

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 Grevstone, 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

No one chooses the dark night; the dark night descends. When it does, the reality that troubles the soul most is the apparent absence of God. If God is light, then God is gone. There is no soft glowing space of safety in this dark night. There is no comforting sound coming out of it, reassuring the soul that all will be well. Even if comforting friends come around to see how you are doing, they are about as much help as the friends who visited Job on his ash heap. There is an impenetrability to this darkness that isolates the soul inside it. For good or ill, no one can do your work for you while you are in this dark place. It has your name all over it, and the only way out is through. ...One of the hardest things to decide during a dark night is whether to surrender or resist. The choice often comes down to what you believe about God and how God acts, which means that every dark night of the soul involves wrestling with belief.

> - Barbara Brown Taylor. Learning to Walk in the Dark

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17 8:45 and 11:00 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 Love, How Deep, How Broad"

arr. Collinsworth

Pam Weis, Organ

Welcome Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Call to Worship "Let All the People Sing Praise!"

Larson

Adult Choir

Opening Sentences from Psalm 27:1-4

Allan Smith

\$\Phi\$ Hymn 147How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

All Stanzas

Children come forward during the final stanza

Children's Message Lou Dawson

Worship Reflection "I Will Give You Rest" Boertje

Pam Weis, Organ

Call to Confession

Confession is an opportunity to give voice to those things in our lives that separate us from God and from one another. In these moments, let us confess our hearts to God who is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive.

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

^{*8:45} worship service / **11:00 worship service

[•] All who are able, are invited to stand



Prayer of Confession

Holy God, enduring Spirit, sometimes it seems You work too slowly for us. Trusting in You is difficult. We want something we can see, something we can do right now. So we turn our eyes toward what we know and we employ our own means to try to re-create a time when everything was simple and good.

But You call us toward a future that is more than we could ever imagine;

A promise we can neither see nor understand;

A promise for which we must wait patiently;

A promise that requires us to wait for Your time.

Forgive our impatience. Soothe our anxiety with Your mystery and promise. Calm our hearts. Open us to Your presence as it is unfolding in our world.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers, this is the Good News:

Even now in this moment, we are being made new.

People: Thanks be to God.

\Phi Hymn 314

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

All Stanzas

Offertory Prayer

Skip Pike

Vocal Offertory

"Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"

McDonald

Grace Tones Ensemble Directed by Tim Hendrix

 Presponse 815
 Doxology
 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Scripture Reading

Genesis 15:1-8, 12-18

Amanda Atkin

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

Sermon

"The Deep Darkness of Night"

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Discipline of Silence

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

† Hymn 539

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

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.

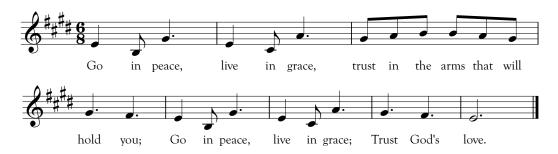
† Celebrating Community

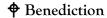
Allan Smith

† Sending Song

Go in Peace, Live in Grace

Crockett





Postlude

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"
Pam Weis, Organ

arr. Leatherman

Worship Notes

The flowers today are provided by Brian and Wendy Top in celebration of their daughter Ashlyn's birthday on March 8, and son Jackson's birthday on March 30.

The carnation placed at the front in this morning's service is in honor of Betty Cornwell's 91st birthday on 3/19.

The carnation placed at the front in last week's service was in honor of Pauline Noble's 99th birthday on 3/12.

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 Beau Wilson Mallard, 3/11/19. Beau is the son of Ben and Megan, and brother of Katie.

Worship Leaders

Skip Pike, Deacon of the Week (skippike821@gmail.com, 919-270-0092) Skip is married to Jill. He joined in September of 1985 and serves on the Bereavement Team, the Personnel Committee, the Columbarium Committee and as an Usher.

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, works with refugees who are learning English as a second language, and is active in the music ministry.

