

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*indicates that the congregation will stand

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Joe Stroup

Prelude Marissa Bruno

Prayer of invocation
Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Call to Worship From Daniel 2:20-22
Leader: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His.
People: And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.
ALL: He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.

*Hymn: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" Hymn 2

*Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 16
Q. Did all mankind fall in Adam’s first disobedience?
A. Since the covenant was made not only for Adam but also for his natural descendents, all mankind sinned in him and fell with him in his first disobedience.

*Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession Psalm 27:7-9,11
Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek." Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus’ name.

Assurance of Pardon Proverbs 28:13
Hear the good news! "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven! Hallelujah! Let us sing together:

*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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: "Come By Here" Chancel Choir
Kyle Pederson

*Doxology (Hymn 668)

*Prayer of Dedication

Message: "What He Came to Do: Hard Teachings" Kenny Campbell

Scripture: Mark 9:30-50

*Closing Song: "O Church, Arise" Hymn 663

*Benediction

Postlude Marissa Bruno

*Please stand if you are able.

SERMON NOTES:
"What He Came to Do: Hard Teachings"
Mark 9:30-50

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 of- fice (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 **my parents, Florence and Gene Jervis** by **their daughter, Loretta Jervis**.

CCO PANCAKE FUNDRAISER for Jubilee. Join us for pancakes after service on Feb. 4th at 12:15pm. Connect with and hear from stu- dents who will be going to Jubilee as they serve pancakes! And help send those students to Jubilee through donations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Ash Wednesday Services February 14**
 - ⇒ **7:00 a.m. Prayer Service**—Gather for a brief time to pray and receive ashes before going into the day.
 - ⇒ **7:00 p.m. Worship Service**—A reflective service of song, prayer, time in Scripture and the imposition of ashes.
- **February 25 @ 9:45 a.m. in Upper Meeting Room 7:** There will be a “town hall” type meeting for you to ask our Finance Team questions you have about the 2024 Budget or other questions about our Church family finances. To help our finance team prepare for this meeting please feel free to email your questions to Shari at scostello@graystonepc.org. by February 20th.
- **March 3 @ 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary:** Following a combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. we will remain in the sanctuary for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **BLOOM AND BRUNCH** for February will be cancelled.
- **NOTICE CHANGE OF DATE FOR RETIRED MEN’S MINISTRY LUNCH** will be the 2nd Tuesday in February (**February 13**) 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.

SEANOR LIBRARY NEWS:

The Graystone Seanor Library is featuring its children’s books. We have a series reviewed by one of our readers. You can find these books and reviews on our library table downstairs in the Gathering Place.

Our friend, Darlene Uhron, was going through the library’s large collection of children’s books and found a series she felt has been neglected and should be enjoyed. The books were given to the library by Cathy Stahr. Dalene writes the following review of the series:

“In Grandma’s Attic” is a series of four books written by Arleta Richardson for 6-10 year old readers. Each book is filled with memories of items found in Arleta’s grandma’s attic. The chapters include the secrets hidden and the valuable life lessons learned from each item, such as pride and honesty. It was interesting and fun to read about the treasures found and memories described about each discovery on a 19th century farm.

LOOKING AHEAD: Mark 10:1-45

CALENDAR

Happening today	
<i>Nursery is open during worship service for children under 5</i>	
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
12:30 p.m.	Youth Return from EPiC Retreat
Happening this week	
Monday, January 29	
6:30 p.m.	Graystone Bell Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 30	
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study—Women’s Ministry Room
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Wednesday, January 31	
9:30 a.m.	Image Bearers Bible Study
12:00 noon	Endowment Team Meeting—Library
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Group
7:30 p.m.	CCO Midweek
Thursday, February 1	
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, February 3	
7:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study—Perkins
Sunday, February 4	
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
12:15 p.m.	CCO Pancake Fundraiser
6:00 p.m.	Stone Youth Group

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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.