

SUNDAY WORSHIP
DECEMBER 1, 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.

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Reflection

Optimism leans back, puts its feet up, and sports a confident look knowing that the deck is stacked (in your favor)... Hope is a verb with its sleeves rolled up.

- David Orr,
The Designer's Challenge, 2007

...hope becomes a 'passion for what is possible' (Kierkegaard), because it can be a passion for what has been made possible... Faith binds the man to Christ. Hope sets this faith open to the comprehensive future of Christ. Hope is therefore the 'inseparable companion' of faith. ...Hope is nothing else than the expectation of those things which faith has believed to have been truly promised by God. Thus, faith believes God to be true, hope awaits the time when this truth shall be manifested...

- Jürgen Moltmann,
Theology of Hope, p. 20, 1967



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 1

10:30 am

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

Prelude

Tim Hendrix

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Message in Music

“Where the Promise Shines”

arr. Joel Raney

Adult Choir with Tim Hendrix, Piano

Advent Responsive Reading

One: Advent is a time for God’s people to reawaken their longings.

All: We wait in hope for the Lord.

One: We long for every hurt to be healed.

All: We wait in hope for the Lord.

One: We long for every tear to be dried.

All: We wait in hope for the Lord.

One: We long for every injustice to be made right.


All: We wait in hope for the Lord.

One: We celebrate God’s promises and long for those yet to unfold.

All: We wait in hope for the Lord.

Where the Promise Shines

arr. Joel Raney



Lead us on, lead us on to a morn-ing where the
prom-ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on
to a morn-ing where the prom-ise shines.

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Children come forward for the Children's Message when prompted.

Children's Message

April Alston

Worship Reflection 240

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Cynthia Griesedieck, Piano and Tim Hendrix, Organ

Pastoral Prayer

Amanda Atkin

Offertory Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

ST. THEODULPH

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord Most Holy, your lamp within my breast
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace,
in love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

A glorious crown You give me, a treasure safe on high,
 That will not fail nor leave me as earthly riches fly.
 My heart shall bloom forever for You with praises new,
 And from Your name shall never withhold the honor due.

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Offertory Prayer

Bob Millikan

Offertory

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

arr. Jay Rouse

Adult Choir with Tim Hendrix, Piano

Doxology

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.

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Scripture Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Bill Baxley

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Growing in Hope”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Discipline of Silence

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

Call to the Table

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Communion

Music during communion is provided by our accompanists.

Passing the Peace

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn of Response 245

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*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.*

Celebrating Community

Chris Haire

Sending Song 250

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray.

Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

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Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

Cynthia Griesedieck

Worship Notes

Thank you to Cranberry Tree Farms for their gracious donation of wreaths and for the beautiful Chrismon trees in the Sanctuary.

Two carnations are placed at the front this morning in honor of two birthdays:
Greta McMillian's 90th birthday on 12/1, and Eileen Trawick's 93rd birthday on 12/5.

Worship Leaders

Bob Millikan, Deacon of the Week
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Bob is married to Joy. They joined in December 1995 and are members of The Edge class. Bob is the Chair of the Finance Committee and volunteers in the Worship Care Ministry.

Dorwin Lanham joined in August 2010 and is a member of the Women's Fellowship class. She serves on the Worship Ministry Committee and the Usher Team.

Kathy Deming joined in June 2015 and is a member of the Women's Fellowship class. She serves on the Teller Team and the Usher Team.

Bill Baxley is married to Sandra. They joined in May of 2006 and are members of the Generations class. Bill serves on the Missions Committee, is a Trustee of the church and serves on the Usher Team.

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.*



Christmas at Greystone: *Sounds of the Season* Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:30 PM



This year's Christmas musical will be presented by Greystone's Adult Choir, Youth Choir, Grace Tones women's ensemble, Handbell Choir, other instrumentalists, Sound and Lighting Team, and narrators. Please invite your family, neighbors, coworkers, and other friends to join us at Greystone Baptist for this special evening of music and worship.



