



Greystone
Baptist Church

*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

The Worship of God

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

Gathering Music

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

ST. AGNES;
12th century Latin hymn, text trans. Edward Caswell,
Music by John Bacchus Dykes

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Words by George Matheson,
Music by Christopher Miner

“Joy of the Lord”

Words and Music by Chris Llewellyn,
Ed Cash, and Gareth Gilkeson

“Let It Rise”

Words and Music by Holland Davis

Prelude

“‘Blessed Be Your Name’
with ‘Blessed Be the Name’”
Pam Weis

By Matt and Beth Redman
and Ralph E. Hudson

Welcome

Steve Rose

† Call to Worship

Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

† Opening Hymn 90

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

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† Please rise in body or spirit.

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother all who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine!**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life!**

*During the last stanza of our Opening Hymn,
all children are invited to come forward for today's children's sermon.*

Children's Sermon

April Alston

Pastoral Prayer

Anna Beth Cross

Offertory Anthem

**"Sing a New Song to the Lord"
GBC Choir**

By Natalie Sleeth

Verse 1:

Join to rejoice, lift up your voice, sing a new song to the Lord!
Harmonies fair, filling the air, sing a new song to the Lord!
Let one and all answer the call: music and melody raise;
God to adore forevermore with joyful anthems of praise!

Verse 2:

Come, chant with delight, canticles bright to God Almighty!
Sing songs of good cheer, echoing clear, to God the Lord!
Now instruments bring, trumpet and string, this day of days,
The Lord God to adore forevermore with songs of praise!

Verse 3:

In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,
And fill the world with loudest praise.

(Verse 2 and Verse 3 Melodies Sung Together)

The Lord God to adore forevermore with songs of praise!

† **Doxology 817**

“O Bless the Gifts”

LAMB OF GOD;
Words by Samuel Longfellow, alt.,
Music by Twila Paris

**O bless the gifts our hands have brought;
And bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Your hand.**

† **Prayer of Dedication**

John Meyer

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Hadley Roberts

Sermon

*“Searching for Joy in a
Happiness World (Joy)”*

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† **Musical Response**

“For Everyone Born”

Words by Shirley Erena Murray,
Music by Brian Mann

Verse 1:

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,**

Refrain:

**and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

Verse 2:

**For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that’s fair, (Refrain)**

Verse 3:

**For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)**

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Verse 4:

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)**

Celebrating Community

April Alston

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“Great Is the Lord”

Pam Weis

Arr. Marilyn Ham

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Deacon Biographies

Greystone Members,

Below and continued on the back of today's bulletin, you will find brief biographies of our deacon nominees for the term beginning September 2023. The Deacon Nominating Committee would like to thank all those who indicated a willingness to serve and those who nominated them. We are filling six positions. Please review the biographies and be prepared to vote during the worship service on Sunday, August 27.

Trish Boone

Trish and her husband, Pat, joined Greystone in 1993 and were married here shortly thereafter. They have one daughter, MacKenzie. Trish's past involvement includes teaching children's, middle school, and high school Sunday school classes, and serving on several committees. She has helped with the youth ministry through the years, including serving as an adult leader at Unidiversity Camp. Trish is a founding member of the Grace Tones Ensemble and is currently serving on the Personnel Committee, and is singing in the choir. She is a retired public school teacher and enjoys reading and traveling.

Delaney Metcalf

Delaney grew up in Raleigh and joined Greystone in 2022. She is a member of The Edge Sunday School class and the Spirit of Justice Team. Currently, she is a Master of Divinity Student at Campbell University. She also graduated from Campbell with her Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies and Communication Studies in December 2021. In her spare time, Delaney enjoys reading, music, and staying active.

Sammy Roberts

Sammy and his wife Kelly became members of Greystone in 2019. They are the parents of Hayden and Hadley. Sammy participates with the Disaster Relief Team on mission trips to Lumberton. He serves as Chair of the Adult Christian Education Committee. He is a member of The Edge Sunday School class and he has served as a participant with the van shuttle ministry as well. Sammy is an avid NC State Wolfpack fan. He has worked in the electric utility industry for 33 years and enjoys talking about his work associated with integrating clean energy resources in the Carolinas.

Steve Rose

Steve and his wife Angela have been members of Greystone since 2003, both being active in choir and various other ministries, including Youth and Fellowship. They have five children and seven grandchildren. A former deacon and diaconate chair, Steve has also served on and chaired the Nominating and Adult Education Committees. He has been a teacher for the Grace Fellowship class since 2005 and enjoys playing instrumental music in worship services. Employed at Greystone since 2016 as Property Manager, Steve serves as staff liaison to the Properties, and Columbarium Committees and assists the ministry staff in various ways.

(Biographies continue on back cover.)

Michael-David Rowe

Michael-David, or MD for short, joined Greystone in 2010 after being invited and introduced by his best friends (who he considers his bonus sisters) MacKenzie Boone and Laura Nelson, and their families. He was an integral part of the Youth Group, mission trips, and other various Youth trips and events until he graduated high school. Michael-David was also a member of the Youth Choir and is currently a member of the Adult Choir and Young Adults group as well. He works for NC State Government at the Department of Revenue. In his downtime, MD enjoys reading, singing (even if it is a concert by himself doing household chores), walking/playing with his dog (Dallas), and spending quality time with his family and friends.

Paxton Vaughn

Paxton Vaughn has been attending Greystone for the past year. She is a second-year Masters of Divinity student at Duke Divinity School. Paxton volunteers with the children and youth minister, and plays in the handbell choir. She participates in CBF programming and is currently serving on the CBF North Carolina Annual Gathering planning team. Paxton enjoys spending time with friends, exploring Durham and Raleigh, and traveling.

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