

# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace  
April 21, 2024

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Choral Opening

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

\*The Call to Gathering

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

**People: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth....**

**And God saw everything that God had made and behold, it was very good.**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**People: Consider the lilies, how they grow. Help us care for them and the soil of the earth considerably.**

Leader: The care of creation is a form of the love of God and neighbor.

**People: On this Earth Day, may our care for the earth be our sacred offering and worship of God, Maker and Lover of all the earth and all its children.**

\*The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

*"I Sing The Mighty Power of God"*  
(No. 12 v. all)

The Children's Moment

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 8: 26-39

Words of Grace

*"A House Open To All: Phillip And The Ethiopian Eunuch"*

The Choral Meditation

*"Hymn of Fellowship"*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*The Words of Institution*

*The Invitation to the Table*

*The Sharing of Bread and Cup*

Everyone is invited to share in communion.

When you are finished, please form a circle around the sanctuary.

If you are not able to come forward, let a deacon know and the elements will be brought to you.

\*Benediction in Song

*"What Does the Lord Require"*

1st Group (repeat 4 times): What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

2nd Group (repeat 3 times): Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

3rd Group (repeat 2 times): To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your 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.**

**Today we are celebrating Earth Day.  
We will have a Special Covered Dish Luncheon featuring a  
Deviled Egg Bar and Salads right after worship.**

### **Birthdays**

21 - Ruby Angell  
25 - Sheri Coarsey

### **Anniversary**

22 - David and Dawn Bradley

## **CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:*

*Our friends on homebound:*

*Nancy Milstead, Clara Rogers, Tressie Starrette*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Susie Wiberg family, Vera Webster family, Igano family, Doris Wilson family, Misty Seavey, Chenevey family, Donna Duncan family, Gay Park, Christian Viera, 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, Kirky Kirkman, Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, 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, Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson, Caleb Sisk.*

## **Church Maintenance**

*Before next Sunday - J. Nicholson*

May 5 - Hendrix

May 12 - Shaver/Corcoran

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$29,655.00  
Received year to date: \$31,106.12  
OVER budget: \$1451.12  
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00  
This Week's Offering: \$3001



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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: 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, Randy Berryhill).*

*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).

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