



REST. PLAY.
LOOK AT THE STARS.



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 flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of the birthdays of
Madison Ouzts (Aug 3) and her grandfather, Andrew Grose (Aug 2).*

*Andy Grose, the husband of Helen Grose, passed away in 2019.
Lovingly known as "pawpaw" by Hunter and Madison, he will always be missed.*

The Worship of God

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

Gathering Music

“When We Must Bear Persistent Pain”
GBC Worship Band

PROSPECT
Words by Ruth Duck
Music from Walker’s *Southern Harmony*
harm. David N. Johnson

“When Hands Reach Out
and Fingers Trace”

O WALY WALY
Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Scottish Folk Melody harm. John Weaver

“Gratitude”

Words and Music by Brandon Lake,
Dante Bowe, and Benjamin Hastings

“Where the Big Waves Are”

Words and Music by
Mike Kinnebrew

Prelude

“By the Gentle Waters”
Cynthia Griesedieck

by Cindy Berry

Welcome

Christian McIvor

†Call to Worship

One: Lord, come into our hearts today.

All: Be with us and hold us through our grief and pain.

One: Lord, come into our lives today.

All: Bring us hope and peace.

One: Come, let us worship God who brings hope and peace.

All: Praise be to God for God’s healing mercies. Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

†Opening Hymn

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO
Words 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!

Live into hope! We all 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.

Children's Sermon

April Alston

Pastoral Prayer

Steve Rose

Offertory Anthem

"Take My Yoke Upon You"
GBC Choir

Words by J. Paul Williams
Music by Douglas Nolan
and Joseph M. Martin

Take my yoke upon you. Come and learn from me.
Take my yoke upon you. I will give you peace.
Are you weak and heavy laden? Are you lonely and distressed?
Come and bring your every longing. Come and I will give you rest.
O I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you. Come and learn from me.
Take my yoke upon you. I will give you peace.
Come and bring your sorrows. Lay them at my feet.
Bring to me your burdens. I will set you free.

Take my yoke upon you. Come and learn from me.
Take my yoke upon you. I will give you peace.
Take my yoke upon you. I will give you peace.

†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.
(Repeat)**

†Prayer of Dedication

Sammy Roberts

Scripture

John 5:1-9

Bill Baxley

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

PLAY: Swimming in the Pool

Bo Prosser

Communion

Bo Prosser and Anna Beth Cross

†Hymn of Response

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION
Words from John Rippon's
A Selection of Hymns (alt.),
American Folk Melody from
Funk's *Genuine Church Music* (alt.)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Celebrating Community

Anna Beth Cross

†Sending Song

"God Is Guiding" (Chorus)

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2025

May we together be transformed
As hand in hand, we journey through the dark of night;
Through every fire, flood, and storm,
Heart to heart, we'll see each other to the light;
For in the love of Christ, we are abiding
And God is guiding.

†Benediction

Bo Prosser

Postlude

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
Pam Weis

Setting by Lloyd Larson

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