GREYSTONE EAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP MARCH 8, 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.

Reflection

"Faith is a place of mystery, where we find the courage to believe in what we cannot see and the strength to let go of our fear of uncertainty."

> - Brené Brown, The Gifts of Imperfection



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 8

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

Prelude	"A Trilogy: Deep River/As the Deer/Largo	" arr. Lau/Sprunger
	Tim Hendrix, Organ	
Welcome		Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Opening Hymns 86	Jesus, Name Above All Names	
	Sing twice	
87	Fairest Lord Jesus	

Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

Prayer of Confession

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing.

It is just so easy to dismiss, to belittle, to choose cynicism and hesitancy.

So that everyone who believes in him may not perish

There are little doubts each day. Day by day they multiply. They pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives, pulling us away from what we know to be true and right and holy through the ministry and testimony of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Free us from a sense of superiority and suspicion, O God. Forgive us.

May not perish but may have eternal life.

When we are distracted and confused by the minutes and seconds of our earthly days, redirect our attention to the timelessness of your heavenly truth, grace and mercy.

Call us yet again to the audacious way of love that makes no logical sense. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the timeless blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ.

8:45 & 11:00 am

Amanda Atkin

Words of Assurance

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved through him. Through the saving love of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and blessed! Amen.

Musical Reflection 15	"No Other Name"	
	Cynthia Griesedieck, Piano	
	Children come forward during musical reflection.	
Children's Message		Lou Dawson
Offertory Hymn 685	Footsteps of Jesus	
	All Stanzas	
Offertory	"Jesus, Name Above All Names" Cynthia Griesedieck, Piano	arr. Bock
Doxology 815 (11:00)	Doxology	
Praise God from whom Praise Him, all creature Praise Him above, ye he Praise Father, Son and Public Domain	es here below. eav'nly host.	
Prayer of Dedication		Steve Wheeler
Scripture Reading	John 3:1-17	(8:45) Carla LeNoir (11:00) Sylvia Cash
One: The Word of Go All: Thanks be to Go	d for the people of God. od.	

Message in Music (11	:00) "God So Loved the World" Adult Choir with Tim Hendrix, Piano	John 3:16-17/John Stainer		
Sermon	"Blessed are the Humans: What Nicodemus Teac About Sitting with the Fear of Uncertainty	5		
Discipline of Silence				
You are invited to use this brief time of silence to reflect on the quote projected on the screen 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.				
Hymn of Response	654 Change My Heart, O God			
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.				
Celebrating Commu	inity	Chris Haire		
Benediction		J. Dana Trent		
Postlude	"Trumpet Fanfare: Jesus Saves" Tim Hendrix, Organ	arr. Callahan		

Worship Notes

The flowers today are provided by Terry and Kathy Nobles in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

A carnation is placed at the front this morning in honor of Pauline Noble's 100th birthday on March 12.

Worship Leaders

We are excited and honored to welcome **Reverend J. Dana Trent** as our guest proclaimer this morning. In addition to leading us in worship this morning, Dana will be leading our Lenten Studies on Wednesday nights through March 18. Please see more about Dana on page 6 of today's worship guide.

Steve Wheeler, Deacon of the Week

919-783-6474, sbwheeler@att.net Steve joined September 2016 and is a member of the Salt and Light class. He serves on the Missions Committee, sings in the choir and volunteers in the Worship Care Ministry. Lou Dawson joined in September 1989 and is a member of the Life Application class. She helps teach the Preschool Sunday school class, is co-chair of the Preschool Children's Ministry Committee, serves on the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, leads the Arkansas Mission Team, teaches ESL to refugees and is active in the music ministry.

Carla LeNoir joined in October 2000 and is a member of the Salt and Light class which she also co-teaches. She serves on the Deacon Nominating Committee and the Stewardship Committee.

Sylvia Cash joined in April 2004 and is a member of the Grace Fellowship class. She serves on the Finance Committee, the Music Team and is a member of the choir.

Prayer and Praises

- Susan Gardner, Rex
- 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
- Greystone employee, Dalphine Walker
- Ginny Liverance's friend, Laura McCarthy
- Mary Fran Perkinson
- Joyce Beauchaine
- Ginny Liverance's friend, Adam Raichyk
- 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 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.



J. Dana Trent Lenten Study Leader and Guest Proclaimer March 4, 8, 11 and 18

This Lenten season we will consider the call to faith in a world teaming 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? In addition to leading us in worship this morning, Reverend J. Dana Trent will lead a series of Wednesday nights that encourage and enlighten us in this critical task. We will be working through her book, *One Breath at a Time*. Join us for this time of learning and spiritual development as we journey through this season of Lent.

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: 3/11 - chicken parmesan, 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.

- Sit down to dinner as a family or with friends who are like family and share 3 things about your day
- Lend a hand to a family you know

<u>Kindness Dinner Groups</u>: 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?



