

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*indicates that the congregation will stand.

notes:

welcome and announcements

preparing our hearts for worship

“An Advent Song”
Michael Bedford

Celebration Choir

old testament reading:

Isaiah 9:6

lighting of the Advent Candle

Larry and Sonja McCune

song of response:

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

new testament reading

John 16:33

song of response:

“God Who Moves the Mountains”

*passing of the peace

leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
people: And also with you.

giving back to God (place prayer cards in offering plates)

offertory “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

message: “Come and See: Peace” Isaiah 9:1-7 Rev. Joe Stroup
“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*closing song:

“God With Us”

*benediction

(a blessing said over us as we go)

A PRAYER TEAM is available under the right balcony after the service. A prayer box is for prayer requests in the rear of the sanctuary on Sunday's and in the office during the week.

Prayer List as of Thursday, December 7

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
Lori Jo Bell M
Darlene Snyder
(Crystal Simpson's sister-in-law)
Don & Gladys Rodgers M
Deloris Bishop
(Kathy Beatty's Mother)
Judy Cessna
(Lois Miller's daughter)
Rosemary Veltz
(granddaughter of Dave and Jan Irvin)

Montie Miller M
Beverly Stuck M
Shirley Shick M
Bob Box
(Friend of Jane Terebus)
Marguerite Thornton
(Michelle Elgin's 2nd
Son's Mother-in-Law)
Andrew Manzek
(Friend of Karen Brown)

Floyd Lewis M
Shirley Shearer M
Deana Kirkland
(Ron & Deb Port's Daughter)
Doris Cochran
(Friend of Sarah Watkins)
Frank Eret
(Sonja McCune's father)
Annah Hill
(Niece of Craig & Dottie Neal)

M= Graystone Member

Serving in the Military

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

Mission Focus

Young Life ministers to high school and college students, seeking to develop relationships with God. Brian Fries leads our local Young Life; as he finishes this year and plans for the new, pray for their new volunteers and their vision for various outreaches.

Ministry Focus

This week, we are prayerful for all of our Sunday School classes (for kids, youth, and adults). Taking time to dig deeper and not only get to know one another better, but to know God better through studying His Word is a very important and life-giving task. Pray that God would give encouragement to all who teach these classes so that they would experience the joy of learning God’s Word more deeply and may all those who attend experience the nearness of Christ as they spend time with the Living Word and the family of God.

Serving Today

Greeters: Steve, Jody, Noah and Luke Shepler

Ushers: Ron and Marian Marshall, Amanda Turnbull, Cindy Turnbull, Barry Uhron, Darlene Uhron, Sara Watkins

The Chancel Flowers have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, **William & Verna Fiscus and Theresa Abramski** by their children, **Richard and Marian Fiscus.**

THE 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the back of the sanctuary. We will not be mailing envelopes that are not picked up so if you see a family member or neighbor’s envelopes please feel free to deliver the envelopes to them. If you do not have envelopes on the table but would like to contribute by using envelopes, contact the church office and we will get you a number assigned. Note that we have assigned new numbers for 2018.

STEWARDSHIP CARDS - Remember to turn in your 2018 pledge card before December 31. There are pledge cards available in the back of the sanctuary if you still need one.

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 17: Come and See; Joy
December 24: Come and See; Love



Sunday Morning

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
No Children or Youth Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Informal Worship

Sunday Evening

7:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Service
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

CONNECT

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 12nn after the 11am Worship service.

GRAYSTONE SEANOR LIBRARY -We are beginning to display our Christmas materials for all ages. Make sure to check the shelves to the right inside the library and also the library tables in the Gathering Place and the Christian Ed lobby. You're sure to find something to help you bring Christ's love into the season's celebration to read at bedtime or to enjoy during family movie night.

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 a.m.	Celebration Choir
12:00 noon	CCO Lunch - Gathering Place
5:00 p.m.	STONE PM Thanksmas Dinner - STONE Lounge

Happening this week

Monday, December 11

6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee - Center Gathering Place

Tuesday, December 12

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Center Gathering Place (L3)

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Library
9:30 a.m. Image Bearers Bible Study - Center Gathering Place (L3)
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting - Room 101
7:30 p.m. CCO - Graystone Chapel

Thursday, December 14

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 (Final for the season) - Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - Room 211
7:00 p.m. Worship Team - Sanctuary

Friday, December 15

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, December 16

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Perkin's Restaurant
3:30 p.m. Wedding

Sunday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Prayer for Worship - Library
8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 a.m. Come & See Next Generation Tour
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Celebration Choir
6:00 p.m. STONE PM - STONE Lounge

Welcoming People, Following Jesus

"Come & See: Peace"

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