

## Entrance

### Gathering

#### \*Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
The risen Christ is with us.  
**Praise the Lord!**

#### \*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty – Hymn 64*

### Proclamation and Response

#### Prayer of Illumination

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us. Come Creator into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading – *Galatians 5:13-18* Pat Routh

Sermon *Walk by the Spirit* Mark Gustafson

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### Announcements, Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer

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### Thanksgiving and Communion

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\*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit – Hymn 334*

### Sending Forth

\*Benediction / Going Forth

**Happy Birthday to Patricia Kinlaw (7/8), Mary Cain (7/11), and Gary Grady (7/11)!**  
**Happy Anniversary to Justin & Lindsay Rogers (7/11) and David & Susanne Faircloth (7/13)!**

The cover art is given to the glory of God by Tori Allen.

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## Announcements

Thank you for participating in our Congregational Survey. The Trustees and the Building Committee will meet on July 15, 6 p.m. at the Etown library to discuss the results before we call a church-wide meeting to talk about our next steps.

Our Apple Tree begins today! We have 10 teachers to bless, 3 affiliated with Grace, 4 from Bethlehem, and 3 from Live Oak. Please consider getting some apples, purchasing the gifts, and returning them unwrapped asap.

T-Shirts!

Church Directory. We have a committee working on this.

Youth fun day! July 20 at Grace's new property. Details coming soon.

BCC's Back to School Blast is August 10, 8a-12p. FYI. We are planning to support this with a booth.

We welcome our new bus! We are planning to give a ride after worship soon to Clarkton so those interested can see both! Be praying for this ministry.

In-Home Friendship Gatherings. Please sign up for this ministry as a way of fellowshiping with each other on a personal level!

Live Oak's Food Pantry and Clothes Closet is celebrating its 1-year anniversary on July 11! Please consider donating non-perishable food and/or clothes! The pantry is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10a-12p.

Pastor Mark is going on vacation July 22 – August 2. Rev Francis Daniel will preach on July 28 while I'm away!

### **The BLOG (Bethlehem /Live Oak/ Grace) Prayer List:**

*Mentioned 6/9/2024:* Steve and Debbie Dunham; Patty Scotten; Adele Clark; Alb Inman; Steve Vincent; Bob and Alice Palmer; Betty Tatum's uncle Denny; all military, FD, Police, Rescue, and lineman who keep us safe; family and friends of Louis Brisson (Nanette Inman's family), those lost in the accident in Whiteville.

*Mentioned 6/16/2024:* an unnamed patient of Janice Robbins who may not survive; Taijée (a coworker of Cindy Coble); Mary Rachel Wohlford; Sharon Natale; Jean and Angie Ciani; Mary Stuch; Jacob Chavis; Farrell McDuffie; Betty Jessup; Lisa McLean; the family and friends of Ben Cole.

*Mentioned 6/23/2024:* Malia Smiling and family; Safety for all workers at Cindy Coble's workplace and everywhere; Hazel Autry; Pete Kinlaw; the family and friends of Beth Nance and Kristen Beard.

*Mentioned 6/30/2024:* Rebekah Dixon and her 3 girls; all those battling the heat this summer, including bracing for/cleaning up from hurricanes; a coworker of Hannah Martin's.

*Prayers this week:* Ray Coleson; Alvin Dickerson; Matthew Krause; Joy Grady and family; Linda Schaeffer; Harold Sasser; Billy & Stella Cain.

# *Grace United Methodist Church*

**July 7, 2024**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Service 8:30 am**

### **Our Mission**

***To become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.***

### **Our Vision**

***We welcome everyone into the experience  
of a different story!***

