

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

December 18, 2011

11:00 a.m.

Dennis Janzer

**Gathering to Worship God**

**Prelude:** Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme Evan Bellas  
(Sleepers Wake, a Voice Is Calling)  
Bach

**Welcome** Edie Milligan

**Introit:** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

**\*Hymn:** "People, Look East" Hymn 12

**Advent Choral Call To Worship**  
"God With Us Emmanuel" Chancel Choir

**\*Advent Responsive Reading:**

**Leader:** During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Everlasting Father.

**People:** **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

**Leader:** During Advent we look to the One who knows our deepest thoughts.

**People:** **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

**Leader:** During Advent we look to the One who cares for our deepest needs.

**People:** **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

**Leader:** During Advent we look to the One who knows our most pressing concerns.

**People:** **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

**Leader:** During Advent we look to the One who knows our innermost being.

**People:** **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Gene & Janet Decker

**God with Us, Emmanuel**

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
JOEL RANEY

Congregation: Musical score 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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**Choral Congregational Response**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Father God, if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive all our sins and put us back in right relationship to you. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Wash us in the precious blood of the Lamb, and give us the grace to be set free from whatever sinful tendencies or bondages we encounter. You who did not spare your only son for our sins will certainly forgive those who come to you with a sincere heart. Take away the guilt we experience and replace it with your peace and reconciliation. Lord, Have mercy. Amen.

**\*Congregational Response:** "Gloria Patri" Hymn 579

*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.*

**We Share Our Life Together**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

\_\_\_\_\_ The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

\_\_\_\_\_ **And also with you.**

*(Greet those around you and share "the peace of Christ be with you.")*

**Anthem:** "Gloria" Girls Ensemble  
David & Jean Perry

"Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth be Peace  
for Evermore and Goodwill to All Men"

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** "Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes" Chancel Choir  
Joel Raney

**\*Doxology:** "Praise God,  
from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 592

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**

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Rick Hurley

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hymn 376

**Hearing God's Word**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 9:6 NRSV Pew Bible Page 638

**Message:** "Love In An Indifferent World"  
"...and His name will be called Everlasting Father."

**We Leave to Serve the Lord**

**Hymn:** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" Hymn 359

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Galeries ancien"

**\*Indicates that the congregation will stand**

**Prayer List as of Thursday, December 15**

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  
Stan Spence Sara Faust Sally Holtzman  
Don Hinton Lois Bodnar Pete Byrne  
Susan Stamler Flossie Haug Roceil Shultz

**Serving in the Military**

Andrew Rearick - Serving in Afghanistan  
Tyler Gerber - Serving in Afghanistan

**Prayer Focus for this Week: Love**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Corinthians 13 NIV)

Eternal Father, Hope eternal, Prince of Peace, giver of Joy, Loving God. We thank you that you so loved us that you gave your love in human form through your Son Jesus. Build in us the characteristics of love as declared in 1 Corinthians 13. Give us the strength to love those we despise. But most of all, grow in us the desire to love you more.

**Greeters:** Lisle & Hazel Kunkle, Bob & Lauri Shoup

**Ushers:** Darl Elgin, Richard Wrye, Robert Beatty, Lois Cribbs, Armour Cribbs, Louise Earley, Greg Sipos, Greg Beatty

**The Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Gerald and Jennifer Hartman** by **Mrs. Gerald Hartman**.



*Let us remember that the **Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart** that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world of the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years ...Underneath all the **bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart.***



*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.

**“DOING THE RIGHT THING”** -a six-week adult seminar class on “Ethical Behavior in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” starting January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in the Mack Chapel. A video panel and a live panel will present this class. All are welcome.

**IUP STUDENTS** are invited to a **ROUNDTABLE** discussion in the Campus Room at 9:45 a.m.

**CHURCH TOURS** are available after each service today. Meet your tour guide at the front of the sanctuary after the service (right side).

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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 TODAY.

**THANK YOU** for helping us bake over 200 dozen Christmas cookies. With your generous donations we are able to share cookies with the Salvation Army, Pathway House and our Coffee Hour and Children’s Sunday School classes.

**THE CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will be combined on January 1 and will meet in the Primary room on the second floor.

**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.

**Christmas Eve Services**

**Service of Lessons and Carols  
“Emmanuel: Up Close & Personal”**

*7:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service*

*11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service*

**Christmas Day**

**One Service Only**

*10:30 a.m.*

*“Savoring the Gift”*

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 18**

8:00 a.m. Prayer for Worship - Library  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. Crusaders Choir  
6:30 p.m. Stone Small Groups

**Monday, December 19**

**Tuesday, December 20**

2:30 p.m. Stone Lite  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Deacons - Library

**Wednesday, December 21**

8:00 p.m. Prayer Group - Library  
6:00 p.m. Sharing Friendship Group - L15  
6:30 p.m. Stone  
6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir

**Thursday, December 22**

6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers Bible Study - Eat-N-Park  
10:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting - Room 220  
1:00 p.m. Library  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
6:30 p.m. Grief Share - Library  
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Friday, December 23**

Office Closed for Christmas

**Saturday, December 24**

7:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service  
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Organist . . . . . Evan Bellas

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 2011**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Sermon Series:**

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

**Love in an  
Indifferent  
World**



*“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.” Isaiah 7:14*

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