



**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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

## Gathering Music

“Be Still, My Soul”

FINLANDIA;  
Words by Katharina von Schlegel,  
trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick;  
Music by Jean Sibelius, arr. The Hymnal

“As the Wind Song”

WAIRUA TAPU;  
Words by Shirley Erena Murray, Music by Swee Hong Lim

“In Christ Alone”

Words and Music by Keith Getty  
and Stuart Townend

“We’ll Be the Hope”

Words and Music by  
Christian McIvor ©2023

## Prelude

“Good News, Great Day!”  
GBC Handbell Choir

Traditional Black Spiritual  
arr. Linda R. Lamb

## Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

## † Call to Worship

One: Good news! The Holy One, God Almighty, claims us as God’s very own!

**All: Rejoice in the Lord!**

One: Good news! The times of trouble are nearly over!

**All: Rejoice in the Lord, always!**

One: Good news! God is in our midst, ready to renew us with holy love!

**All: Rejoice in the Lord, always! Again we say rejoice!**

One: Good news! The peace of the Lord will dwell in our hearts!

**All: We lift up our hearts with hope and thanksgiving. Thanks be to God!**

## † Opening Song

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO; Text by Jane Parker Huber,  
Music from *Musica Sacra* (c. 1778)

**Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!**

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† Please rise in body or spirit.

**Live into hope! The blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.**

**Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.**

**Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

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

## **Children's Sermon**

April Alston

## **Musical Reflection**

**"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**  
GBC Handbell Choir

Traditional Black Spiritual  
arr. Linda R. Lamb

## **Pastoral Prayer**

April Alston

## **Offertory Anthem**

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**  
GBC Choir

Words by Robert Robinson,  
Music arr. Robert W. Thygerson

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's redeeming love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious love.

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O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy (seal it for thy)  
seal it for thy courts above.  
Amen.

† **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**

Dave Phillips

**Scripture Reading**

Judges 6:11-22

Cathy Perkinson

**Sermon**

*"Humble Hope"*

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Silent Reflection**

**Invitation**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† **Musical Response 139**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

**Verse 1:**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not.  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be**

**Refrain:**

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

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**Verse 2:**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**(Refrain)**

**Verse 3:**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!**

**(Refrain)**

**Celebrating Community**

Steve Rose

**Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Postlude**

**“We Have a Gospel to Proclaim”**  
Pam Weis

GERMANY from William Gardner’s  
*Sacred Melodies* (1815),  
arr. Cindy Berry

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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 next 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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