



every member a minister.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
DECEMBER 15, 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



Wifi hot spot: GBC_Public
Password: gbcpublic

www.greystonechurch.org

Reflection

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

- Psalm 32:11

Joy is a mystery because it can happen
anywhere, anytime, even under the most
unpromising circumstances, even in the
midst of suffering, with tears in its eyes.

- Frederick Beuchner



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 15

10:30 am

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

Prelude

“How Great Our Joy”

arr. James Mansfield

Pam Weis, Organ

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Message in Music

“Where the Promise Shines”

arr. Joel Raney

Adult Choir with Sandra Hunt, Piano

Advent Responsive Reading

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

All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

One: In the darkness, we long to see the light.

All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

One: In the silence, we long for a comforting word.

All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

One: In hardship, we long for an act of love.

All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

One: In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.

All: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Lighting the Candle of Joy

John and Susan Horton,
Cameron and Connor

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.

Words © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc. Music © 2003 and this Arr. © 2014 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638.
www.giamusic.com 800-442-1358 All rights reserved. Used by permission. Sole Selling Agent of this 2014
Arrangement: Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188 www.hopepublishing.com 800-323-1049. CCLI #295340

Children come forward when prompted.

Children's Message

Elizabeth Santana

Worship Reflection

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

Sandra Hunt, Piano and Pam Wies, Organ

Family Dedication

Roman Coleman Gardner

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Amanda Atkin

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Amanda Atkin

Sing twice.

Offertory Prayer

Skip Pike

Offertory

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

arr. Robert Sterling

“Alle, Alleluia”

arr. Terry Taylor; Dora Purdy

Children’s Choirs

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.

Text and tune public domain. Text and tune adapted by Dean McIntyre,

The United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, PO Box 340003, Nashville, TN 37203-0003. Telephone 615-340-7073.

Website <http://www.umcworship.org>. Email address: music@gbod.org.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Trish Boone

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message in Music "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Hal H. Hopson
Adult and Youth Choirs with Pam Weis, Organ and Sandra Hunt, Piano

Sermon "Growing in Joy" Chrissy Tatum Williamson

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 Chrissy Tatum Williamson

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrating Community April Alston

Sending Song Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO

**Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.**

Public Domain

Benediction Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude "Joy to the World" arr. Jeff Bennett
Sandra Hunt, Piano

Worship Notes



A Time of Dedication Roman Coleman Gardner

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. - Jeremiah 29:11

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

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

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 and the Columbarium Committee.

Susan and John Horton joined in September 2019 and are members of The Edge class. Their two children are **Cameron** and **Connor**. Susan serves on the Student Ministry Leadership Committee and is active in the music ministry.

Trish Boone is married to Pat and they joined in July 1993. Trish is a member of the Edge class. She is active in the music ministry and serves on the Student Ministry Leadership Committee and the Adult Christian Education Committee.

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

Worship With Us During Advent

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

Thur., Dec. 19 - 12:15 PM Preschool Christmas Program;
6:15 PM & 7:00 PM Living Nativity (rain date)

Sun., Dec. 22 - 10:30 AM Morning Worship, *Growing in Love*
with Children's Nativity;
6:30 PM Service of Hope and Remembrance

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

Sun., Dec. 29 - No Sunday School; 10:00 AM Coffee & Doughnuts;
10:30 AM 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.*



LIVING *Nativity*

Wednesday, December 18

6:15 & 7:00 PM

(rain date 12/19, same times)

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



Service of Hope and Remembrance

Sunday, December 22, 6:30 PM

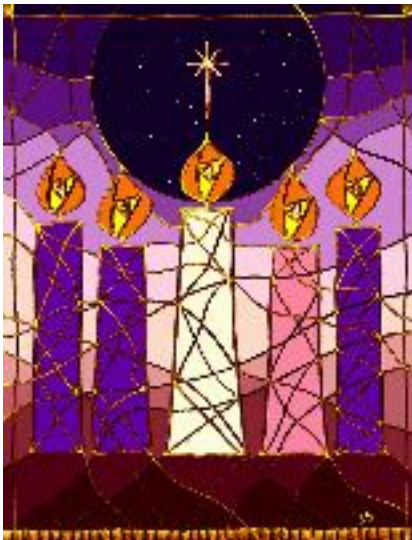
Gathering Room

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 today.



Save the date for the Children's Nativity at Greystone!

Our children will present the story of Christ's birth on Sunday, December 22 during worship at 10:30 AM. Preschool children 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! We need some volunteers to help us that morning, so please sign up with Annie Hardison-Moody at anniehardison@gmail.com or text to 919-740-5920.



"Christ Candle", 2017 series by John Stuart,
www.stushieart.com © All rights reserved.

Christmas Eve Service

Join us as we celebrate the coming of the Christ Child, with a service of lessons and carols this Christmas Eve at 5:30 PM. Filled with traditional scripture lessons, Advent songs, and Christmas carols, this candlelight communion service will end with Greystone's customary congregational singing of "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." We are delighted to share that Pepper Choplin will lead the music for this service. You won't want to miss this special time together!

