

THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE

December 11, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship God

Gathering Music "Joyful(The One Who Saves)" Worship Team
Welcome Sue Drummond
"God With Us Emmanuel" Worship Team

Advent Responsive Reading:

Leader: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Mighty God.
People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.
Leader: We look to the One in whom we find redemption.
People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.
Leader: We look to the One who forgives our sins.
People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.
Leader: We look to the One who overcomes the darkness.
People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.
Leader: We look to the One who has come to set us free.
People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

Lighting of the Advent Candle Jason Vickhouse Family

Congregational Response

God with Us, Emmanuel

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Congregation: Words and Music by JOEL RANEY
Musical notation for "God with Us, Emmanuel" with lyrics: Ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther, Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Al - might - y God, Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, God with us, Em - man - u - el.

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***Songs of Praise:** "Sing, Sing, Sing"

We will sing sing sing
And make music with the heavens
We will sing sing sing
Grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise
Lift high the name of Jesus

What's not to love about You
Heaven and earth adore You
Kings and kingdoms bow down
Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for (Chorus)

You are the love that frees us
You are the light that leads us
Like a fire burning
Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for (Chorus)

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"Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble"
Martin Smith

Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar when the people rose to sing
Of Jesus Christ, the risen One?
Did you feel the people tremble?
Did you hear the singers roar?
When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ, the saving One?

And we can see that, God You're moving,
A mighty river through the nations;
And young and old will turn to Jesus.
Fling wide, You heavenly gates;
Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Open up the doors. Let the music play.
Let the streets resound with singing;
Songs that bring Your hope, songs that bring Your joy,
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble?
When all the saints join in one song,
And all the streams flow as one river
To wash away our brokenness?
And here we see that, God, You're moving;
A time of jubilee is coming,
When young and old return to Jesus.
Fling wide, You heavenly gates;
Prepare the way of the risen Lord. (Chorus)

"God With Us"

Who are we that You would be mindful of us
What do You see that's worth looking our way
We are free in ways that we never should be
Sweet release from the grip of these chains

Like hinges straining from the weight
My heart no longer can keep from singing

All that is within me cries for You alone
Be glorified; Emmanuel God with us
My heart sings a brand new song
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel God with us

Lord You know our hearts don't deserve Your glory
Still You show a love we cannot afford (Chorus)

Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary
Nevertheless we lay it at Your feet (Chorus)

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We Share Our Life Together

***Passing of the Peace**

Minute For Mission: "Rwanda" Betty Grunstra

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory: "In The Bleak Midwinter" Bell Choir

Prayers of the People Pastor Bill Milligan

Song of Preparation: "This Is Emmanuel" Brock McGinnis

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:3 NRSV Pew Bible Page 638

Message: "Joy In A World Of Despair"
"You have multiplied the nation, You have increased its joy..."

Go to Serve the Lord

***Closing Song:** "Joyful (The One Who Saves)"
Brenton Brown and Jason Ingram

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You
Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of eternal gladness fill us
With the light of day

You are the One who saves
You are the One who saves
You are the One whose hands lift us from the grave
You are the Light of life the everlasting day
You are the One who takes all our sins away

You are giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blessed
Fountain of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest (chorus)

Jesus You are my rescue
Jesus You are my rescue
I give you ev'rything I am (repeat verse 3 and chorus)

***Benediction
Sending Music**

***Indicates that the congregation will stand.**

Join us for refreshments downstairs in the Gathering Place following the service.
We thank Sue North, Sharon Swartz and Carol Bishop for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

Prayer List as of Thursday, December 8

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.

If you or someone you know is going through a difficulty, such as illness, unemployment, hospitalization, aging, birth, etc., **Stephen Ministers** are trained and ready to care with a listening heart and support.

