

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

January 7, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship God

Prelude: "The Three Kings" Nick Capone
Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Joe Stroup
[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: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 8
Leader: O Lord, Our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth!

People: When I look at the heavens, the work of Your hands

Leader: I wonder, what are we that You are mindful of us.

People: Yet, He made us a little lower than God and has crowned us with glory and honor.

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth!

***Hymn:** "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Hymn 215

***Prayer of Confession** Rev. Ryan Mowen
God of justice and love, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We call You God of creation, yet we serve idols of our own making. We confess Christ as our Savior, yet we rely on elaborate security systems for our protection. We claim the indwelling Spirit, yet we abide by our own counsel. Forgive our double-mindedness, and through Christ make us whole. 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: "Three Kings" Chancel Choir
Wilhelm Krunnach

***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

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1, 2; Colossians 3:1-17 Rev. Rick Hurley

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

We Break Bread and Share the Cup Together

Invitation to the Banquet Table

***The Apostles' Creed:** (Traditional)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Sanctus: Tune: Land of Rest Congregation

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and the Cup

You may partake of the bread as it is passed to you. Please keep the cup so that we may partake together when everyone has been served.
Gluten free wafers are also available.

We Leave to Serve the Lord

***Hymn of Response:** "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Hymn 171

Benediction

Postlude: "We Three Kings"
Gordon Young

***Indicates that the congregation will stand**

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

Lori Jo Bell M

Don & Gladys Rodgers M

Darlene Snyder

(Crystal Simpson's sister-in-law)

Deloris Bishop

(Kathy Beatty's Mother)

Judy Cessna

(Lois Miller's daughter)

Rosemary Beltz

(granddaughter of Dave and Jan Irvin)

Montie Miller M

Shirley Shick M

Faye Haupt M

Bob Box

(Friend of Jane Terebus)

Marguerite Thorton

(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 - 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.

Greeters:

Ushers: Alton Strong, Armour and Lois Cribbs, Harry Dushac, Dave Fairman, Tom Frick, Ron Port, Dave Smith

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

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.

Welcome Guests!

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

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"It's Complicated: 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