

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*indicates that the congregation will stand

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Joe Stroup

Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-4

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.
All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise his name.
All: Proclaim his salvation day after day.
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
All: For great is the Lord
and most worthy of praise!

*Worship Songs:
"Go Tell It On the Mountain"
"Joy to the World/Joyful We Adore Thee"

Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, I am a sinner. Your Word and my heart confirm that to me. I have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. As judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn me. Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of my sin and suffer my punishment. Forgive me for His sake, and by Your Spirit help me to live in the light of His sacrifice, a life worthy of Your name. Judge me not according to my work but according Your Mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him I hope and in Him I come before you this day. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name:

Assurance of Pardon I John 1:8-9
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Response of Praise: "Gloria Patri" Hymn 670

*Passing of the Peace

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.

Message: Pastor Joe Stroup
"The Disciples Shared Their Stories
and the Bible Brought The Truth"

Scripture: Acts 2:14-36

*Closing Song: "All Glory Be to Christ" Worship Team and Choir

*Benediction

Postlude *Please stand if you are able.

SERMON NOTES:
"The Disciples Shared Their Stories
and the Bible Brought the Truth"
Acts 2:14-36

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.

YOUTH EPiC RETREAT REGISTRATION. The Youth will be heading to Ligonier Camp and Conference Center January 26—28th for EPiC Retreat 2024. Register and get more information at graystoneyouth.org.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES: In order to keep costs down, we have decided we will not be using offering envelopes as we have in the past. We will track member giving by the check name or if you give cash make sure make sure your name is written on the envelope. If you still wish to use envelopes contact the church office and we will create some for you.

NURSERY HELP STILL NEEDED: We are still looking for a few more people to step in and join the monthly rotation to serve in the nursery. We need 2 more to join the rotation during Sunday School hour and 2 more to join the 11am Service rotation as well. For more information or to let us know you'd like to help, reach out to Pastor Joe after services or email at jstroup@graystonepc.org.

CONNECT WITH GRAYSTONE As we announced in worship, we want to be a church family that gets together and connects with each other more than just during a worship service on Sunday mornings. Our elders want to lead the way in making that happen, by getting to know you and your family over a meal either out or in our homes. In a church of our size that can be tricky when you don't know everyone so we plan to help streamline the process and help set this up. If you would like one of our elders to reach out, let us know that you want to take part by filling out the yellow forms in the pews.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS: January 7th – Feb 11th we'll have two classes offered during the 9:45am Sunday School hour during this new season. This is a great time to jump in and connect with others and grow in some meaningful ways.

- **How to Read Your Bible:** meeting in Main Level Meeting Room 2 and taught by Heather Ashe this class on studying the Bible.
- **WITH:** meeting in the Gathering Place and taught by Pastor Joe, this class comes from the book "With" using content from Right Now Media. This class will focus on the different ways we can try to relate to God as opposed to simply being WITH Him, which is what He desires.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY will begin on Tuesday, January 9th at 10am or 6:30pm. We will be studying "The Gospel on the Ground," by Kristi McLelland. In this 7 session study we will look at the book of Acts. "Along the way you'll learn that the kingdom of God is always on the move, offering purpose and joy to those longing for true fulfillment. And you'll come to understand the part you are meant to play in the redemptive story God continues to write through your life today." This is open to all women. Contact the church office to sign up. Contact Heather Sparr (heathersparr@gmail.com) if you have questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **RETIRED MEN'S MINISTRY LUNCH** will be the 2nd Wednesday in January (January 10) at 11:45 am at Hoss's. There will not be any program, rather an opportunity to be with your Graystone brothers.

Sign up for any of these events by signing up in the Welcome Center or calling the church office at 724-349-5556.

LOOKING AHEAD: Mark 8:27-9:1

CALENDAR

Happening today

Nursery is open during worship service for children under 5
10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

Happening this week

Monday, January 1

Office Closed for New Year's Holiday

Tuesday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Mission Team
6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Team

Wednesday, January 3

9:30 a.m. Image Bearers Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday, January 4

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study—MMR2
1:00 p.m. Library Team
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Saturday, January 6

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study—Perkins

Sunday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Time—Welcome Center
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
With—Gathering Place
How To Read Your Bible—MMR2
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Stone Youth Group

December 31, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY EMAILS? If not, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or in the Welcome Center by giving us your email address. Feel free to update your email address as well.