Prayer Concerns:

Ken Wells	Larry Rayko	Becky Shank
Bill Black	Sean Moran	Marilyn Brown
Stanley Spence	Sara Faust	Sally Holtzman
Don Hinton	Lois Bodnar	Pete Byrne
Susan Stampler		

Serving in the Military

Dane Watson - Serving in Persian Gulf
Andrew Rearick - Serving in Afghanistan
Tyler Gerber - Serving in Afghanistan

Prayer Focus for this Week: JOY, Peace and Hope

And in another place Isaiah said, "The heir to David's throne will come, and he will rule over the Gentiles. They will place their hope on him." I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:12-13 NLT)

We thank you father that Jesus came to give us complete JOY and peace through belief in Him. We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we would have confidence that by the gift of Jesus, we would have eternal life. Help us to teach this to others. Thank you God!

Greeters: Judy Cunningham, Cindy Jones, Renea Isenberg, Rudy Steffish

Ushers: Ed Clark, Jack Bellak, Richard Morganti, Dave Strong, Scott Bair, Larry Rayko, Jim Lockhart, Dave Stewart, John Carr

The Flowers of the Advent Promise are in memory of **Francis D. Smith by David and Katrina Smith and family.**

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of a baby boy, **Nolin Chase**, to **Colin and Bethany Shopland Hurley** on November 22.

Welcome Guests!

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

[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.]

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS: It's not too late to visit the display in the Gathering Place during coffee hour and shop for gifts that make a difference around the world or right here in Indiana, PA. Your congregational awareness team will continue taking orders through next week. Give LIFE for Christmas!

IUP STUDENTS are invited to a **ROUNDTABLE** discussion in the Campus Room at 9:45 a.m. Students are also invited to **LUNCH** at 12 noon (right after the 11 o'clock service) in the brick house directly behind the church!

GRIEF SHARE SEMINAR/SUPPORT GROUP Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Graystone Library. GriefShare is a 13-week video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics from a biblical perspective.

DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. Contact Lori Jo Bell if you have any questions 412-848-0355.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE - Through the generosity of several former Graystone members, there are several scholarship funds administered through the Endowment Fund. To learn more about the requirements and stipulations, please contact the church office. For consideration to receive funds for the Spring 2012 semester, applications must be received in the office by January 15, 2012.

COFFEE HOUR HELP NEEDED - We are in need of volunteers to help serve coffee hour on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Any individual, small group, ministry team or class willing to sponsor should contact Carol Bishop or sign up in the Gathering Place.

RWANDAN COFFEE will be served and sold next Sunday, December 18th, instead of the last Sunday of the month (which is Christmas). Fair trade coffee makes a wonderful Christmas gift and provides a living wage for Rwandan coffee farmers. Proceeds also benefit our partner church at Gitwe. **DRINK COFFEE. DO GOOD.**

ST ANDREWS VILLAGE GIFTS AND STOCKING STUFFERS - The Presbyterian Women are collecting stocking stuffer items for the residents of St. Andrews Village. All donations can be dropped off to the church and placed in the boxes in the Welcome Center and Gathering Place. Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 18.

COME TO THE GATHERING PLACE during the Sunday School hour this morning to hear Betty Grunstra share about her visits to Rwanda and our sister church in Gitwe. All are welcome.

CRUSADERS CHOIR - Rehearsal tonight at 4:30 p.m.

2012 PLEDGE CARDS - Thank you to all who have completed and returned your cards. If you have not yet pledged please do so by mailing them to the church or placing them in the offering plate.

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Prayer for Worship - Library
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Surf 56 Christmas Party/Cookie Baking
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 noon Liberti Lunch
4:30 p.m. Crusaders Choir
6:30 p.m. Stone Small Groups

Monday, December 12

1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, December 13

2:30 p.m. Stone Lite
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 p.m. Prayer Group - Library
9:30 a.m. Image Bearers Bible Study - L15
5:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Small Group
6:00 p.m. Sharing Friendship Group - L15
6:30 p.m. Stone
6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir
7:00 p.m. Open Campus Room- Room 220

Thursday, December 15

6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers Bible Study - Eat-N-Park
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
1:00 p.m. Library
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:30 p.m. Grief Share - Library

Friday, December 16

7:00 p.m. Brunetta/Redinger Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, December 17

7:30 a.m. Men's Small Group - Perkins
2:30 p.m. Brunetta/Redinger Wedding

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Sermon Series:
“Emmanuel: God’s Healing Presence in the World”

Joy In A World of Despair



God is Good - All the Time!