LIVING *Nativity*

Wednesday, December 18
6:15 & 7:00 PM
(rain date 12/19, same times)



Service of Hope and Remembrance

Sunday, December 22, 6:30 PM
Gathering Room



Save the date for the Children's Nativity

Our children will present the story of Christ's birth on Sunday, Dec. 22 during worship at 10:30 AM. Preschool children will gather in their classrooms and school-age children in the fellowship hall at 9:15 AM that day to get dressed in their costumes, hear the Christmas story, have a snack, and do a craft. Children can bring their own costume, or we have some to share! Let us know if your children would like to participate, so that we have enough volunteers to help out! Email Annie Hardison-Moody at anniehardison@gmail.com or text to 919-740-5920. Contact April Alston with questions.

Prayer and Praises

- Ginny Liverance
- Ginny Liverance's friend Adam Raichyk
- Jill Pike's nephew, Brett Ciccone
- Eileen Trawick
- The Pendergrass family
- Steve Little's cousin, Trudy
- Virginia Creamer's grandson, Cary Creamer
- Joyce Beauchaine
- Susan Burnette's friend Molly Stevens and her family
- Karen Brewer's family on the death of her sister, Nancy Jones, 11/15/19
- Jack Hughens' family on his death, 11/12/19
- Skip Pike's family on the death of his sister, Joann Pike Fitzsimmons, 11/4/19
- Carla and Joe LeNoir's family on the death of Joe's father, Joe P. LeNoir, Sr., 11/4/19
- Caralie Brown's family on the death of her son-in-law, Steve Gaj, 11/2/19

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 April Alston.

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

Holiday Grief Share - Today from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM, at the home of Chrissy and Justin Williamson (near Lake Lynn and Leesville Road). There will be light refreshments and a time for you and others who are grieving to connect and remember that we are not alone in this journey. If you did not have a chance to RSVP, please let Chrissy know today after the service if you plan to attend.

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 each Sunday through 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 Christmas Party - Dec, 14, 12:15 - 6 PM
On Saturday, December 14 our youth will gather for a day of service and celebration. We will kick off our time together with a service project at Oak City Cares serving homeless individuals in our community. You can help contribute to this time

of service by signing up to donate items for the blessing bags we will distribute (contact the church office). After our time of service, we will come back to church for a time of celebration complete with food, games and our annual gift exchange. Youth should bring a \$10 wrapped gift to exchange. Serving and celebrating together will be a great way to spend a day this Advent season.

Living Nativity - You're invited to come help with the set up (12/14), participation (12/18), and clean up (12/21) of this year's Living Nativity. Contact Lilian Grant for the Signup Genius link.

Leadership Council Meeting - The next Leadership Council meeting is on Sunday, 12/15 after the 10:30 worship service. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch.

Service of Hope and Remembrance - We would like to invite you to a Service of Hope and Remembrance Sunday, Dec. 22 at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Room. The service will include time for silent reflection, thoughtful prayer and the remembering of your loved one. The service is open to everyone so please invite other members of your family or community who might benefit. There will be a brief reception following the service. If you need childcare during the service please let April Alston know by December 15.

In Appreciation - "I thank all of you who grieved with me at the death of my son-in-law, Steve Gaj and celebrated with me my ninety-ninth birthday. The number of cards I received was overwhelming and that is the reason I could not express my appreciation to you individually. You are a wonderful church family. Love, Caralie Brown"

Sunday, Dec. 1

9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 Combined Worship
3:00 pm Holiday Grief Share (off-site)
4:00 Grace Tones rehearsal
5:00 Youth Choir rehearsal
6:00 Handbell Choir rehearsal
Sunday Night Youth

Monday, Dec. 2

6:00 pm Personnel Committee meeting
Girl Scouts
6:30 Weekday Preschool Committee meeting
AA Women's Group
7:00 Outreach Committee meeting
Student Ministry Leadership Comm. mtg.
8:00 AA Co-ed Group

Tuesday, Dec. 3

6:00 pm Old Lead Mine Road HOA meeting
6:30 AA Women's Group

Wednesday, Dec. 4

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Live Dinner
6:00 Children's Music and Missions
6:15 Prayer then Adult Study
Youth *Selah*
Musical Tech rehearsal
7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 5

7:00 pm PAL meeting

Friday, Dec. 6

8:00 pm AA Group

Saturday, Dec. 7

9:30 am Disaster Relief Trip to Lumberton
3:00 pm Musical rehearsal
Buddy Break Christmas Party
5:30 Grace Fellowship Christmas Party

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Today

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Sunday, December 8

Elizabeth Worley, Johnathan & Kim Eshleman, Jeannie Miller,
Lauren Brice

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