



every member a minister.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
DECEMBER 22, 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



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Reflection

They looked like the people you see on the six o'clock news—refugees, sent to wait in some strange ugly place, with all their boxes and sacks around them. It suddenly occurred to me that this was just the way it must have been for the real Holy Family, stuck away in a barn by people who didn't much care what happened to them. They couldn't have been very neat and tidy either, but more like this Mary and Joseph.

- Barbara Robinson,
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 22

10:30 am

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

Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

arr. S. Bulla

Tim Hendrix, Piano and James Tatum, Trombone

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: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

One: When we longed for the silence to be broken,

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

One: When we longed for the light that shines in the darkness,

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

One: When we longed for the peace that surpasses understanding,

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

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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Family Dedication

Laurel Roger Andrew

Children's Nativity

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Deanna Choplin

Carol 262

Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
 The stars in the sky looked down where He lay;
 The Little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
 And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

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The Angels

Luke 2:8-14

Madison Ouzts and Maya Walker

Carol 278

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply; echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

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The Shepherds

Luke 2:15-20

Mordecai Ngandu

Carol 272

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

CHRISTMAS

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around, and glory shone around.

All Glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace.
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease, begin and never cease!

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The Wise Men

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

Samuel Brown

Carol 288

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain— following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

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Musical Reflection

“What Can I Give Him?”

CASTLE

Amber Sawyers, Piano and Tim Hendrix, Organ
Feel free to take pictures during this Worship Reflection.

Offertory Prayer

John Vestal

Offertory

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

arr. Joel Raney

Amber Sawyers and Tim Hendrix, Piano

Doxology

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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Homily

“Growing in Love”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Discipline of Silence

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

Carol 281

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

*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.*

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, King to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

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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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion; Pure, unbounded love Thou art.

Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.

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Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

Amber Sawyers, Piano

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

We invite you to join us at 6:30 tonight for a Service of Hope and Remembrance

and at 5:30 PM on Christmas Eve for a Service of Lessons and Carols.

Worship Notes



A Time of Dedication Laurel Roger Andrew

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13 (NIV)

We welcome to Greystone this morning Laurel Roger Andrew, daughter of Luke and Blair Andrew. Through this dedication, the family pledges to raise Laurel in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and Greystone pledges our support in their efforts so that when Laurel reaches an appropriate age she may choose for herself to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. Joining us on this special day are her grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousin and special family friends.

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

Worship Leaders

John Vestal, Deacon of the Week
(john.c.vestal@mailzone.com, 919-529-4765)
John joined in January of 2002 and is a member of The Edge class. He serves on the Sound and Light Team and as chair of the Information Technology Committee.

Sam and Kelly Roberts joined in March 2019 and are members of The Edge class. Kelly serves on the Missions Committee. Their children are **Hadley and Hayden**.

We are grateful for the **Greystone children and youth** leading in worship this morning.



Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24 at 5:30 PM
Greystone Sanctuary

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

- 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
- Gary Hollingsworth's family on the death of his father, Leon Hollingsworth, 12/10/19
- 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

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

Service of Hope and Remembrance - We would like to invite you to a Service of Hope and Remembrance tonight 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.

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.

Sunday, December 29 Worship Schedule

No Sunday School
10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts
10:30 Morning Worship,
April Alston, preaching

Christmas Week Office Schedule - During the week of Christmas, the church office will be closed from 12/24 - 12/26 and 12/30 - 1/1/20. The office will re-open on Thursday, 1/2/20.

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 and 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

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. 22

9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 Combined Worship | Children's Nativity
4:00 pm Grace Tones rehearsal
6:30 Service of Hope and Remembrance
NO Youth Choir rehearsal, NO Handbell
Choir rehearsal, NO Sunday Night Youth

Monday, Dec. 23

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

Tuesday, Dec. 24

5:30 pm Church office closed through 1/1/20
6:30 Christmas Eve Service
AA Women's Group

Wednesday, Dec. 25

No Church activities | Christmas Day

Thursday, Dec. 26

7:00 pm PAL meeting

Friday, Dec. 27

8:00 AA Group

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Joy & Bob Millikan, Amy & Greyson Davis

Sunday, December 29

Lou Dawson, Steve & Linda Wheeler, Kay Roberts,
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