

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

December 3, 2017 **8:30 a.m.**

Gathering to Worship God

Prelude: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" Nick Capone
Robert Lau

Welcome and Announcements

[Please sign the folder at the end of the pew and pass it down the pew and back again. Note who is sitting near you and greet one another.]

Choir Introit: "Advent Hymn" Chancel Choir
Don Besig

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 40:28-31
Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard?
People: **The Lord is the everlasting God; the Creator of the ends of the earth.**
Leader: He does not grow weary; His understanding no one can fathom.
People: **He gives strength to the weary and power to the weak.**
All: **Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will mount up with wings like eagles.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle: **Hope** John, Sarah, & Lauren Watkins

***Hymn:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Hymn 175

***Prayer of Confession**
Your grace, O God, has appeared for the salvation of all, calling us to renounce false gods and irresponsible love. In the midst of our sin, Christ has appeared as a sign of our hope, redeeming us and calling us to be a people eager to do Your will. Make us zealous for good deeds in response to Your wonderful redemption in Jesus Christ. We confess the vain worship of ourselves and our neglect of Your children. Forgive us and empower us to live upright and godly lives in this world. In Christ's Name, Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response of Praise:** "Gloria Patri"
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Sharing Our Life Together

***Passing of the Peace**
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "With Candles Bright" Chancel Choir
Charles Black

***Doxology:** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Titus 2:11-14

Message: "Come and See: Hope" Rev. Rick Hurley
"For the grace of God has appeared that brings salvation...while we wait for our blessed hope." Titus 2:11a, 13a

We Break Bread and Share the Cup Together

Invitation to the Banquet Table

***The Apostles' Creed:** (Traditional)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Sanctus: Tune: Land of Rest Congregation
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

You may partake of the bread as it is passed to you. Please keep the cup so that we may partake together when everyone has been served.
Gluten free wafers are also available.

We Leave to Serve the Lord

***Hymn of Response:** "The Solid Rock" Hymn 511

Benediction

Postlude: "Paeon on Wachet auf"
David Lasky

***Indicates that the congregation will stand**

Prayer List as of Thursday, November 30

Please remember to mention during the hospital admission process that you are a member of Graystone. Also, if you know of a member who has been hospitalized please notify the church office.

Prayer Concerns

Gloria Shepler M	Montie Miller M	Floyd Lewis M
Lori Jo Bell M	Beverly Stuck M	Shirley Shearer M
Darlene Snyder	Shirley Shick M	Deana Kirkland
(Crystal Simpson's sister-in-law)	Bob Box	(Ron & Deb Port's Daughter)
Don & Gladys Rodgers M	(Friend of Jane Terebus)	Doris Cochran
Deloris Bishop	Marguerite Thorton	(Friend of Sarah Watkins)
(Kathy Beatty's Mother)	(Michelle Elgin's 2nd	Frank Eret
Judy Cessna	Son's Mother-in-Law)	(Sonja McCune's father)
(Lois Miller's daughter)	Andrew Manzek	Annah Hill
Rosemary Beltz	(Friend of Karen Brown)	(Niece of Craig & Dottie Neal)
(granddaughter of Dave and Jan Irvin)		

M= Graystone Member

Sympathy To:

Friends and Family of Cleo Cupples who passed away on November 23, 2017

Serving in the Military

Payton Smith (Naval education/training)
Dylan Wells - Fort Benning, Georgia

Mission Focus

Graystone supports Chevy Chase Community Center as it provides food, meals, clothing, educational programs and emergency services for low income people in Indiana County. Pray that God will supply the much needed financial support to continue this ministry. Dec. 11th will be their Christmas outreach. May God bring His message to all who attend.

Ministry Focus

Advent is a season of preparation and expectation. This is a great time to take advantage of the season for family devotions and sharing the story of Jesus with others. Prayer that we all would take advantage of the opportunities God gives us to lift up His name.

Greeters: Bill and Karen McMillen and Betty Horn

Ushers: Jim Brown, Greg Holsinger, Ron McLean, Dave Moore, Gaylene Robinson, James Wagner

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our **grandchildren and great grandchildren by Frank and Peggy Moore.**

A PRAYER TEAM is available under the right balcony after the service. A box for prayer requests is in the rear of the sanctuary as well as the office.

