



# Greystone

Baptist Church

*40th Anniversary*



Meredith Stone serves as Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry, a nation-wide organization that supports women pursuing ministry with resources and community, and advocates for the full affirmation of women in ministry in Baptist life. She is an ordained minister and has previously served as Associate Dean for Academics and Assistant Professor of Scripture & Ministry at Logsdon Seminary of Hardin-Simmons University, in congregational ministry, and with other Baptist organizations. Meredith received both her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Hardin-Simmons University, and earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biblical Interpretation from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. Meredith is also an author with academic publications, and writes extensively on women in ministry and related issues for Baptist publications. She lives in Waco, Texas, with her husband James and their two children.

We are pleased to welcome guest instrumentalists Degrees of Brass, a brass quintet that features renowned musicians and educators from throughout North Carolina. Degrees of Brass performs a wide range of musical styles at venues of all kinds, including schools, universities, and churches throughout the region.

Members include:

Will Beach, Tuba  
Jared Gilbert, Trombone  
Caresse Virnig, Horn  
John Manning, Trumpet  
Christian McIvor, Trumpet

*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

Heritage Sunday

September 8, 2024

## Gathering Music

“Sonata from Die Bänkelsängerlieder”  
Degrees of Brass

Anonymous  
Edited by Robert King

“Bethany (Nearer, My God, to Thee)”

by Lowell Mason  
arr. Christian McIvor

“Uxbridge (The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Lord)”

by Lowell Mason  
arr. Christian McIvor

“Blue Skies”

by Irving Berlin  
arr. Jeff Jarvis

## Prelude

“Old 113th (I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath)”  
Degrees of Brass

Organ Setting by  
Wayne Kerr trans. Edward S. Bach

## Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## †Call to Worship

Debbie Mikeal

One: Christ is alive and here in this place.

**All: The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.**

One: Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,

**All: we live with Christ in our hearts.**

One: Let us clap our hands and shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**All: We sing praises to God, who fills the world with love and grace.**

† Please rise in body or spirit.

## ‡Opening Hymn #788

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## Children's Sermon

April Alston

## Pastoral Prayer

Stacy Pardue

## Offertory Anthem

“Living Stones”  
GBC Choir

Words and Music by  
Christian McIvor

Verse 1:  
Come! See! Let your heart be set on fire!  
And go! Tell! Add your voice now to the choir!  
Join us as we sound the invitation  
To work to bring about a new creation!

Prechorus:  
Here, we are answering our call;  
Every member equipped to bring light and hope to all.

Chorus:  
We will bring God's reign near and in the love of Christ be led,  
Doing the Word, making it heard.  
And all are welcome here! Come to the table and be fed!  
From near and far, come as you are.  
Here, you will never be alone.  
In the glory of God, we're building a church of living stones!

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Verse 2:

Open up your mind to transformation  
That offers justice, peace, and liberation.  
Growing as we honor our tradition;  
Together, we'll move forward in our mission.

(Prechorus, Chorus)

***Chorus (all sing!):***

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Doing the Word, making it heard.  
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## **†Doxology**

**"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**

Blair Andrew

## **Scripture**

Acts 1:1-11

Pam Weis

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*Is This the Time?*

Meredith Stone

## **Communion**

Alan Sasser,  
Chrissy Tatum Williamson  
and Dennis Herman

## Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## Hymn of Response “Go to the World”

SINE NOMINE;  
Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan,  
Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Celebrating Community

Anna Beth Cross

## Sending Song “We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)”

South African  
Freedom Song,  
English trans. Gracia Grindal

**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God! (2x)**  
**We are marching, marching, we are marching, ooh, we are marching in the light of God! (2x)**

## Benediction

Meredith Stone

## Postlude

“Selections from the Dansyere; I. La Morisque”  
Degrees of Brass

by Tielman Susato  
arr. Jared Gilbert

We pray with and for the community of Winder, GA in the wake of the recent tragedy there. We also pray for all of our students, parents, teachers and school staff as they begin a new school year in the midst of such tragedy.

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## **Greystone Staff**

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