smith

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

#### Anthem

# "Creation Will Be at Peace" Adult Choir

Williams, Page

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

"Sharing 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 peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Parent and Child Dedication

James Walker Green

**Celebrating Community** 

April Alston

♦ 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!

**\Phi** Benediction

Dennis Herman

Postlude

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
Pam Weis, Organ

Bach; arr. G. Edwards

# Worship Notes

A carnation is placed at the front today in honor of Ellen Sineath's 94th birthday on December 13.

# A Time of Dedication James Walker Green



I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

- Psalm 139:14

We welcome to Greystone this morning James Walker Green, son of James and Julie Green, brother of Mason Green. Through this dedication, the family pledges to raise Walker in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and Greystone pledges our support in their efforts so that when Walker reaches an appropriate age he may choose for himself to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. Joining us on this special day are Walker's parents, brother, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

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.

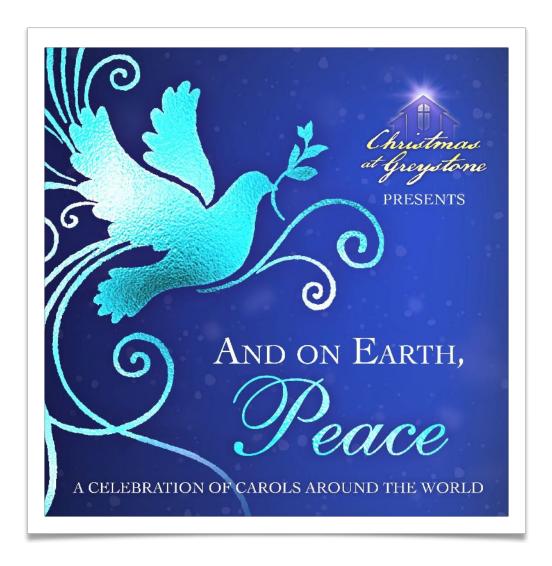
# Worship Leaders

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

Julia Glover, Deacon of the Week (jglover1@nc.rr.com, 919-847-8161)
Julia is married to Johnny. They joined in April of 2004 and are members of the Grace Fellowship class. Julia is Chair of the Worship Committee.

Pat and Trish Boone joined in July of 1993 and their daughter MacKenzie joined by Baptism in December of 2005. Pat serves as the Church Moderator and Trish serves on the Adult Christian Education Committee. MacKenzie and her mother, Trish both participate in the music ministry at Greystone.

Elizabeth Santana is married to Victor. They joined in August of 1996 and are members of the Life Application class.



# 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



# WORSHIP WITH US THIS ADVENT

# Christmas at Greystone: And on Earth, Peace

DECEMBER 9

6:30 P.M.

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

# Advent Morning Worship

DECEMBER 16

10:30 A.M.

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

# 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, 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

# 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

- Debbie Reynolds' friend, Barbara Darling
- Tina Pickles
- 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
- 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

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). We will resume our regular worship schedule on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

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 - If you've not signed up for the trip on Sat., Dec. 15, to Bennett Place, the sign up sheet is in the hallway. Cathy Smith is organizing (smithcat11@gmail.com).

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 with 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 this Wednesday night. 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.* 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 - This Wednesday, Dec. 12 we will celebrate the Christmas season with a special meal cooked in our kitchen by our Wednesday volunteers. We will be serving spaghetti and salad. There is a special price or this night: \$4.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child. Come join us for Bible Study and a great meal.

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.

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 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).

**Inclement weather** - Go to WRAL, WTVD or the church website for cancellations/closings.



Our staff

Sunday, Dec. 9

9:15 am Coffee and Cider 9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Joint Worship Service6:30 pm Christmas At Greystone:And on Earth, Peace

Monday, Dec. 10

6:00 pm Personnel Committee meeting

6:30 AA Women's Group

7:00 Information Technology Comm. mtg.

Student Ministry Leadership Comm. mtg.

8:00 AA Co-ed Group

Tuesday, Dec. 11

9:30 am Staff meeting

6:30 pm AA Women's Group

Wednesday, Dec. 12

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Live Dinner

6:00 Children's Worship Arts & Music (WAM!)

6:15 Prayer & Adult Studies

Youth Selah

6:45 Children - Mission Study 7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Dec. 14

8:00 pm AA Group

# Child Care Helpers

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

**December 16** - Brad & April Walker, Gayla Hollingsworth, Patsy Chiles, Katie Eller, Dustin & Emily Tuttle

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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.