

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

September 2, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship God

Prelude: "Early in the Morning,
Our Song Shall Rise to Thee"
Douglas Wagner Nick Capone

Welcome and Announcements

[Please sign the connection pad 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.]

Introit: "Faithful is God"
J. Paul Williams and Joseph M. Martin Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Colossians 1:15-17

Leader: Come and worship Christ,
the visible image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of creation, the eternal God:
Leader: the one through whom all things were created,
and in whom all things are held together.
All: **This is our God! Let us worship together.**

***Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn 68

*Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the
sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we
may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your 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 Peace

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Awaken Me to Pray"
John Parker and David Lantz III Chancel Choir

***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

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17

Message: [Following Jesus With Our Whole Lives](#) Rev. Joe Stroup
"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

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 Prayers of the People

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:** "The Solid Rock" Hymn 511

Benediction

Postlude: "The Solid Rock"
Edward Broughton

***Indicates that the congregation will stand**

Prayer List as of Thursday, August 30

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	Montie Miller
Don and Gladys Rodgers	Clair Ruffner
Shirley Shearer	Nellie White
Prayer Concerns: Friends and Relatives	
Deloris Bishop Kathy Beatty's mother	Diana Campbell Family
Judy Cessna Lois Miller's daughter	Sondra Clapper Dee Hill's Mom
Dawne Davis Family	Frank and Reatha Eret Sonja McCune's parents
Deana Kirkland Ron and Deb Port's daughter	Courtney LeBlanc Katie and Randy LeBlanc's daughter
Andrew Manzek friend of Karen Brown	Logan McCracken Debby McCracken's grandson
Bud and Peggy McCune Larry McCune's parents	Quinn Santini Clair & Donna Ruffner's great - granddaughter
Darlene Snyder Crystal Simpson's sister-in-law	Pam Stroup Joe Stroup's mother

Serving in the Military

Russell Blankenship - Serving in the Middle East
Justin Ming - Serving in Anchorage Alaska
Andy Neely - Serving in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Payton Smith - Navy; USS Washington
Dylan Wells - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Derek Watson, Shane Bothel, and Tyler Bothel - Navy Pilots

Mission Focus

Ned and Kathy Thomas
Wycliffe Bible Translators translates the Bible for worldwide use. Our friends Ned and
Kathy, retired from many years of missionary service for WBT, need much prayer as they
work through the last years of their lives in North Carolina.

Ministry Focus

We give thanks for all those who lead Bible studies, Sunday School classes, and Life
Groups this season. We pray for these instructors and leaders who point us to God's
Word and who help us to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus in all aspects
of our lives. We pray that they would be encouraged by what they do and that in
teaching others, they may more wholly learn and understand God's heart in their own
lives as well.

Greeters: Mark Grant, Shari Costello, Ellie Lewis, Pauline Atkinson

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

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of **my parents**
by **Alan Holsinger**.

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

Call for a Special Congregational Meeting on

Sunday September 9, 2018 following the 2nd service in the Sanctuary

On August 28, 2018, at their regularly scheduled meeting the Session voted unanimously to call a Special Congregational Meeting for September 9th after the second service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote to move Rev. Joe Stroup from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor at Graystone. The rationale for the change in status for Joe is available in the back of the sanctuary or in the Welcome Center.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC - Mark your calendar for the ALL CHURCH PICNIC on Sunday, September 16, at 4:30 p.m. at Mack Park Pavilion. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Everything else will be provided. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of music, games and prizes.

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM? A Baptism class will be held on Sunday, September 9, at 9:45 in Room 102. This is for any person wishing to be baptized or have a child baptized. Our baptism services will be on September 30. Contact the church office to RSVP.

CONNECT

ANNOUNCING A NEW CLASS: "Christianity's Triumph" Our Builders Class is beginning a new series on the remarkable rise of Christianity in spite of seemingly insurmountable odds through the power of the Holy Spirit. You can join this class in the Library during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings.

STRESS CLASS OFFERED- Learn skills to manage stress more effectively through a series of four Tuesday evening classes set to begin October 2. This class will be held 6:30-8pm in the library. Sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Center.

LEADERS NEEDED! As we get set for our Life Group season kicking off this fall, we are looking for leaders. If you would be interested in leading a Life Group or learning more about what that commitment looks like, email Pastor Ryan at rmowen@graystonepc.org

PEP LUNCH - The People Enjoying People Group invite you to join them for their next luncheon on Wednesday, September 19 at 12:00 noon in the Gathering Place. Enjoy a lunch of fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, vegetable and apple crisp. Guest speakers will be Jeff Mack and Ron Marshall with information regarding 2018 taxes. Contact Karen Cass at 724-463-3877 to RSVP.

SAVE THE DATES - It was announced that after much prayer and listening Pastor Hurley announced his retirement as of October 31. His last Sunday in the pulpit will be October 28 with a retirement celebration that afternoon. Save the date and watch for details.

SERVE

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Our students will be selling prayer cards as reminders to pray for Operation Christmas Child this fall to help fund postage to send shoeboxes loaded with goodies that help share the gospel this Christmas with families in need this Christmas season. If you'd like to purchase a prayer card (\$10 each) you can see one of our youth team or stop by the youth room during the Sunday School hour.

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

Happening this week Monday, September 3

Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 4

9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Peer Group
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
12:00 noon Mugs and Muffins - Room 101
6:30 p.m. Personnel - Room 101
6:30 p.m. Bells - Center Social Hall
7:00 p.m. CCO Men's Group - Campus Room

Wednesday, September 5

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Library
6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Team - Youth Room
6:30 p.m. CCO - Gathering Place
7:00 p.m. Facilities - Room 101

Thursday, September 6

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

Saturday, September 8

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

Sunday, September 9


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 - Green Room
12:00 p.m. CCO Lunch - Center Gathering Place
6:00 p.m. Stone PM - Youth Room

Welcoming People, Following Jesus.

September 2, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Following Jesus with Our Whole Lives

		SUNDAYS: 9:45 AM
CLASS	LOCATION	TEACHER
Builder's Class	Graystone Library	Bill Miller David Smith
Challenge Class	Graystone Gathering Place (Rear)	Chris Pusateri Scott Elgin Julie Greenawalt Chris Evans
Foundations Class	Graystone Chapel	Andy Arblaster
Your Best Us	Room 201	Colin and Heather Ashe