

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*indicates that the congregation will stand.

welcome Rev. Ryan Mowen

preparing our hearts for worship
"Come, Holy Savior, Come" Celebration Choir
Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

announcements
So we can get to know you better, please sign and pass the connection pad.

lighting of the advent candle *Hope*

*song of response: "Lion and the Lamb"

*song of response: "God with Us"

*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)

song of preparation: "Is He Worthy?"

kid's moment and prayer of sending for the kids

scripture: Romans 8:18-25

message: Advent: Hope Rev. Joe Stroup
"God with Us? The Fall"

*closing song: "Do It Again"

*benediction (a blessing said over us as we go)

SERMON NOTES:

Prayer List as of Thursday, December 6

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: Graystone Members

Floyd Lewis Lois Miller
Montie Miller Don and Gladys Rodgers
Clair Ruffner Beverly Stuck

Prayer Concerns: Friends and Relatives

Deloris Bishop Diana Campbell Family
Kathy Beatty's mother
Judy Cessna Dawne Davis Family
Lois Miller's daughter
Diane Eret Frank and Reatha Eret
McCune's sister-in-law Sonja McCune's parents
Courtney LeBlanc Andrew Manzek
Katie and Randy LeBlanc's daughter friend of Karen Brown
Bud and Peggy McCune Lindsay Regos
Larry McCune's parents Ron & Deb Port's daughter
Quinn Santini Pam Stroup
Clair & Donna Ruffner's great granddaughter Joe Stroup's mother

Serving in the Military

Caleb Bracken - US Navy
Justin Ming - Serving in Anchorage Alaska
Andy Neely - Serving in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Payton Smith - Navy; USS Delaware
Dylan Wells - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Derek Watson, Shane Bothel, and Tyler Bothel - Navy Pilots

Mission Focus

MISSION FOCUS: WMUG Radio

Indiana's low-power FM station at 105.1 whose mission is to spread the Gospel to a wandering world, broadcasting a wide variety of Christian music, and interview programs. Please pray that WMUG will reach people through the World Wide Web, ministering to the unchurched and shut-ins around the globe.

Ministry Focus

In this season of transition of leadership, we have a committee meeting to search for the Transitional Pastor to present a candidate to our session. We also have a committee working to nominate and present candidates to be elders/deacons/trustees at Graystone in the next year. All of this is very important work and we pray for the work of these committees and that God would give wisdom to our leaders as they seek God's will for this next season of discernment for us as a church. May the hand of God guide the right people to be in positions of service and leadership in our church family in the new year.

Serving Today

Greeters: Bob Simpson, Crystal Simpson, Michelle Hill, Judy Cunningham

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

The Chancel Flowers have been given to the glory of God and in honor of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren by Frank and Peggy Moore.

The Chancel Flowers have been given to the glory of God and in honor of our children, and grandchildren by Greg and Michelle Elgin.

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.

What's YOUR next step?

GATHER

EVERYONE WELCOME ONE

This season we have an amazing opportunity and challenge. What if each one of us lived into the mission of who we are and what we are about as we "welcome people and follow Jesus"?

Invitation cards are available today and our

challenge is to take one of these cards and approach someone in your life and invite them to join you with us this **Christmas Eve** for one of our services. Our kid-friendly service is at **6:00 p.m.** this year and our traditional, candlelight service is at **9:00 p.m.** We're prayerful for how God will use this to reach our community with good news for all people.

THANK YOU!!! - The PEP committee would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who contributed to our **VERY, VERY** successful Bake Sale. We look forward to the 2019 season and we think we have some interesting excursions lined up. **MORE TO COME!!!**

CONNECT

CHRISTMAS STORY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS! Dec 9 - 30, we'll take a fresh look at the various Bible accounts of the Christmas story in preparation for the season! Upstairs in room 202, during the 9:45 Sunday School Hour, led by Colin and Heather Ashe. Everyone is welcome!

EPIC RETREAT – JR/SR HIGH YOUTH RETREAT - Registration will be open Wednesday evening, December 12, 2018 for our youth winter camp from Feb 1-3 as we go to Beulah Beach with over 200 other young people from our presbytery. This is an amazing weekend away of fun and learning about God and we'd love to have all 6th-12th grade students join us! For more information and for online registration. Visit www.graystoneyouth.org. Signs ups will go fast and space is limited so make sure you get signed up soon!

SERVE

Weekly Income (12/02/18)

Core: \$11,665
Mission: \$ 1,865
Finish Strong: \$ 567
Total: \$14,097

Weekly Attendance (12/02/18)

8:30 a.m. 137
11:00 a.m. 207
Total: 344

As 2018 comes to an end, let's get ready to close out the year and **finish strong**. Thank you for your gifts to help us close the year well financially!

This is also the time to be getting pledge cards in for 2019 so that we are in the best place to **start well** next year!

Also, 2019 **OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now in the church office. If you wish to have giving envelopes for 2019 and there are none ready for you, please contact the church office and we will assign you a number.

THE FINANCE TEAM LOOKING FOR OFFERING COUNTERS - If you would be willing to help count the Sunday offerings on Monday mornings, please contact Connie at the church office. Clearances will be required.

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THE TRANSITIONAL PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE has developed the position description for the transitional pastor which was subsequently approved by session. The position description has been given to the EPC's Presbytery of the Alleghenies Regional Church Development Coordinator for distribution throughout the EPC network. Our position description and church information has also been submitted to the EPC to be posted on the EPC website. We have received applications in response for this position. Our committee has requested references for the potential candidates and we are in the process of conducting interviews.

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
11:15 a.m. Celebration Choir
12:00 noon CCO Lunch - Center Gathering Place
6:00 p.m. Stone PM - Youth Room

Happening this week

Monday, December 10

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Campus Room
6:30 p.m. Bells - Center Social Hall

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
12:00 noon Mugs and Muffins - Room 101

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Library
9:30 a.m. Image Bearers - Room 101
12:00 noon Finance Team - Library
7:30 p.m. CCO - Gathering Place

Thursday, December 13

6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers Bible Study - Eat N Park
9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study - Room 101
1:00 p.m. Library Team - Library
6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee - Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir - Room 211
7:30 p.m. Worship Team - Sanctuary

Friday, December 14

6:30 p.m. Seeds of Faith Christian Academy Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 16

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
6:00 p.m. Stone PM - Youth Room

Welcoming People, Following Jesus

ADVENT "God with Us? The Fall"

GRAYSTONE VALUES...

FOLLOWING JESUS WITH OUR WHOLE LIVES

We are not content to just follow Jesus on Sunday mornings but in every square inch of our lives.



TRUSTING GOD'S WORD

We are people who are anchored, fed, and shaped by God's Word.



PURSuing COMMUNITY

We are together because God made us a family and even when it's messy, it's worth it.

SHARING THE LIFE- CHANGING MESSAGE OF JESUS

We bring the hope found only in Jesus into our homes, communities, and the world.



EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

We equip parents, children, youth, and young adults to lead our church and the world into a future defined by the Gospel.



December 9, 2018

11:00 a.m.