

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Joe Stroup

**Prelude** Marissa Bruno

### Silent Prayer of Invocation

**\*Call to Worship** From Psalm 119

**Leader:** Lord, your word is forever; it is firmly fixed in heaven.

**People:** **Your faithfulness is for all generations!**

**Leader:** You established the earth, and it stands firm.

**People:** **How I love your instruction! It is my meditation all day long.**

**Leader:** How sweet your word is to my taste-sweeter than honey in my mouth.

**ALL:** **Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path!**

**\*Hymn:** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Hymn 386

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves to our sin. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### \*Silent Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Response of Praise:

"Gloria Patri" Hymn 670

### \*Passing of the Peace

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory:** Chancel Choir  
"I Need Thee Every Hour"  
Arr. John Ness Beck

### \*Doxology (Hymn 668)

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Sermon:** Pastor Rob Sparr  
"Generous, Devoted, Joy-Filled, and Seeing  
The Lord at Work Together: A Growing Church"

**Scripture:** Acts 2:42-47

**\*Song:** "We Are Called to Be God's People" Hymn 391

### \*Benediction

**Postlude** Marissa Bruno

*Join us for refreshments in the Welcome Center following the worship service.*

## SERMON NOTES:

**"Generous, Devoted, Joy-Filled, and Seeing  
The Lord at Work Together: A Growing Church"**  
Acts 2:42-47

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** - We are pleased to have you join us today. If you would like to meet with one of our pastors please call the church office (724-349-5556) or email Pastor Rob (rsparr@graystonepc.org) or Pastor Joe (jstroup@graystonepc.org) to set up an appointment.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Marian and Ben Evans** by **Karen and George Evans**.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING TIME OF PRAYER** (6:30PM in the Chapel) Please join us. If you are burdened or need some hope, this time is a great place to start.

**LIFE-WAY PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** will run Oct 10-31. You can grab your bottle or envelope on the way out of church today and return it to the office any time before the 31st. We also have an opportunity to get to know their ministry better after the second service on the 31st, by touring their house on S. 3rd St. Contact Heather [heatherashe@gmail.com](mailto:heatherashe@gmail.com), 617-233-2910 if you'd like to attend to learn more about Life-Way!

**CHIZ RIDER CONCERT** - Trumpeter, Chiz Rider will be at Graystone on Sunday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. for a concert. For more information visit [www.chizrider.com](http://www.chizrider.com). Everyone is invited.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY "BLOOM"**: We are excited to begin our every other month Women's Ministry gathering called "Bloom" on **Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM – Noon in the Gathering Place**. Bloom is a beautiful place for women to connect with God and other women.

### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

- Graystone will continue to provide non-perishable food items, laundry detergent, and hygiene items for the **Chevy Chase Community Center** and the **Salvation Army**. Please place donations in the brown and tan wicker baskets by the elevator next to the Christian Ed lobby.

**STUDY LEAVE** – Pastor Rob will be away this week attending the EPC Pastors and Spouse Retreat at Seven Springs Resort for a time of teaching, worship, and study. This retreat is a gift to the pastors by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church due to the unique nature of leading a Church during the Pandemic.

### Graystone Deacon of the Week

Each week, a Graystone Deacon will be assigned to be the point person for congregation care. The contact information for the deacon of the week will be included in the weekly email, worship service bulletins and onscreen during services. Please reach out to the deacon of the week with any needs and we will be happy to assist!

This week's Deacon of the Week is:

**Karen Cass**

Phone: 724-471-6021

## CALENDAR

### Happening today

*Nursery is open during both worship services for children under 5*

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Time—Welcome Center  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m. Cider and Sweaters - The Home Farm Barn  
6:00 p.m. Stone Youth Group

### Happening this week

#### Monday, October 18

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal - MMR2

#### Tuesday, October 19

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting - Gathering Place

#### Wednesday, October 20

9:30 a.m. Image Bearers Bible Study—MMR1  
12:00 noon PEP Lunch - Gathering Place  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Chapel  
7:30 p.m. CCO Campus Ministry—Gathering Place

#### Thursday, October 21

7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers Bible Study - Eat N Park  
9:30 a.m. Thurs. Morning Ladies Bible Study - MMR1  
1:00 p.m. Library Team - Library  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary

#### Saturday, October 23

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

#### Sunday, October 24

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Time—Welcome Center  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Stone Youth Group

# Following Jesus, Welcoming People.

## October 17, 2021

## 8:30 a.m.

# “Generous, Devoted, Joy-Filled, and Seeing The Lord at Work Together: A Growing Church”

## Acts 2:42-47

### LOOKING AHEAD:

#### Next Week's Sermon:

Acts 3:1-4:4: Peter and John heal the lame man.