



every member a minister.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
DECEMBER 8, 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

Too often our answer to the darkness
is not running toward Bethlehem
but running away.

We ought to know by now that we can't see
where we're going in the dark.

Running away is rampant...
separation is stylish:
separation from mates, from friends, from self.

Run and tranquilize,
don't talk about it,
avoid.

Run away and join the army
of those who have already run away.

When are we going to learn that Christmas Peace
comes only when we turn and face the darkness?

Only then will we be able to see
the Light of the World.

- Ann Barr Weems
*Kneeling in Bethlehem,
"Toward the Light"*

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 8

10:30 am

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

Prelude

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Tim Hendrix, Organ

PICARDY;

arr. Hebble/G. Martin

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Message in Music

“Where the Promise Shines”

Adult Choir with Pam Weis, Piano

arr. Joel Raney

Advent Responsive Reading

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

All: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

One: Where there is division, we long for unity.

All: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

One: Where there is hostility, we long for resolution.

All: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

One: Where there is separation, we long for reunion.

All: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

Lou Dawson

Worship Reflection

“Comfort, Comfort You My People”

Genevan Psalter

Pam Weis, Piano and Tim Hendrix, Organ

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Sumner Eshleman

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

April Alston

Offertory Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
 Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
 Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

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Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Most High.

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Offertory Prayer

Scott Naeser

Offertory

“Canon de Noël”

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Pam Weis, 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 | Matthew 3:1-12 | Heather Choplin |
| One: | The Word of God for the people of God. | |
| All: | Thanks be to God. | |
| Message in Music | “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” Adult Choir with Tim Hendrix, Piano | arr. Jay Rouse |
| Sermon | “ <i>Growing in Peace</i> ” | Chrissy Tatum Williamson |
| Discipline of Silence | <i>Take a moment to hear what the Spirit may be speaking to you.</i> | |
| Carol 292 | Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne | MARGARET |
| | <i>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.</i> | |
| 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 245 | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | VENI EMMANUEL |
| | O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel! | |
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| Benediction | | Chrissy Tatum Williamson |
| Postlude | “Christmas Memories” Pam Weis, Piano | Joseph M. Martin |

Worship Notes

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

A carnation is placed at the front this morning in honor of Ellen Sineath's 95th birthday on December 13.

Worship Leaders

Scott Naeser, Deacon of the Week
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Scott is married to Donna. They joined in March of 2015 and are members of the Grace Fellowship class. Scott sings in the Adult Choir and serves on the Columbarium Committee, the Bereavement Team and the Disaster Relief Team.

Megan and Ben Mallard joined in February 2019 and are members of the Insights class. Megan volunteers in the Worship Care ministry. Their children are **Katie** and **Beau**.

Lou Dawson is married to Carl. They joined in September 1989 and are members of the Life Application class. Lou helps teach the Preschool

Sunday school class, is co-chair of the Preschool Children's Ministry Committee, serves on the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, is leader of the Arkansas Mission Team and is active in the music ministry.

Sumner Eshleman, daughter of Kim and Johnathan, is a third-grader at Underwood Elementary and is active in the children's ministry at Greystone.

Heather Choplin is married to Pepper and they joined in December 1990. Heather is a member of the Edge class. She serves on the Worship Ministry Committee, the Music Team and is active in the music ministry.

Worship With Us During Advent

Sun., Dec. 8 - 6:30 PM Christmas at Greystone: *Sounds of the Season*
(Prelude beginning at 6:15 PM)

Sun., Dec. 15 - 10:30 Morning Worship, *Growing in Joy*

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 PM Service of Hope and Remembrance

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

Sun., Dec. 29 - AM 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* Tonight, 6:30 PM



(prelude beginning at 6:15)

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 tonight 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)

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.



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 December 15.



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.

Prayer and Praises

- Jerry Chiles
- 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
- 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
- Jack Hughens' family on his death, 11/12/19

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

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.

The Outreach Team Requests Your Help - As we welcome our guests to the Living Nativity, we will be handing out information bags and cookies. We need your help in providing cookies. Please contact Kay Meyer (jwmeyer@mindspring.com) for the Signup Genius link to provide cookies. Then join us at the Living Nativity to greet our guests and enjoy the presentations.

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

Wednesday Nights in December - We hope that you will join us for Wednesday Night fellowship dinners and learning groups in December. The kids will be rehearsing their songs for Advent worship. The youth will be preparing for an upcoming mission activity in downtown Raleigh, and the adults will be considering different spiritual practices for this Advent season. In the midst of the busy-ness of this season, take a pause and join with your friends at church to pay attention and listen for the distant yet clear

announcement that Christ is coming into our world yet again as Emmanuel.

- Dec. 4: Pastor Chrissy leads us in a discussion of the spiritual practices of the season. (menu: fried chicken/BBQ)
- Dec. 11: Pastor Chris sings with us and teaches us how to ring in the season. (menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips)

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 Hope Refugee Partners. This organization lives and works with newcomers to our country who live in the Cedar Point Apartments. Hope Refugee 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 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."

This Week @GBC

Sunday, Dec. 8

9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 Combined Worship
11:30 Second Sunday Fellowship
3:30 pm Handbell Choir call time
"Christmas Bells Overture" instr. call time
4:40 GraceTones call time
5:10 Adult Choir call time
5:50 Youth Choir call time
6:30 Christmas at Greystone: *Sounds of the Season*

Monday, Dec. 9

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

6:30 pm AA Women's Group
7:00 Deacon meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 11

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

Thursday, Dec. 12

7:00 pm PAL meeting

Friday, Dec. 13

12:00 pm Preschool Fellowship
8:00 AA Group

Saturday, Dec. 14

12:00 pm "Oak City Cares"
Youth Christmas Party

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Today

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Sunday, December 15

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

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