



GREYSTONE
BAPTIST CHURCH

every member a minister.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
MARCH 15, 2020

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

Everything is going to be fine in the end. If it's not fine it's not the end.

-Oscar Wilde

Another morning and I wake with thirst for the goodness I do not have. I walk out to the pond and all the way God has given us such beautiful lessons. Oh Lord, I was never a quick scholar but sulked and hunched over my books past the hour and the bell; grant me, in your mercy, a little more time. Love for the earth and love for you are having such a long conversation in my heart. Who knows what will finally happen or where I will be sent, yet already I have given a great many things away, expecting to be told to pack nothing, except the prayers which, with this thirst, I am slowly learning.

-Mary Oliver, *Thirst*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 15

8:45 & 11:00 am

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

Prelude "I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger" arr. Anna Laura Page
Pam Weis, Organ

Welcome Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Opening Hymn 682 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
All stanzas

Prayer of Confession April Alston

One: God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt.

All: Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love.

One: Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us.

All: We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them.

One: Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives.

**All: Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants.
AMEN**

Words of Assurance

The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you. God is loving and faithful to those who come to God. Come, seek the loving presence and be healed.

Children move forward during musical reflection.

Children's Message

Elizabeth Santana

Offertory Hymn

In Christ Alone

arr. Dave Cleveland

All Stanzas



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
2. In Christ a-lone who took on flesh, full ness of God in help-less babe.
3. There in the ground His bo-dy lay, light of the world by dark-ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.



This cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
 This gift of love and right eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save,
 Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain.
 From life's first cry to fi-nal breath Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.
 till on that cross, as Je-sus died, the love of God was mag-ni-fied,
 And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
 No power of hell, no hu-man plan can ev-er pluck me from His hand,



My Com-fort-er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 for ev-'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 for I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 till He re-returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.

Offertory "The Lord's My Shepherd" Trad. Scottish Melody/arr. Shackley
Tim Hendrix, Piano

Doxology 3 (11:00) Holy, Holy, Holy!
Stanza 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Prayer of Dedication Patsy Chiles

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7 (8:45) Joanne Thompson
(11:00) Aaron Ng

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message in Music (11:00) "Oh, How Good It Is" arr. Joshua Spacht
Adult Choir with Tim Hendrix, Piano and Steve Rose, Penny Whistle

Sermon "Living with Xerophobia" Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Discipline of Silence

*You are invited to use this brief time of silence to reflect on the quotes
printed as the reflection on the inside of the front cover as well as what you just heard during the sermon.
Breathe deeply and consider what the Triune God may wish to convey to you in this moment.*

Song of Response If You Want Me To
Heather Choplin, solo with Tim Hendrix, Piano

*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 of the Peace Chrissy Tatum Williamson

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Pam Weis, Organ

Worship Notes

The flowers today are provided by Jeff Walter and Loreice Jernigan in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

A carnation is placed at the front this morning in honor of Betty Cornwell’s 92nd birthday on March 19.

Worship Leaders

Patsy Chiles, Deacon of the Week
(chilesp630@aol.com, 919-783-5780)

Patsy joined in November of 2012 and is a member of The Edge class. Patsy serves on the Bereavement Team, as Chair of the Outreach Committee and volunteers in the Worship Care Ministry.

Elizabeth Santana joined in August 1996 and is a member of the Life Application class. Elizabeth serves on the Greeter Team.

Joanne Thompson joined in November of 2008 and is a member 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.

Aaron Ng joined in March 2016 and is in the 9th grade Sunday school class. He is active in the music ministry and the youth group at Greystone.

Prayer and Praises

- Susan Gardner, Rex Rehab
- Skip Pike
- Zachary Brawner
- Sharon Wertz
- Praise for Debbie Reynolds' sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Richard Hinig, on their new home
- Debbie Reynolds' friend, Becky Bulo
- Elizabeth Worley's friend, Anissa Ferris
- Molly Walker
- Brenda Taylor
- Mary Fran Perkinson
- Joyce Beauchaine
- Jill Pike's nephew, Brett Ciccone
- The Pendergrass family
- Virginia Creamer's grandson, Cary Creamer
- Virginia Creamer's family on the death of her son, Jack Creamer, 3/3/20
- Linda Peterson's family on the death of her father-in-law, Aaron Peterson, Sr., 2/18/20

Residential / Health Care Facilities

Springmoor (SHC): Lib Daniels, Sallie Greene, Pauline Noble, Juanita Register, Greta McMillan
Whispering Pines: Betty Cornwell

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 Tatum 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.



J. Dana Trent **Lenten Study Leader**

This Lenten season we are considering the call to faith in a world teeming with fear. In the midst of everything that threatens to undo us, how can we thoughtfully and carefully build habits and spiritual practices that will draw us deeper into faith?

Reverend J. Dana Trent has been leading a series of Wednesday nights that encourage and enlighten us in this critical task. We have been working through her book, *One Breath at a Time*. Join us for the last session of this series this Wednesday night, 3/18.

Rev. Trent is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and professor of World Religions and Critical Thinking at Wake Tech Community College. An ordained Baptist minister and former hospital chaplain, her work has appeared on Time.com, and in Religion News Service, Sojourners, Religion Dispatches, and The Christian Century. She is also an award-winning author.

Copies of *One Breath at a Time* are available for purchase in the office for \$12.

Dinner on Wednesday nights is at 5:30 PM, children activities begin at 6 PM, Youth activities begin at 6:15 PM, and Adult Study begins at 6:15 PM.