SEEDS OF FAITH CHRISTMAS CONCERT - This Friday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. Seeds of Faith is presenting their annual Christmas concert in the sanctuary. This is an excellent evening to prepare your hearts for Christmas. The music will feature choirs and bands of all ages (Pre-K-12).

Join us for refreshments downstairs in the Gathering Place following the service.

What's YOUR next step?

GATHER

This Advent our desire is to make Jesus known.
Who is this Jesus?

Come and See!

Each Sunday in Advent bring your friends and introduce them to the Living Savior.
Once you meet Him you will never forget Him.

December 3: Come and See; Hope
December 10: Come and See; Peace
December 17: Come and See; Joy
December 24: Come and See; Love



Sunday Morning

Sunday Evening

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
No Children or Youth Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Informal Worship
7:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Service
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

CONNECT

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION - TODAY everyone who enjoys the decorations of the Advent and Christmas season, is encouraged to join in the fellowship of making wreaths to decorate the church as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Join us at the Family Advent Celebration today! Bring your family, your work clothes, pruning shears and come and enjoy as we gather as the family of God.

11:00 Wreath Construction Station
12:00 Lunch (\$3.00 per person and \$10 per family)
12:30 Wreath Construction Station - until we are finished

Join us again next Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m. to help put up the decorations in the sanctuary and around the church.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR LINDA FERENGE - You are invited to join us for a Retirement Reception for Linda Ferenge. God has used Linda in a powerful and strategic way to reach the IUP campus with the gospel. We invite you to celebrate with Linda as she moves into this new chapter of life. A dessert reception will be held on **Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Gathering Place.

GRAYSTONE LOVES COLLEGE STUDENTS, and invites them to:

- **LUNCH After Church Today** - All college students (and 18-23 year olds) are invited to share a free, home cooked lunch TODAY in the Gathering Place (downstairs) at 12 noon after the 11am Worship service.
- **Last #CCOWedNight of the Semester** - Let's gather in the Campus Wing this Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30pm for a White Elephant Christmas Party, and enjoy the community of Christ.

SERVE

ARCADIA CHURCH DONATIONS - The church in Arcadia would like to bless the families at Christmas with the following items: chicken broth, spaghetti sauce, and canned corn. If anyone wishes to donate any of these items or any other food items please bring them to the Christian Education lobby and deposit them in the box by the elevator.

CALENDAR

Happening today

8:00 a.m. Prayer for Worship - Library
8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (11:30 - Celebration Choir)
12:00 noon CCO Lunch - Gathering Place
6:00 p.m. STONE PM - STONE Lounge
7:00 p.m. St Andrew's Service

Happening this week

Monday, December 4

6:00 p.m. CCO Core Leaders
6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Team - Stone Lounge
6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee - Center Social Hall

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Peer Group - Library
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Library
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Center Gathering Place (L3)
8:30 p.m. CCO Core Leaders - Graystone Chapel

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Library
9:30 a.m. Image Bearers Bible Study - Center Gathering Place (L3)
6:30 p.m. Retirement Reception for Linda Ferenge-Gathering Place
7:30 p.m. CCO - Graystone Chapel

Thursday, December 7

6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers Bible Study - Eat N Park
9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study - Library
1:00 p.m. Library Team - Library
6:00 p.m. Griefshare - Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - Room 211
7:00 p.m. Worship Team - Sanctuary

Friday, December 8

6:00 p.m. Seeds of Faith Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 9

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Perkin's Restaurant

Sunday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Prayer for Worship - Library
8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
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5:00 p.m. STONE PM Thanksmas Dinner - STONE Lounge

Welcoming People, Following Jesus.

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Continue to Pray for our Elders

Class of 2018

Andy Arblaster - Adult Ed and Discipleship
Rob Brown - Worship Chair
Mark Elgin - Facilities
Sherman Good - Worship
Sue North - Next Generation Ministry
Dave Strong - Facilities Chair

Class of 2019

Dave Jackson - PEP
Brook McGinnis - Finance
Sean Moran - Next Generation Ministry
Eric Neal - Next Generation Ministry
Ron McLean - Personnel
Gaylene Robinson - Memorial

Class of 2020

Beth Ann Fanning - Next Generation Ministry
Larry McCune - Mission
Bill Miller - Next Generation Ministry
David Nehrig - Facilities
Bob Pollock - Finance
Jody Shepler - Personnel