

**GREYSTONE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

*every member a minister.*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

## 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.

### CONNECT WITH US



on facebook



Wifi hot spot: GBC\_Public  
Password: gbcpublic



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## Reflection

"Thank you" is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding.

- Alice Walker

For the freshness of this new day  
thanks be to you, O God.

For morning's gift of clarity  
its light like the first day's dawn  
thanks be to you.

In this newborn light  
let us see afresh.

In this gateway onto what has never been  
before

let our soul breathe hope

for the earth

for the creatures

for the human family.

Let our soul breathe hope.

-John Philip Newel



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 17

8:45 am

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

Prelude

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Call To Worship

Psalm 100

Chris Haire

Song of Praise 214

He Has Made Me Glad  
As Printed

HE HAS MADE ME GLAD

*Children come forward second time through.*

Children’s Message

April Alston

Worship Reflection

“In All Things Give Him Thanks”

GIVE HIM THANKS

Laura Nelson and MacKenzie Boone with Sandra Hunt, Piano

Pastoral Prayer

April Alston

Stewardship Testimony

“Why We Pledge”

Ron and Joanne Thompson

Offertory Hymn 671

Something for Thee  
All Stanzas

SOMETHING FOR JESUS

Offertory Prayer

Joanne Thompson

Offertory

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”  
Sandra Hunt, Piano

arr. White

## Scripture Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Aaron Ng

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

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

“Growing Gratitude”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## Discipline of Silence

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

## Hymn of Commitment 788

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

*During this time, all are invited to come forward and place pledge cards in the baskets as a spiritual act of commitment. If you have already submitted your pledge cards, you may take part in this moment by bringing a blank pledge card forward as a symbol of your pledge.*

## Passing the Peace

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

## Celebrating Community

Amanda Atkin

## Sending Song

Traveling Mercies

arr. Kurt Kaiser



Words & Music by Billy Crockett. Arranged by Kurt Kaiser. CCLI #295340.

## Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## Postlude

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

# Draw Near to God

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost | Commitment Sunday

Sunday, November 17

11:00 am

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

Prelude	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Sandra Hunt, Piano	arr. Larson
Welcome		Chrissy Tatum Williamson
Call to Worship	Psalms 100	Chris Haire
Song of Praise 214	He Has Made Me Glad As Printed <i>Children come forward second time through.</i>	HE HAS MADE ME GLAD
Children’s Message		April Alston
Worship Reflection	“In All Things Give Him Thanks” Adult Choir with Sandra Hunt, Piano	GIVE HIM THANKS
Pastoral Prayer		April Alston
Stewardship Testimony	“Why We Pledge”	Ron and Joanne Thompson
Offertory Hymn 671	Something for Thee All Stanzas	SOMETHING FOR JESUS

Offertory Prayer

Joanne Thompson

Offertory

“How Beautiful”

Hosannah

Doxology 429

They’ll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN’S

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

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Scripture Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Sydney Walker

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message in Music

“Come Build a Church”

Ken Medema

Adult Choir with Pam Weis, Piano

Sermon

“Growing Gratitude”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Discipline of Silence

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Passing the Peace

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

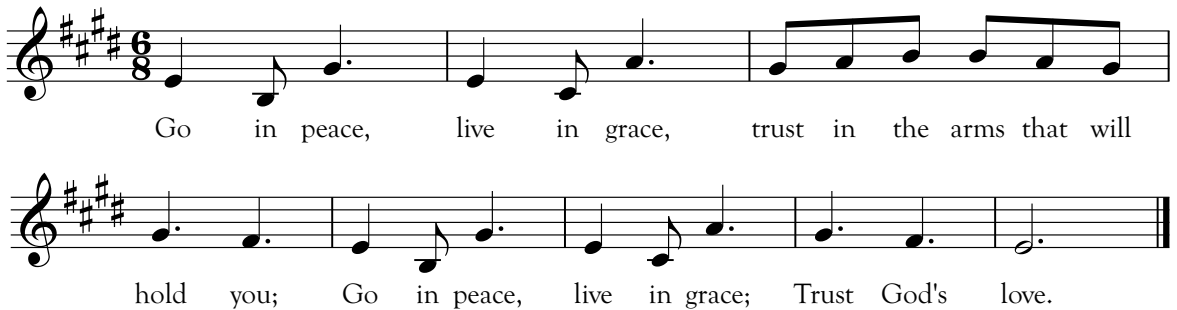
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Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“With Praises All Unite!”

arr. Sweelinck

Pam Weis, Organ

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## Worship Notes

The flowers today are provided by Dot Thomason in memory of her late husband, Jimmie.

