

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

That's what our church is meant to be: a continuing celebration that Iesus has achieved what he set out to do. The lost have been found. Let's party.

-Will Willimon



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 22

8:45 am

As we gather, take a moment to prepare your hearts for worship.

Prelude

Welcome Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Call to Worship Chris Haire

Hymn 633 Open Our Eyes Lord OPEN OUR EYES

The congregation sings two times.

 $Children\ come\ forward\ while\ congregation\ sings\ the\ second\ time\ through.$

Children's Message Chris Austin

Worship Reflection "O Magnify the Lord" TUNNEY

Tim Hendrix, Piano

Prayer of Confession Amanda Atkin

Hymn 634 More Love to Thee MORE LOVE TO THEE

All Stanzas

Offertory Prayer Steve Wheeler

Offertory "My Soul Cries Out for You, O God (Canticle of the Turning)" arr. M. Hayes

Tim Hendrix, Piano

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Chris Haire

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Ministry in Music

"I Belong"

Rainey, Scott

Elizabeth Worley, Vocalist with Tim Hendrix, Piano

Sermon

"Seeking and Finding"

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Discipline of Silence

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

Hymn of Response 491

Jesus, I Come

JESUS, I COME

Stanzas 1, 3, 4

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Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Community

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Sending Song 34

He Is Lord

HE IS LORD

He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every Knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

As you go, go in the grace of God and in the guidance of the Spirit.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 22

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 pew and pass it down the row.

Prelude

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" Pam Weis, Organ

Dale Wood

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:6-8

Chris Haire

Leader: In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

All:

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy.

(NRSV)

† Hymn 3

Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

All Stanzas

Children may move forward for the Children's Message during the final stanza.

Children's Message

Chris Austin

Worship Reflection

"O Magnify the Lord"

TUNNEY

Tim Hendrix, Piano

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

Prayer of Confession

Amanda Atkin

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Iesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Jesus said, "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." My friends, experience God's forgiveness and joy gifts that lead to new life!

Thanks be to God.

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† Offertory Prayer

Steve Wheeler

Offertory

"My Soul Cries Out for You, O God (Canticle of the Turning)"

Tim Hendrix, Piano

† Doxology 169

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

arr. M. Hayes

Stanza 5

Praise God who reigns on high,

The Lord whom we adore;

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.

Rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

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Tina Pickles

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† Postlude

"Trumpet Tune in C" Pam Weis, Organ

Michael Ryan

Worship Notes

The altar flowers today are given by James and Julie Green in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary on September 26.

Worship Leaders

Steve Wheeler, Deacon of the Week (919-783-6474; sbwheeler@att.net) Steve is married to Linda. They joined in September of 2016 and are members of the Salt and Light class. Steve serves on the Missions Committee and volunteers in the Worship Care ministry.

Chris Austin is married to Patti. They joined in April of 2008 and are members of the Grace Fellowship class. Chris serves on the Fellowship Team.

Tina Pickles is married to David. They joined in November of 1995 and are members of the Salt and Light class. Tina serves on the Worship Care Committee and is active in the Music Ministry.

Wednesday Night Live - Join Us for Our Adult Study:

The iPhone 4 debuted in 2010. By including a front facing camera, Apple enabled users to see (and photograph) themselves more easily than ever before. A quick "click" and iPhone owners could share their image far and wide. By 2013 the word "selfie" had become so ubiquitous that the Oxford English Dictionary proclaimed it "the word of the year". We see the world and the people around us differently these days. Join us on Wednesday nights in September as we discuss and explore how we discover and recognize the image of God in a digital age. Community prayers will be offered at 6:15 followed by our discussion. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesday Night Schedule:

5:30 - 6:16 - Dinner6:15 - 7:00 - Youth Selah6:00 - 7:15 - Children's Activities6:20 - 7:00 - Adult Studies6:15 - Community Prayers7:15 - 8:15 - Adult Choir rehearsal

September 25 Menu: Pork Roast with raspberry chipotle sauce with mashed potatoes and green beans

Meals are \$7 per adult and \$4 per child. We are offering a family cap of \$20. Please make your reservation by noon, each Monday by filling in a reservation card (located in the Sanctuary pew racks) and placing that card in the offering plates on Sunday, by calling the church office, or by signing up through our church website.

