

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

December 24, 2017 8:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship God

Prelude: "In Dulci Jubilo" Nick Capone
Gordon Young

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: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Chancel Choir
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J. S. Bach and Charles Wesley, Arr. By Tom Fettke and Camp Kirkland

***Call to Worship** Psalm 145:14-17

Leader: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
People: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.
Leader: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
People: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

***Hymn:** "Joy to the World" Hymn 181

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly and righteous life; to the glory of His 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 Love of Christ**

Leader: The love of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Emmanuel" Chancel Choir
Arr. By Bruce Greer

***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 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.

***Hymn of Preparation:** "Love Lifted Me" Hymn 107

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: I John 4:7-21

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

We Leave to Serve the Lord

***Hymn of Response:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hymn 172

Benediction

Postlude: "Postlude on Gloria"
Jason D. Payne

*Indicates that the congregation will stand

NOTES:

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

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!

Greeters: Denny and Betty Horn

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

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.

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**.

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

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
Pastor Hurley is on call over the Christmas Holiday. In case of an emergency, contact the church office (724-349-5556) for instructions on how to contact him.

Merry Christmas from the Graystone Staff!

Tuesday, December 26 Office is Closed for the Christmas Holiday

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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.

December 24, 2017

8:30 a.m.

"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