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## Worship Leaders

**Joanne Thompson**, Deacon of the Week  
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Joanne and **Ron Thompson** joined in November of 2008 and are members of The Edge class. Joanne serves as the Church Clerk, a Deacon and as an Usher. She serves on the Missions Committee and helps to teach the K-2nd grade Sunday school class. Ron serves on the Nominating Committee, the Usher Team and as the Vice Moderator for Greystone.

We are grateful for the **Greystone Youth** who are helping to lead in worship today.

**Hosannah Dance Company** is a group of young women who love to dance and love to minister to their community! The girls range in age from high school through college and they have performed up and down the East Coast, including the Statue of Liberty in NY City, Central Park in NY City, the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, Disney World (6 times) and the JFK Library in Boston, Massachusetts. However, their favorite place to share their ministry is in Inez, Kentucky (in the middle of Appalachia) with a group of children they have grown to love! They are excited to share with you this morning the selection "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris.





## ***Bringing in the Greens for Advent***

You're invited to come help decorate our church with Advent greens, banners, and trees. Saturday, November 30, 2019, 9:00 AM - 12 PM in the Sanctuary. Bring a pair of sturdy gloves if you have them.

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## ***Worship With Us During Advent***

**Sun., Dec. 1 - 10:30 Morning Worship, *Growing in Hope***

**Sun., Dec. 8 - 10:30 Morning Worship, *Growing in Peace*;  
6:30 Christmas at Greystone: *Sounds of the Season***

**Sun., Dec. 15 - 10:30 Morning Worship, *Growing in Joy*,  
PM Sunday School Christmas Fellowships**

**Wed., Dec. 18 - 6:15 PM and 7:00 PM Living Nativity**

**Thur., Dec. 19 - AM Preschool Christmas Program;  
6:15 PM & 7:00 PM Living Nativity (rain date)**

**Sun., Dec. 22 - 10:30 Morning Worship, *Growing in Love*  
with Children's Nativity;**

**6:30 Service of Hope and Remembrance**

**Tue., Dec. 24 - 5:30 Christmas Eve Service**

**Sun., Dec. 29 - No Sunday School; 10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts;  
10:30 Morning Worship, April Alston, preaching**

*Note: We will worship together in one morning worship service  
each Sunday during Advent at 10:30 AM with Sunday school at 9:30 AM.*

# Prayer and Praises

- Ginny Liverance
- Ginny Liverance's friend Adam Raichyk
- Brett Ciccone
- Eileen Trawick
- David Ammons
- The Pendergrass family
- Steve Little's cousin, Trudy
- Virginia Creamer's grandson, Cary Creamer
- Karen Brewer's sister, Nancy
- Joyce Beauchaine
- Becky Sansbury's daughter, Anna Randolph
- Susan Burnette's friend Molly Stevens and her family
- Jack Hughens' family on his death, 11/12/19
- Family of Skip Pike on the death of his sister, Joann Pike Fitzsimmons, 11/4/19
- Family of Carla and Joe LeNoir on the death of Joe's father, Joe P. LeNoir, Sr., 11/4/19
- Family of Caralie Brown on the death of her son-in-law, Steve Gaj, 11/2/19
- Steve Wheeler's family on the death of his mother, Helen Wheeler, 10/21/19
- Pam Ouzts's family on the death of her step-father, Rev. Andrew P. Grose, 10/20/19
- Lisha Stewart's family on the death of her mother, Delores Griffith, 10/18/19

## **Residential / Health Care Facilities**

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

Sunrise at North Hills: Jean Brown

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** - 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** - We look forward to 100% pledge participation! Today, we will celebrate our renewed commitments by bringing our pledge cards forward at an appointed time during both worship services. If you need a pledge card, one is in your bulletin today.

