



Welcome to Greystone

*At Greystone everyone is welcomed and affirmed as God's beloved creation.
Wherever you are in life and faith:*

You are valued.

You are loved.

You belong.

*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 I Peter 2:5, 6

*Today's flowers are given by Sammy Roberts in recognition of
the leadership provided by the Greystone staff.*

The Worship of God

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 18, 2026

Gathering Music

"Take Me to the Water"
GBC Worship Band

Traditional Black Spiritual

"I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry"

WATERLIFE
Words and Music by
John C. Ylvisaker

"Down to the River to Pray"

Traditional Spiritual

"River of God"

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2018

Prelude

"At the River"
Cynthia Griesedieck

by Robert Lowry arr. Becky Waters

Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

†Call to Worship

One: All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God.

All: **God's love permeates even the deepest darkness.**

One: The light of God shines on us with new hope.

All: **We are called to be people of compassion and justice.**

One: Open our hearts, O Lord, to see your light and live in your hope.

All: **Prepare us for service to all your people and to this world. Amen.**

† Please rise in body or spirit.

†Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

Words by Robert Robinson (alt.)
Music from Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*

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 unchanging 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.

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 courts above.

Children's Sermon

April Alston

Pastoral Prayer

Steve Rose

Offertory Anthem

“Homeward Bound”
GBC Choir

by Marta Keen arr. Jay Althouse

In the quiet misty morning when the moon has gone to bed,
When the sparrows stop their singing and the sky is clear and red,
When the summer's ceased its gleaming, when the corn is past its prime,
When adventure's lost its meaning, I'll be homeward bound in time.

Bind me not to the pasture; chain me not to the plow.
Set me free to find my calling and I'll return to you somehow.

If you find it's me you're missing, if you're hoping I'll return,
To your thoughts I'll soon be listening; in the road I'll stop and turn.
Then the wind will set me racing as my journey nears its end,
And the path I'll be retracing when I'm homeward bound again.

Bind me not to the pasture; chain me not to the plow.
Set me free to find my calling and I'll return to you somehow.

†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

Erin Delgado

Scripture

Mark 1:9-11

Sebastian Heredia

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

Sermon

Jesus's Baptism

Bo Prosser

†Hymn of Response

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

Words by Michael A. Saward (alt.)
Gaelic Melody arr. Dale Grotenhuis

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the love of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Celebrating Community

Christian McIvor

Benediction

Bo Prosser

†Sending Song

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" (Excerpt)

GREEN TYLER

Words and Music by
Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

**God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

Postlude

"Forth in Your Name" Pam Weis

by Lani Smith

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