

**THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE**

December 18, 2011

8:30 a.m.

**Gathering to Worship God**

**Gathering Music:** "This Is Emmanuel" Worship Team  
**Welcome** Edie Milligan  
"God With Us Emmanuel" Worship Team

**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** Jon, Lisa & Joshua Price

**Congregational Response**

**God with Us, Emmanuel**

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by JOEL RANEY

Congregation:  
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:** "My Lord, He Is A-Comin' Soon" Lawrence Winnes/Jeff Cothran

My Lord, He is a-comin' soon;  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.  
Get ev'rything ready for that day;  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

If you're asleep, it's time to wake up;  
Awake, O sleeper, arise.  
If you're in the dark, it's time to be lit;  
Awake, O sleeper, arise! (Chorus)

Come, Lord Jesus, come into my heart;  
Prepare ye the way of the King.  
He is coming, He's coming soon;  
Prepare the way of the King! (Chorus)

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**"The Father's Song"**  
Matt Redman

I have heard so many songs, listened to a thousand tongues  
But there is one that sounds above them all  
The Father's son the Father's love  
You sung it over me and for eternity, it's written on my heart.

Heaven's perfect melody the Creator's symphony  
You are singing over me The Father's song  
Heaven's perfect mystery the King of Love has sent for me  
And now You're singing over me, The Father's song.  
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**"How Great Is Our God"**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, How great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (Chorus)

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: how great is our God! (Repeat) (Chorus)  
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**We Share Our Life Together**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offering**

**Offertory:** "Gloria" Girls Ensemble  
David & Jean Perry  
"Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth be Peace  
for Evermore and Goodwill to All Men"

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Rick Hurley

**Song of Preparation:** "Emmanuel" Bob McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.  
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**"I Stand in Awe"**  
Mark Altrogge

And I stand, I stand in awe of You,  
I stand, I stand in awe of You;  
Holy God, to whom all praise is due,  
I stand in awe of You.

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words,  
Too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard.  
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom,  
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?  
You are beautiful beyond description, majesty enthroned above.  
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**Hearing God's Word**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 9:6

NRSV Pew Bible  
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**Message:** "Love In An Indifferent World"

"...and His name will be called Everlasting Father."

**Go to Serve the Lord**

**\*Closing Song:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymn 2

**\*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 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
Stanley 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:** Brook & Bev McGinnis, Renea Isenberg, Rudy Steffish

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

**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.

**ALTERNATIVE GIFTS:** This is the LAST Sunday to purchase alternative gifts for Christmas, including the colorful bags from the Global Bag Project and the hand-painted towels from Brazil. Visit the display in the Gathering Place during coffee hour TODAY!

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

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

**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.

**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:** Today is your last chance in 2011 to purchase Rwandan coffee. Coffee will be served and sold during coffee hour today. Need a last minute Christmas gift that comes with the good feeling of knowing you are making a difference in the lives of Rwandan coffee farmers and 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 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

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Organist ..... Evan Bellas

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011

8:30 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*