

# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace  
April 14, 2024

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Choral Opening

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

\*The Call to Gathering

Leader: It is Eastertide! He is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: He is going before you. Meet him there!

**People: Help us follow him wherever he goes.**

Leader: He is risen!

**People: He is risen into the world!**

\*The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

*"Great Is Your Faithfulness"*  
(No. 423 v. 1,2)

The Children's Moment

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

A Memorial Moment

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 4: 32, 34-7; Acts 9: 26-7; 11: 19-26

The Choral Meditation

*"The Very Thought of Thee"*

Words of Grace

*"Barnabas And The Spiritual Gift Of Encouragement"*

\*Hymn of Reflection

*"How Firm A Foundation"*  
(No. 407 v. 1,2,5)

\*Benediction

\*The Choral Benediction

*"Near To The Heart of God"*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand*

## **Announcements**

**\*We now have Paypal! You will find a Paypal QR Code in the Midweek, the Sunday bulletin and on the website (or the link). Of course we will still be taking cash and checks with the regular offering each Sunday. The QR code is on the back of the bulletin.**

**Thank you all for your generosity to the Lenten Offering! You brought in 185 pounds of dog food and 39 pounds of diapers and other baby products! We also received financial donations of \$120 to go toward ICM's needs. YOU ROCK!!!**

**\*\*Andora Nicholson will be speaking during Sunday School time on April 7th and 14th to bring news from the Grounds Committee.**

**\*\*April 21st is Earth Day.**

**We will have a Special Covered Dish Luncheon featuring a Deviled Egg Bar and Salads. We ask that everyone bring their favorite salad or dessert.**

### **Birthdays**

*19 - Steve Shoemaker*

### **CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:*

*Our friends on homebound:*

*Nancy Milstead, Tressie Starrette*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Susie Wiberg family, Vera Webster family, Igano family, Misty Seavey, Donna Duncan family, Mabel Brewer family, Jeremy Kalevik family, Janna's mom, Al Fraley, Mark Pitts, MacKinstry family, Louise's brother, Middle East crisis, Sharon Westbrook, Regina Shumaker, Lucas Watt and family, Gina Starrette, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Gay's sister, Brenda, Kirky Kirkman, Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, Clara Rogers, peoples of the Ukraine, Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox, caregivers, healthcare workers, homeless children, our nations immigrants.*

*Those facing tough times, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.*

*Those in the military:*

*Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran, Zach Thompson, Caleb Sisk.*

## **Church Maintenance**

**Before next Sunday - Hamby/S. Johnson**

**April 28 - J. Nicholson**

**May 5 - Hendrix**

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$27,687.00  
Received year to date: \$28,104.51  
OVER budget: \$417.51  
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00  
This Week's Offering: \$691



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We are Grace Baptist Church - a ministering people of God, reaching beyond our walls to the needs of our local and global community. We are an intergenerational faith community called and committed to the life of love and servant-hood through the experience of celebrative worship, the development of each person's gifts and the work for peace and justice.

In our diversity we find strength and a way to understand the inclusiveness of God. We recognize each individual as a child of God. We welcome and affirm ALL people, who and where you are, to join in our common mission through participation and leadership in this community of faith.

We are affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists, the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America and the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

*Ministers: All Members of the Congregation*

Pastor: Steve Shoemaker

Music Director: LeAnda Barnard

Secretary: Lisa Wardo

Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

### **Boards**

Cabinet: Neal Grose

Deacon: Susie Wiberg/ Phyllis Rogers

Mission: Kim McKinney

Education: Linda Marshall

Stewardship: Carole Hendrix/ Jen DeLong

Worship: Doug Hendrix

**WELCOME TO ALL who have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that being here will bring joy, peace and the presence of God to you.**

**If you are interested in joining this congregation, as we seek to discern and live out God's call to us, please speak to our pastor or a deacon (Janna Brown, Steve Coarsey, David Comer, Doug Hendrix, Renae Keesbury, Phyllis Rogers, Susie Wiberg).**

**You are welcome to be a participant in the church activities at Grace.**

You may also contact us by phone at 704-872-5130, or by email at [gracestatesville@gmail.com](mailto:gracestatesville@gmail.com).

Visit our website at [www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org).

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