

# The Celebration of Worship

## First Sunday of Advent



Community of Grace  
December 2, 2018

### GATHERING

The Prelude  
The Welcome and Announcements  
\*The Choral Opening

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

### RESPONDING

Lighting of the Candle of **HOPE**

\*The Call to Gathering

**Leader:** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound on hope.

**People:** Hope in the Lord, now and forever more!

\*Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

*“Carol Medley”*  
Advent Songbook

The Offertory

### ENGAGING

Prayers of the People

Choral Reflection

*“Gloria, Sing Gloria”*

The Scripture Lessons

Luke 1:5-13, 18-25

The Choral Meditation

*“Come To Us, O Promised One”*

Re-Imagining Salvation

*“Zachariah and Elizabeth”*

### SOJOURNING

\*The Hymn of Benediction

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*  
Advent Songbook

\*Benediction

\*The Choral Benediction

*“Rejoice!”*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Advent begins with Intergenerational Sunday School

December 16 - Christmas Potluck. 5:30pm

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service. 6:00pm

### Birthdays

3 - Anna Beth Parlier

4 - Sloane Goodman

6 - John Barnard

6 - Bob Rawls

8 - Mark Rawls

### CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Stroupe family, Diane Martin family, Jessica Pritchard, Karen Marlowe, Linda Domino, Wally Davis, Carolyn Sharpe, Jack Hickman, John K's mother-Ann, Matt Jordan's family, Debra Shultz, Kathy's stepfather-Jerry, Tree of Life synagogue community, Thousand Oaks victims, those affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Casey Leslie, all God's people, those making decisions concerning gun violence, homeless children, Wild fires in California, our Nations Immigrants, children separated from their parents.

Mary Alice Woods, Tressie Starrette, Nellie Grant, Ernie Hendrix, Rosemary Rector, Ernestine Lanford, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Beecher Grose.

Those facing tough times: those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, Caleb Sisk.

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$78,469.32

Received year to date: \$79,398.19

OVER budget: \$928.87

Weekly needs: \$1669.56

### **Our Life Together**

Monday  
8pm - NA

Wednesday  
7pm - Choir rehearsal

Friday  
8pm - NA

Next Sunday  
10am - Sunday School  
11am - Worship

## Second Hour Helpers

Today - Andora Nicholson and Tom Wiberg

Alt. Bryan Starrette

December 9 - Carole Hendrix and Mike Shaver

Alt. Phyllis Rogers

December 16 - Nancy Davis and Marsha Angell

Alt. Linda Marshall

## Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - D. Rogers

December 16 - Starrette/Lippard

December 21- Coarsey

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 and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.

*Ministers: All Members of the Congregation*

Pastor: Steve Shoemaker

Music Director: LeAnda Barnard

Secretary: Lisa Wardo

Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

### Boards

Cabinet: David Comer

Deacon: Nichole Tilley/ Randy Berryhill

Mission: Gay Shaver/ Phyllis Munson

Education: Katelyn Johns

Stewardship: Tom Wiberg

Worship: LeAnda Barnard

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

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

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 church member. 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).