

Entrance

Gathering

*Call to Worship

Come, sing and dance before the Lord.

Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

Let every soul sing God's praises!

Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us.

*Opening Prayer

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today. You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us, and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. Amen.

*Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory – Hymn 577*

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 – *Mark 6:14-29*

Tori Allen

Sermon *Meanwhile, Back at the Palace* Mark Gustafson

*Affirmation of Faith

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*Passing the Peace

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Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness – Hymn 140

Sending Forth

*Benediction / Going Forth

Happy Birthday to Jessica Lopez (7/16), Randy Page (7/18), and Renee Horton (7/19)!

Happy Anniversary to Larry & Patti Yoder (7/16) and Don & Sharon Natale (7/18)!

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

The flower sign-up sheet has plenty of openings! You may sign up to give flowers by contacting Pastor Mark or by filling out our online sign-up Google Doc.

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Announcements

We need volunteers for Operation Inasmuch, tomorrow morning, beginning at 7 a.m. 531 Hillsboro St. Fayetteville. You will be blessed by serving others breakfast. You might even be feeding Jesus!

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 next Wonderful Wednesday is this week, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bethlehem. Bring a dish to share and we'll fellowship around the table!

Our Apple Tree continues! 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 6/16/2024: 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; 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; the family and friends of Beth Nance and Kristen Beard.

Mentioned 6/30/2024: Rebekah Dixon and her 3 girls; a coworker of Hannah Martin's.

Mentioned 7/7/2024: Ray Coleson; all those battling the heat this summer, including bracing for/cleaning up from hurricanes; Julie Smith; Ruth Feight; Lisa McLean; David Torres; Randy Stamps; Hazel Autry; Pete Kinlaw; the family and friends of Herbert Bernard "Baldie" McKoy.

Prayers this week: Roma Askea; Alvin Dickerson; Matthew Krause; Joy Grady and family; Linda Schaeffer; Harold Sasser; Billy & Stella Cain; the family and friends of Adele Clark.

Grace United Methodist Church

July 14, 2024

**8th 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!*