**Pies and Church Conference** - Greystone members, we're going to make the church conference a little bit sweeter. Join us tonight in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. Bring a pie from your favorite recipe to share and enjoy pies shared by others. Come for the pie - stay for the business! An agenda and supporting documents are available in the hallway. Members are encouraged to attend.

**Wednesday Nights in November** - We are in the midst of cultural change, and it's uncomfortable for many. The church can respond in fear and scarcity, or with abundance (John 10:10). One shrinks the imagination, the other widens it. Dr. Brian Foreman will lead us again this Wednesday, 11/20, in our adult studies as we consider crises and trends before us...as well as the opportunities we have to respond and what it will take to do so.

**Senior Adult Team-sponsored Trip** - On Fri., Nov. 22 we will travel to the House in the Horseshoe in Sanford, NC, the scene of a Whig/Tory conflict during the American Revolution, and home of four-term NC governor and prominent statesman, Benjamin Williams from 1798-1814. Admission is free. We will dine at the Pik N Pig in Carthage and return early in the afternoon. Meet in the Sawmill parking lot at 8:00 AM. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway.

**Christmas Meals for Urban Ministries** - The Missions Committee is partnering with Urban Ministries of Wake County to provide Christmas

dinner boxes. If your family or a group of friends would like to contribute a Christmas meal then please use the list below for suggested items.

We hope you will consider this mission outreach as an opportunity to extend our holiday tables of joy, hope and love in this season. We will collect food items over three Sundays: November 24, December 1 and December 8.

- Main Course: \$25 gift card for Food Lion for a turkey, ham, or chicken.
- Side Dishes: Stuffing, potatoes/yams, cranberry sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, biscuit mix, and cream of mushroom soup.
- Dessert: Cake mix, prepared icing, and pie filling.

Urban Ministries of Wake County will then share the meal kits with their clients before the Christmas holiday. Urban Ministries serves over 29,000 people each year through their food pantry. Thank you for helping us set a table for our neighbors.

**Youth Service Project** - The GBC Youth are collecting items to put together blessing bags for the homeless and will be passing them out at Oak City Care on December 14. They are asking for help with gathering these items and have created a Signup Genius so you can see what is needed and signup for the items you wish to donate. Donations can be brought to the church and placed in clearly marked collection bins in the main hallway. If you are able to help please contact Pam Ouzts (pouzts@cisco.com) for the Signup Genius link (also in last week's E-News.)

**Member Directories** - Updated directories are available to Greystone members this morning in the main hallway on the information table. We have printed enough for one per "member family".

### Sunday, Nov. 17

8:45 & 11:00

9:45

3:00 pm

4:00

5:00

6:00

Worship

Sunday school

Handbell Choir rehearsal

Grace Tones rehearsal

Youth Choir rehearsal

Pies & Church Conference

Sunday Night Youth

### Monday, Nov. 18

3:00 pm

6:00

6:30

8:00

Stitching Group

Girl Scouts

Missions Committee meeting

AA Women's Group

AA Co-ed Group

### Tuesday, Nov. 19

6:30 pm

7:00

AA Women's Group

Constitution & Bylaws Comm. mtg.

### Wednesday, Nov. 20

5:30 pm

6:00

6:15

7:15

Wednesday Night Live Dinner

Children's Music and Missions

Prayer then Adult Study

Youth *Selah*

Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Nov. 21

7:00 pm

Information Technology Comm. mtg.

PAL meeting

### Friday, Nov. 22

8:00 pm

AA Group

### Saturday, Nov. 23

10:00 am

6:00 pm

Flu Shot Clinic - Cedar Point

High School Hang-out

### Chrissy Tatum Williamson

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## Child Care Helpers

### Today

Eddy & Amy Ng, David Alston, Susan Burnette, AnaRita Eason,  
John Clark, Suzanne Best, Eileen Trawick

### Sunday, November 24

Kay & John Meyer, Patsy Chiles, Brent Walker,  
Shyla & James Tatum

## 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