

ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*indicates that the congregation will stand.

welcome and announcements Rev. Joe Stroup

preparing our hearts for worship

old testament reading: Psalm 8:1, 3-5, 9

song of response: "God With Us" MercyMe

new testament reading James 2:21-24

song of response: "Good, Good Father"

\*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)

scripture: Ephesians 2:1,2; Colossians 3:1-17

message: "It's Complicated! Our Self-Identity" Rev. Rick Hurley

communion

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: "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" hymn 171

\*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.

notes:

Prayer List as of Thursday, January 4

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

Mission Focus

As a new year begins, may one of our resolves be to broaden our understanding of and involvement in God's working around the world. Become familiar with the mission partners you support financially via Graystone and regularly remember them in prayer.

Ministry Focus

This week we are kicking off our Growth Path. As we have new visitors and longtime members gathering to discover how they can get plugged in and take their next step in Following Jesus, pray that God would bless this course and all who attend. Pray that people would sense God moving and strengthening their faith in Christ and connection to His Church.

Serving Today

Greeters:

Ushers: Denny Shick, Kevin Addlemen, Mark Elgin, Eric Neal, Dave Nehrig, Dave North, Larry Rayko

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Alvin, by Sara Almes.

## Welcome Guests!

Join us for worship each week at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m.  
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.

## What's YOUR next step?

### GATHER

**"IT'S COMPLICATED"** - During the Advent series we invited you to Come & See Jesus. Well now He's here. So what happens next!?! Beginning today, we're going to take a look at how the Gospel changes everything in a four week sermon series called, "It's Complicated."

**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. Beginning TODAY at 9:45 a.m., and continuing January 14 and 21 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 101.

**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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 28. We will begin the meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place with a Congregational Dinner. Then the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Graystone Sanctuary. More details will follow.

**PEP (People Enjoying People) Lunch** will be held on Wednesday, January 17, at 12:00 noon in the Gathering Place. This month's gathering is covered dish. Dust off those recipe books and bring your best dish to share! Contact Karen Cass to RSVP at 724-463-3877.

### SERVE

**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.

**THANK YOU** to the many volunteers who put in countless hours for our services on Christmas Eve. They were inspiring and uplifting. Pray that the Gospel found a home in people's hearts. We are grateful for those of you who were able to park away from the church to provide spots for visitors. You all had a part in "Welcoming People" as we "Follow Jesus".

## 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  
9:45 a.m. Growth Path - Room 101  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Celebration Choir  
6:00 p.m. STONE PM - STONE Lounge  
7:00 p.m. St. Andrews Village Service

### Happening this week

#### Monday, January 8

#### Tuesday, January 9

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - Center Gathering Place (L3)

#### Wednesday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Library  
9:30 a.m. Image Bearers Bible Study - Center Gathering Place (L3)  
6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Team - STONE Lounge

#### Thursday, January 11

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 12

#### Saturday, January 13

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

#### Sunday, January 14

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. Growth Path  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
12:00 noon CCO Lunch - Gathering Place  
6:00 p.m. STONE PM - STONE Lounge

## Welcoming People, Following Jesus

## "It's Complicated: Our Self-Identity"

## 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

January 7, 2018

11:00 a.m.