

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

December 31, 2017 8:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship God

Prelude: "Chorale Prelude on Cradle Song" Nick Capone
Gordon Young
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Rick Hurley
[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: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Chancel Choir
John F. Wade, Arr. By Joel Raney

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 65:17-19

Leader: Behold, I will create new heavens and new earth.
People: **The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.**
Leader: But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,
People: **For I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.**
Leader: I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people;
ALL: **the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.**

***Hymn:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Hymn 136

***Prayer of Confession**
Let us join together in this unison prayer, confessing our sins:

*Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done Your will,
we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.*

*Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: "Noel Carol" Chancel Choir
Patrick Liebergen
Accompanied by Gloria Lo, violin and Handbells

***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:** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" Hymn 446

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-7

Message: "Everything New!" Rev. Joe Stoup
"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'"
Revelation 21:5a ESV

We Leave to Serve the Lord

***Hymn of Response:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn 68

Benediction

Postlude: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
Gordon Young

***Indicates that the congregation will stand**

NOTES:

Prayer List as of Thursday, December 28

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

M= Graystone Member

Serving in the Military/First Responders

Payton Smith (Naval education/training)
Dylan Wells - Fort Benning, Georgia
Dylan Toy - PA State Police
Brandon McGinnis - US Capitol Police

Mission Focus

As New Year's resolutions come to mind. Would you pray for the spread of the gospel around the world with renewed commitment? Matt 9: 36-38: Jesus had compassion on the crowds, "because they were harassed and helpless..." He told His disciples to "Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Our mission prayer cards are magnetic reminders to pray regularly.

Ministry Focus

This week, we are thankful for all the work our worship teams, choirs, bands and the efforts the armies of volunteers have put into making our worship experience special as it helps point us toward Christ. We pray that they may find rest in this season and be encouraged in their service for the Lord here at Graystone. May we follow them well through their heart to bring worship to God and see Him clearly through their work. May their gifts and offerings be pleasing to You as we give You our hearts and our affections.

Greeters: Denny 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 loving memory of our mothers and grandmothers, **Mary Nell Pollock and Jeannette Fulmer** by **Robert, Annette, Matthew and Tyler Pollock.**

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.

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

What's YOUR next step?

GATHER

"IT'S COMPLICATED" - During the Advent series we've invited 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

GROWTH PATH - Everyone is invited to attend Graystone's Growth Path. This is a three-week course designed to help all attendees find their next steps in "Following Jesus". For those who are interested in membership at Graystone, this course is a requirement. Join us Sundays, January 7, 15 and 21 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 101. Sign up by emailing cbothell@graystonepc.org.

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 are coming soon on the Graystone website.

SERVE

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 TODAY. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

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

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.

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

Happening this week

Monday, January 1 Office is Closed for the New Year's Holiday
Happy New Year from the Graystone Staff!

Tuesday, January 2
9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Peer Group - Library
6:30 p.m. Bells - Center Gathering Place (L3)

Wednesday, January 3
8:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Library
9:30 a.m. Image Bearers Bible Study - Center Gathering Place (L3)

Thursday, January 4
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
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - Room 211
7:00 p.m. Worship Team - Sanctuary

Friday, January 5

Saturday, January 6
7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Perkin's Restaurant

Sunday, January 7
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
11:15 a.m. Celebration
6:00 p.m. STONE PM - STONE Room
7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's Service

Welcoming People, Following Jesus.

December 31, 2017

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"Everything New"

"He who was seated on the throne said,
'I am making everything new!'"
Revelation 21:5a ESV

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