Prayer and Praises

- Gary Hollingsworth's dad, Leon Hollingsworth
- David Ammons
- Susan Burnette's friend, Rick Rowe
- Joy Croom Griffin's friend, Jordan Hiatt
- Ginny Liverance
- Ginny Liverance's friend Adam Raichyk
- Jill Pike's nephew, Brett Ciccone
- The Pendergrass family
- Steve Little's cousin, Trudy
- Virginia Creamer's grandson, Cary Creamer
- Joyce Beauchaine
- Carrie Franz's family on the death of her mother, Estelle Seeley, 12/5/19
- The Thompson's friend, Don Fish; his granddaughter, Faith; and their family on the recent death of Faith's father.
- Vercie Eller's family on the death of her sister, Mildred (Millie) Spalzer, 12/1/19
- Karen Brewer's family on the death of her sister, Nancy Jones, 11/15/19

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 Chrissy 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.

Thank You - Karen Brewer and family would like to thank the Greystone family for the many calls, cards, and thoughts and prayers during her sister's recent illness and passing. The love and support of the church members was felt by the entire family.

Coming up at Greystone

Leadership Council Meeting - The Leadership Council meeting is today after the 10:30 worship service. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch.

Mission Offerings - Christmas is a season of gift giving. This season Greystone has the opportunity to support two different ministries above and beyond our commitment to our church's general budget. We have the ability to finish this year financially strong with your help.

- **Christmas Eve Offering:** On Christmas Eve our offering will go to Refugee Hope Partners. This organization lives and works with newcomers to our country who live in the Cedar Point Apartments. Refugee Hope Partners will use the money we collect to help refugees with emergency situations.
- **Pocket Change Sunday:** On Sunday, December 29, our children will collect your pocket change and donations to fund a dental van. Greystone is arranging for the Baptist Dental Van to come to Cedar Point Apartments on January 18, 2020. On this Saturday, anyone who needs dental care will be served at no charge. Your funds will bring the van to the apartment complex and provide supplies for the dentists who are donating their time and services.

Christmas Office Schedule - During the week of Christmas, the office will be closed from 12/24 - 12/26 & 12/30 - 1/1/20.

Jan. 5, 2020 - Epiphany Sunday Gift Exchange
We hope as you begin 2020 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 & 11:00).

Save the Dates:

Youth Parent Coffee & Dessert Gathering

January 12, at 5 PM

Fellowship Hall

Annual Crockpot Cook-off & Kid's Dessert Contest

February 1, 2020

Fellowship Hall

2020 Flower Calendar - You may donate flowers for a Sunday service by writing your name next to an open date on the calendar in the hallway. Prices start around \$65.00 at North Raleigh Florist with free delivery but you may use your own florist and arrange for delivery if that is a better option for you.

African Children's Choir - Please mark your calendar and invite your friends! Greystone is hosting the African Children's Choir for a concert on Wednesday evening, February 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. This choir has sung at Greystone before, and it was such a wonderful concert. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear these young singers in the new year.

Sunday, Dec. 15

9:30 am	Sunday school
10:10	Adult Choir warm-up
10:15	Youth Choir warm-up
10:30	Combined Worship
11:30	Leadership Council meeting
4:00 pm	GraceTones rehearsal NO Youth Choir rehearsal, NO Handbell Choir rehearsal, NO Sunday Night Youth

Monday, Dec. 16

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

Tuesday, Dec. 17

6:30 pm	AA Women's Group
7:00	Constitution & Bylaws Committee mtg. Senior Adult Team meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 18

10:00 am	Preschool Christmas Program rehearsal
6:15 & 7:00 pm	Living Nativity (no other Wednesday night activities)

Thursday, Dec. 19

12:15 pm	Preschool Christmas Program Living Nativity (rain date only, 6:15 & 7:00)
7:00	PAL meeting

Friday, Dec. 20

8:00	AA Group
------	----------

Saturday, Dec. 21

9:00 am	Living Nativity set break-down (volunteers needed)
---------	---

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

SENIOR PASTOR
chrissy.williamson@greystonechurch.org

April Alston

ASSOC. MINISTER OF CHILDREN/PRESCHOOL
april.alston@greystonechurch.org

Amanda Atkin

ASSOC. MINISTER OF FAITH FORMATION
amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org

Chris Haire

INTERIM ASSOC. MINISTER OF MUSIC
music@greystonechurch.org

Pam Phillips

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR
weekdaypreschool@greystonechurch.org

Steve Rose

PROPERTY MANAGER
properties@greystonechurch.org

Annette Variano

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
office@greystonechurch.org

Child Care Helpers

Today

April & Brad Walker, Gayla Hollingsworth, Patsy Chiles,
Dustin & Emily Tuttle

Sunday, December 22

Bonnie Raddatz, Will Moody & Annie Hardison-Moody,
Joy & Bob Millikan, Amy & Greyson Davis

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