Prayer and Praises

- Birth of Oakley Iris Bagwell, granddaughter to Skip and Jill Pike, 9/10/19
- Rick Perkinson
- Lisha Stewart's mother, Delores Griffith
- Anne Morgan
- Karen Brewer's sister, Nancy
- AnaRita Eason
- Lauren Brice's grandmother, Diane Davis
- Jane Cregger's niece, Jordan Wells
- Linda Peterson's mother, Virginia Weeks
- Chris Haire's mother, Kathryn Haire
- Joyce Beauchaine
- Carla LeNoir's father-in-law, Joe LeNoir, Sr.
- Carla and Joe LeNoir's friend, Adam Fifield
- Becky Sansbury's daughter, Anna Randolph
- Skip Pike's sister, Joann Fitzsimmons
- Susan Burnette's friend Molly Stevens and her family
- Johnathan Eshleman's family on the death of his grandmother, Clara Williams, 9/11/19
- Amy Davis's family on the death of her brother-in-law, Chris Renn, 9/5/19
- Family of Greystone employee, Zead Walker on the death of his sister, Pauline Walker Jones, 8/31/19

Residential / Health Care Facilities

Sunrise at North Hills: Jean Brown

Springmoor (SHC): Lib Daniels, Becky Dean, Sallie Greene, Pauline Noble, Juanita Register, Greta McMillan

Pray for our neighbors in the Bahamas and coastal regions affected by Hurricane Dorian.

Pray for our youth and leaders who are attending the Youth Fall Beach Retreat (9/20-9/22)

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 Chrissy Tatum Williamson.

Updated Prayer Requests - We hope 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 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

Growing Greystone: Seasons of Giving Coming to your mailbox soon - Be on the lookout.

Orientation Sessions - These sessions give newcomers a bit of history about Greystone, our ministries and missions, ways for you to be involved, and time with our pastor, Chrissy Tatum Williamson. We will meet in "Books on the Corner", (located just across the walkway from the Fellowship Hall) at 10 AM this morning and again on September 29. If you have further questions, please contact Amanda Atkin.

Leadership Council Meeting - There will be a meeting today, in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service. Attendees may bring their lunch.

2019-2020 Ushers (current & alternates)- Join us for a meeting/training session on Tuesday, 9/24 at 6 PM in the Gathering Room (across from the Sanctuary). Look for a mailer coming soon with more information or text USHER to 919-608-3060.

Dinner at the Williamsons' House - Come and gather around our table for a meal and good conversation. Join us the evening of September 27 at 6:00 PM. We'll provide the main dish, y'all bring a side. We have room for 2 more guests so call the church office if you would like to come.

Pocket Change Sunday, September 29 - UPDATE Check the cup holders in your car and clean out your sofa cushions and perhaps consider a more substantial donation. Pocket Change Sunday will be next Sunday, September 29. Our children will be collecting a special offering during worship. Because of the significant devastation in the Bahamas due to Hurricane Dorian, monies from this offering will be shared with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Disaster Relief and designated for the nine CBF partner churches located on the

islands of Grand Bahama, Abaco and Acklins. As you consider your gift, please also pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are struggling to care for their own needs and minister to the needs of their communities.

Hang out with the Pastor - All are invited to meet Chrissy for casual conversation at the picnic tables outside Two Roosters/Bottle Rev (weather permitting), in the Greystone Village Shopping Center, the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Next "Hang Out" is scheduled for Oct. 1. No need to sign up, just come and chat.

Buddy Break News - There will be a Buddy Break training session on Sunday, October 6 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Youth Bldg., rooms 7, 8 & 9. Contact Nancy Register for more information (buddybreak@greystonechurch.org, 919-219-1438).

Pastor Chrissy's Reading List - There's a lot of talk about how young people are leaving the church in droves. Sometimes that talk can be all doom, gloom, and downright depressing for those of us who love the church and who believe in its future! If you find yourself in this category (love the church... believe in its future...) then I invite you to read *Growing Young* with me. It's a quick and encouraging read with some stories about churches that are effectively "growing young," meaning they are engaging 15-29 year olds and they are growing (spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and even numerically). I bought my copy of the book online, but I'm sure you can also order it through your local bookstore!

Children's Choir Volunteers - Greystone's Wednesday night children's choir ministry will begin soon. If you would be willing to lead one of our children's choirs or be an assistant in one of these three choirs, please contact Chris Haire for more information.



Our staff

Sunday, Sept. 22

8:45 & 11:00 am Worship

9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Orientation

12:00 pm Leadership Council meeting 4:00 Grace Tones rehearsal 5:00 Handbell Choir rehearsal

Monday, Sept. 23

6:30 pm Stewardship Committee meeting

AA Women's Group

7:00 Constitution & Bylaws Committee meeting

8:00 AA Co-ed Group

Tuesday, Sept. 24

5:30 pm Usher meeting | Usher Training session

6:30 AA Women's Group

Wednesday, Sept. 25

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00 Children's Activities

6:15 Prayer followed by Adult Study

6:15 Youth Selah

6:45 Youth Usher Training/Gathering

7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sept. 26

6:30 pm PAL meeting

7:00 Information Technology Comm. mtg.

Friday, Sept. 27

8:00 pm AA Group

Child Care Helpers

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

Sept. 29 - Lou Dawson, Steve & Linda Wheeler, Kay Roberts,

Barbara Crabb, Joy Croom Griffin

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

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