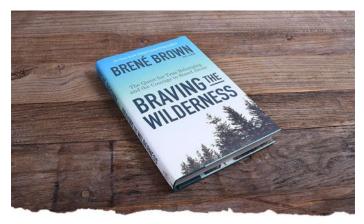
Lenten Worship Opportunities

Easter Cantata at Meymandi Hall
Sunday, April 7 | 7:00 pm
*Tickets required (children 10 and under are free)

Easter Cantata in Morning Worship Sunday, April 14 | 11:00 am *No 8:45 am service

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 18 | 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday Worship Sunday, April 21 | 8:45 & 11:00 am



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Braving the Wilderness Discussion Groups

Sunday Morning Discussion:

10:00 AM: 3/3, 3/10, 3/17

For adults looking for a Sunday morning study group.

Location: West Wing

Springmoor Discussion Group:

2:00 PM: 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8

Gather with other senior adults for a

Monday afternoon discussion. Location: Springmoor Chapel

Play & Chat:

Sunday, 3/24: 4:00 PM Saturday, 4/6: 4:00 PM

Bring your kids to play in the park while we chat about this book. Feel free to also bring a picnic for after the discussion for a time of whole family fellowship.

Location: North Hills Park

Youth Parent Discussion:

6:30 PM: 3/17, 3/24, 4/7

For parents of middle and high schoolers on

Sunday evenings.

Location: West Wing

Coffee Talk:

7:30 AM: 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Meet at Bruegger's in Stonehenge for an "on your

way to work" group.

Location: Bruegger's - Stonehenge

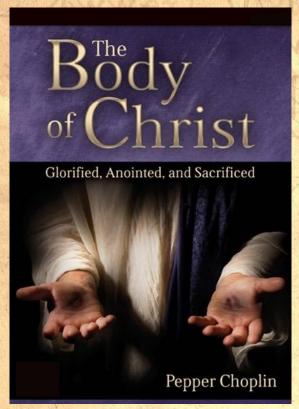
Preschool Moms Coffee Discussion:

Dates (in process): 11:30 AM

Before you pick up the kids from preschool, join us

for a time of fellowship and discussion.

Location: Sola or Gonza's Tacos



SUNDAY, APRIL 7 **7 PM**

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> presented by the GBC Adult Choir with chamber orchestra

Prayer List

- Celebrating the birth of Beau Wilson Mallard, 3/11/19, son of Ben and Megan, brother of Katie
- Steve and Angela Rose's newborn great nephew, Jaxon Morgan, Rex, NICU
- Karen Brewer's sister, Nancy
- Sandra Wilson
- Ashlyn Top
- Joan Murphy's friend, Lori
- Joan Murphy's friend, Doug McDonald
- Annie Hardison-Moody's and Julie Green's step-dad, Cotton Johnson
- Morgan Odgen Burns' husband, Clint Burns
- Debbie Reynolds' friend, Brenda Baker
- Michelle Byrd's mother, Cynthia Rockwell
- Dottie Thompson's daughter-in-law, Amanda Thompson
- Susan Burnette's friend Molly Stevens and her family
- The family of Kaye Roberts and Kim Eshlemen on the death of Kaye's aunt, Drake Smith, 2/27/19
- Linda Peterson's family on the death of her uncle, Pat Kelly, 3/1/19
- The family of Tommie Bennett on her death, 3/12/19

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

If you have an emergency or a need for a pastor outside of normal office hours, please call our on-call number, 919-817-8975. The minister on call this week is Amanda Atkin.

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

Wednesday Nights in March

This past Wednesday, March 13, we began our Lenten study of Brené Brown's *Braving the Wilderness*. Brown offers that there are four essential practices for true belonging: Move In, Be Civil, Hold Hands, and have a Strong Back, a Soft Front and a Wild Heart. We will be offering many different opportunities to discuss this work. Pick up a schedule of discussion groups, a copy of the book and join us on this wilderness journey. Books can be purchased for \$10.00 in the church office. See Amanda Atkin for more information.