Youth Mission Trip, June 14 - 19, 2020! Charleston, South Carolina

This year Greystone youth are joining Group Mission Trips for a fabulous week of service, worship, fellowship and fun. We will work with other youth groups to provide social ministry and community service to several agencies in the Charleston area. We will spend our days doing mission projects and our nights worshiping and partying. On Tuesday, we get lots of free time to enjoy the fabulous city of Charleston. All of the details are coming really soon but mark your calendars now. This year's mission trip is open to current 8th - 12th graders. Let April know now if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

Unidiversity Youth Camp, July 20 - 25, 2020 Maryville College, Maryville, TN

"Do Good Now"

Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up. -Galatians 6:9, CEB

What does it mean to follow Jesus in our world of ever-expansive knowledge, opportunity, and connectivity? Youth know firsthand about the immense pressures of making choices today, particularly as it relates to ethical sensitivities and global concerns. We find good news in Christ' call to *do good now*, and across this week of camp we will explore exactly how this good news can bring daily grace to our lives, faithful discernment to our churches, and Christ-like compassion to our wider world.

Mission Trip - \$275, Unidiversity - \$375 For youth who attend both camps the bundled cost will be \$525

These are the early bird prices. To lock in these lower costs, please fill out the online survey by March 13 and turn in forms and a 20% deposit by April 19. (The link for the survey can be found in the *Youth Happenings* and the *E-News* publications sent out last week.) Scholarships are available for both trips.

Coming up at Greystone

Second Sunday Fellowship - Join us at Sawmill Taproom for lunch together after the 11:00 worship today. This is a wonderful way to connect with one another and enjoy fellowship time together. This is a church-wide fellowship and all are invited. Contact Amy Ng, aaronsmom1@gmail.com with any questions.

Leadership Council - There will be a Leadership Council meeting next Sunday, March 15 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch.

The Living Stone Podcast presents: "Ask Pastor Chrissy" - Sermons, our conversations and this podcast are designed to make us think and reflect and ask questions. We want to hear yours! Do you have questions about the Bible, spirituality, or about the church? Did a recent sermon spark curiosity for you around a particular issue? Let's keep the conversation going. Send us questions you'd like to ask Pastor Chrissy directly or topics you'd like to hear more about on *The Living Stone* at podcast@greystonechurch.org.

Raleigh Baptist Association Spring Senior Adult Rally - Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at Salem Baptist Church, 1821 N. Salem Road, Apex. Program, led by Pepper Choplin begins at 9:30 AM and ends with lunch. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Registration is due by Tuesday, March 10. For more information, call 919-231-3995 or email cindy@raleighbaptists.org.

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.

Worship Care Volunteers Needed - We need several more volunteers to serve in worship care in both babies and toddlers/preschool and have a specific need on 2nd Sundays and 5th Sundays during our 11:00 service. Worship care volunteers are an important part of our church ministry and are often among the first people to interact with new families visiting with our church. This is a great way to serve our current families as well as those who visit our church.

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.

Orientation Sessions - March 15, 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.



Sunday, Mar. 8		
8:45 & 11:00 am	Worship services	Chrissy Tatum Williamson
9:45	Sunday school	Senior Pastor
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Fellowship	chrissy.williamson@greystonechurch.or
2:00	Youth Choir rehearsal (upon return)	chrissy.williamson@greystonechurch.or
4:00	Grace Tones rehearsal	
	Preschool/Children's Ministry Comm. mtg.	April Alston
6:00	Handbell Choir rehearsal	Assoc. Minister of Children/Presch
Monday, Mar. 9		april.alston@greystonechurch.org
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts	april.aiston@greystonechurch.org
6:30	AA Women's Group	
8:00	AA Co-ed Group	Amanda Atkin
Tuesday, Mar. 10	L	Assoc. Minister of Faith Formatio
5:30 pm	Watchin Committee meeting	amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org
6:30	Worship Committee meeting AA Women's Group	amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org
7:00	Deacon meeting	
1.00	Deacon meeting	Chris Haire
Wednesday, Mar. 11		INTERIM ASSOC. MINISTER OF MUSIC
5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Live Dinner	chris.haire@greystonechurch.org
6:00	Children's Music & Missions	chris.nane@greystonechurch.org
6:15	Adult Studies	
	Youth Selah	Pam Phillips
7:15	Adult Choir rehearsal	Weekday Preschool Director
Thursday, Mar. 12		pamela.phillips@greystonechurch.org
7:00 pm	PAL meeting	pamera.phillips@greystonechurch.org
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Friday, Mar. 13	A A Crown	Steve Rose
8:00 pm	AA Group	Property Manager
Saturday, Mar. 14		steve.rose@greystonechurch.org
9:30 am	Buddy Break	sevenoseegreystoneenuren.org

Child Care Helpers

Today

Nancy Register, John & Kay Meyer, Dustin & Emily Tuttle, Pam Ouzts

Sunday, March 15

Lilian & Brian Grant, Lauren Brice, Susan Burnette, AnaRita Eason, John Clark, Suzanne Best, Eileen Trawick

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.

Our staff

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Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6