Upcoming menus for March: 3/18 - pork roast, 3/25 - breakfast

Kindness Starts Here



Kindness Challenges for March: Kindness in our Families

We hope that you will consider taking on a challenge or two this month as we consider Kindness in our Families. As you complete a challenge (one of these or one of your own) don't forget to turn in a wooden heart in the collection plates during worship.

- Take a 5 minute breather between work and home on a stressful day
- Say "I love you"

Kindness Dinner Groups: As part of the Kindness Starts Here campaign, deacons are offering to host dinner groups (at restaurants or in homes) around the monthly themes of the kindness campaign. If you'd like to sign up to participate in a dinner group (dates, locations will be decided based on group members' schedules), please contact the church office at office@greystonechurch.org or sign up in the foyer outside the sanctuary.

How can you share kindness this week?



We are gearing up for summer and would love for you to join us. Sign up by following the link in the *Youth Happenings* or the *E-News* or by speaking with April Alston. Today is the last day to lock in Early Bird prices. All youth are invited to attend Unidiversity July 20 - 25 at Maryville College. This year's theme is "Do Good Now" and will focus on how we can bring Christ-like compassion to our wider world. Youth in grades 8 - 12 are encouraged to attend our mission trip to Charleston, South Carolina June 14 - 19. This will be a week of service to the greater Charleston area that you will not forget.

Mission Trip - \$275, Unidiversity - \$375

For youth who attend both camps the bundled cost will be \$525

Register today to lock in these prices. Paperwork and 20% deposit due April 19.

Scholarships are available for all trips

Coming up at Greystone

Leadership Council - There will be a Leadership Council meeting today in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch.

Greystone's Response to Coronavirus - As the threat of Coronavirus grows we are preparing for its impact in our community by following the recommendations posted by the CDC and NCDHHS. Our first priority is the health and safety of our congregants and staff, their families and our community. Last Wednesday we sent an all-church email outlining steps Greystone is taking and steps you can take to minimize the exposure to and spreading of this virus, as well as the flu or any other contagious illnesses.

Orientation Sessions - Today, March 22, and 29 at 10:00 AM in Books on the Corner. Do you know of someone who has been visiting Greystone? Someone who might be interested in learning more about our wonderful community of faith? Someone who might like to get more involved and would consider becoming a member? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, please encourage your friends to attend our 3-part Orientation Sessions. They will learn about Greystone's history, structure, mission and so much more. They will be able to ask questions and meet some of our leaders. We would like to send a personal invitation to interested guests. If you have a person in mind who would benefit from these sessions, please share their name and contact information with the church office.

Join Team Greystone for the Sola Hot Mini 5K!
Do you like to walk or run and support ALS Research? Consider joining "Team Greystone" for the Sola Hot Mini 5K on March 28 at 8:30 AM. Contact the office for the link to sign up. Walkers,

runners, strollers - welcome! If you can't join the race, consider coming out to Sola that morning to cheer us on. We can grab some breakfast - and donuts! - as a team afterwards to celebrate.

Lumberton Bound - Please join the construction team on Saturday March 28, for a day trip to Lumberton. The leader of the Lumberton rebuild, says there are still about 100 houses to be repaired. Contact Jerry Chiles, jerrychiles1@gmail.com for more information.

Pocket Change Sunday, March 29 - This month's Kindness emphasis is Kindness in Families. With this in mind, our Pocket Change offering will go to Family Promise. Each year in Wake County, 5,500 individuals experience homelessness, including nearly 4,000 children. Since 1993, Family Promise has provided emergency services to families who are homeless. Working with local congregations, Family Promise is one of only two shelters in Wake County that allow families to stay together. Family Promise's mission is to transform the lives of children and families experiencing temporary homelessness by helping them find support services and safe, affordable, permanent housing in our community. You can support this work and share kindness with families in crisis by bringing your pocket money to church on Sunday the 29th and giving to our Pocket Change Offering.

Volunteers for the Office - We are creating a list of people who are willing to volunteer time on an as-needed basis to cover the desk and phone in the office during times when the Administrative Assistant is out. If you are interested, please contact the church office. Thank you, in advance, for your help.

Sunday, Mar. 15	
8:45 & 11:00 am	Worship services
9:45	Sunday school
10:00	Orientation class
12:00 pm	Leadership Council meeting
4:00	Grace Tones rehearsal
5:00	Youth Choir rehearsal
6:00	Handbell Choir rehearsal
	Sunday Night Youth
Monday, Mar. 16	
6:00 pm	Finance Committee meeting
	Girl Scouts
6:30	Missions Committee meeting
	AA Women's Group
8:00	AA Co-ed Group
Tuesday, Mar. 17	
6:30 pm	Worship Search Team meeting
	AA Women's Group
Wednesday, Mar. 18	
5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Live Dinner
6:00	Children's Music & Missions
6:15	Prayer, Adult Studies
	Youth <i>Selah</i>
7:15	Adult Choir rehearsal
Thursday, Mar. 19	
	CBFNC Annual Mtg. (3/19 - 3/21, off site)
10:30 am	Baptist Women in Ministry meeting (off site)
2:00 pm	Stitch/Craft Group
7:00	PAL meeting
Friday, Mar. 20	
8:00 pm	AA Group
Saturday, Mar. 14	
9:00 am	Racial Equity Worship (off site)

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Child Care Helpers

Today

Lilian & Brian Grant, Lauren Brice, Susan Burnette,
Linda Wheeler, John Clark, Suzanne Best, Eileen Trawick

Sunday, March 22

Anna & Matt Brawner, Cheryl Grimes, 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