

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*indicates that the congregation will stand.

notes:

welcome and announcements

preparing our hearts for worship

old testament reading Psalm 145:14-17

lighting of the Advent Candle

song of response: "Love Come Down"

new testament reading I Corinthians 13:4-7

song of response: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

*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 "Joy to the World"

scripture: I John 4:7-21

message: "Come and See: Love" Rev. Ryan Mowen

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: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

*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 21

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/First Responders

Payton Smith (Naval education/training)

Dylan Wells - Fort Benning, Georgia

Dylan Toy - State Police

Brandon McGinnis - Capital Police

Mission Focus

Merry Christmas from your mission committee! May your lives be forever changed because of Christ's birth and your prayers for those who are taking this wonderful message to those who have never heard.

Ministry Focus

Pray that the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ would dwell in every heart of our church family this Christmas season!

Serving Today

Greeters:

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

The greens and tree are given in memory of Francis and Sara (Sadie) Smith for the glorification of God in anticipation of the Advent of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Given by David, Katrina, Payton, Quinn, Raeleigh and Shae Smith.

What's YOUR next step?

GATHER



Sunday Evening

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

"IT'S COMPLICATED". This whole Advent series we've been inviting you to Come & See Jesus. Well now He's here. So what happens next!?! January 2018, we're going to take a look at how the Gospel changes everything in a four week sermon series called, "It's Complicated." Please join us as we see what a difference following Jesus really makes in our lives.

"BEHOLD THE MAN". Starting February 2018, we're going to be going through the book of Mark here at Graystone as we walk with Jesus in this fast paced and wonderful book that explores Jesus as a man of action and power. You are welcome to join us Sunday mornings as we follow Jesus and find out where He wants us to go.

CONNECT

EPIC Retreat – Feb 2-4, our youth are traveling to Beulah Beach, Ohio right on Lake Erie for an EPIC weekend of fun, fellowship, worship, learning and a great time together. If you have a middle or high school student, this is a great way for them to get connected and grow in their faith! Sign ups coming soon on the Graystone website.



STONE ALL-NITE event December 29th – 30th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. All middle and high school kids are invited for an awesome evening of photo scavenger hunts, big games, movies, food and tons of fun. Register by pointing your phone camera at the QR code (listed here) to sign up online. Email Pastor Joe with other questions at jstroup@graystonepc.org.

SERVE

CHRISTMAS EVE PARKING - Christmas Eve is a time when we have a lot of visitors. In order to make room for our guests; if at all possible, please consider parking away from the building to free up spaces for visitors. Thanks for being part of living into our mission of Welcoming People as We "Follow Jesus".

YEAR-END GIVING - Did you know that the average church receives 16 to 18 % of their annual income in December? Graystone also relies on year-end giving to meet our financial goals. Like other churches and non-profits, and as in previous years, we need a strong December to meet our expenses. Please prayerfully consider a generous year-end gift to help us meet our financial obligations. We will be receiving gifts through December 31. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

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.

CALENDAR

Happening today

8:00 a.m. Prayer for Worship - Library
8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Christmas Coffee Hour - Gathering Place
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Family Service
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Happening this week

Monday, December 25 (Office is Closed for the Christmas Holiday)

Merry Christmas from the Graystone Staff!

Tuesday, December 26 (Office is Closed for the Christmas Holiday)

Wednesday, December 27 (Office is Closed for the Christmas Holiday)

Thursday, December 28

6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers Bible Study - Eat N Park
7:00 p.m. Worship Team - Sanctuary

Friday, December 29 (Office is Closed for the New Year's Holiday)

6:30 p.m. Stone Lock in Begins

Saturday, December 30

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Perkin's Restaurant
9:00 a.m. Stone Lock in Ends

Sunday, December 31

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

Welcoming People, Following Jesus

"Come & See: Love"

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 Chair

December 24, 2017

11:00 a.m.