Upcoming Wednesday Night Menus

3/20 - Spaghetti with meat sauce garden salad, bread; 3/27 - Roasted pork loin, green beans, sweet potatoes, roll.

Youth to Carolina Hurricanes Game - All are invited to join in the youth group trip to see the Carolina Hurricanes game at 1:30 PM on Saturday, March 30. Tickets are \$20.00 each and you can sign up with the church office.

Pocket Change Sunday - Pocket Change Sunday will be the last Sunday in March on the 31st. Our students will be collecting loose change and paper bills on this day to buy socks for the Clothing Closet. This ministry strives to provide adequate clothing for families, the homeless, those in transition from relocation or re-entry into the workforce, or any person with an identifiable need. It was established in 1983 and serves 1,000 people each month.

Ushers needed - We are looking for a few people who can serve as ushers for either the 8:45 or the 11:00 service on Sunday Mornings. There are 4 rotating teams so you would typically serve one Sunday a month. The teams rotate to cover when there is a 5th Sunday of the month. It is a small commitment of time but a big service to the church. If you are interested in this ministry opportunity, please contact Julia Glover, jglover1@nc.rr.com or 919-847-8161. Thank you.

Easter Cantata at Meymandi Hall

If you need tickets for the Easter Cantata on April 7, they are available for purchase this morning in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10.00 (general admission). Children 10 and under are free (but still need a ticket). For online ticket purchase visit pepperchoplin.com. See Heather Choplin for more information.

Disaster Relief

In February we sent a group of church members to continue our work with the residents in and around Lumberton as they seek to recover from recent flooding. On April 13 we will continue this work in Warsaw, NC. If you would like to join us on this one day mission trip, please contact Jerry Chiles. All skill levels are welcome!

GBC Beautification Day Saturday Morning, April 13

Save the date for an opportunity to join in the cleanup and maintenance. More information to come soon!

Save the Dates - Mark your calendars for our annual Spring Carnival on Wednesday, April 24 and for Vacation Bible School, August 8 - 11.

Summer Music & Arts Camp

JUNE 17 - 21, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Final Presentation — Fri., June 21 @ 6:00 PM Registration now open! Visit the church website and click on the homepage banner. For Grades: Completed 1st - completed 6th graders.

Cost: \$75 for the whole week! (\$25 discount for each additional sibling)

Thank You

Dear Greystone Church family, we are very thankful for the outreach from our church family during the days and weeks following our house fire. The meals, cards, calls, and prayers meant more to us than we can express. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring church family. In Christ, Kraig, Anne, Sallie, Betsy and Erin Mueller



Our staff

Sunday, Mar. 17

8:45 & 11:00 am Morning Worship 9:45 Sunday School

10:00 Braving the Wilderness Discussion

12:00 pm New Member Luncheon

4:00 Grace Tones Ensemble rehearsal

5:00 Handbell Choir rehearsal 6:00 Practice for Youth-Led Wo

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Discussion

Monday, Mar. 18

2:00 pm Braving the Wilderness - Springmoor

6:00 Finance Committee meeting 6:30 Missions Committee meeting

6:30 AA Women's Group 8:00 AA Co-ed Group

Tuesday, Mar. 19

7:30 am Braving the Wilderness Coffee Talk

6:30 pm AA Women's Group

7:00 Senior Adult Team meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 20

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Live Dinner

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

6:15 Prayer, then Adult Study

Practice for Youth-Led Worship

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

Friday, Mar. 22

8:00 pm AA Group

Child Care Helpers

Today - Eddy & Amy Ng, David Alston, Susan Burnette, Pam Outzts, Johnny Glover, Kim Craig, Eileen Trawick

March 24 - John & Kay Meyer, Brent & Jennifer Walker, James & Shyla Tatum

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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.