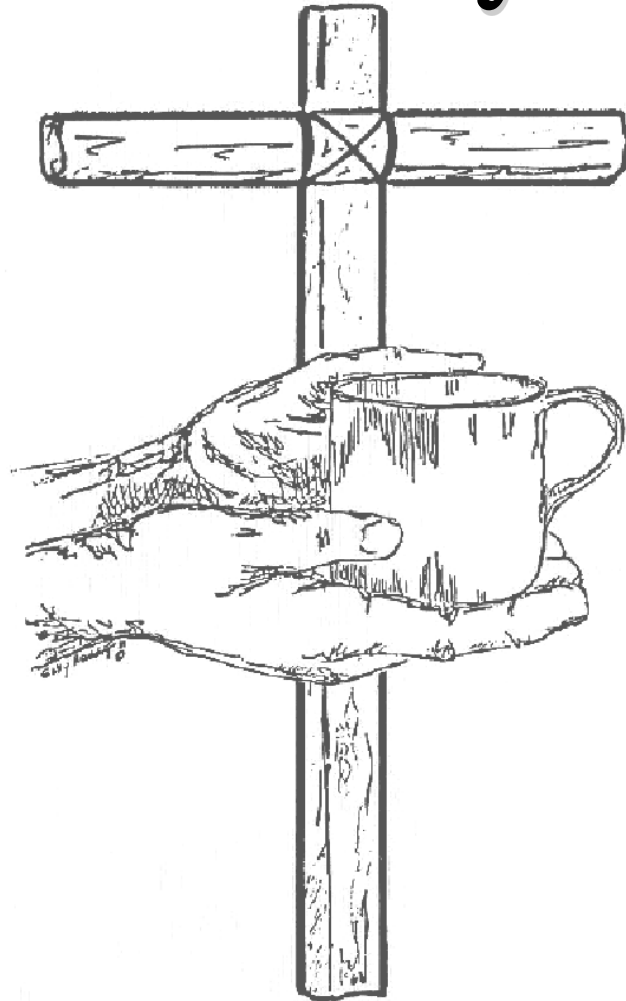


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
October 13, 2024

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Choral Opening

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Happy, blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path of sinners, or sit down in the seat of scoffers,

People: But rather, the teaching of the Lord is their delight, and on that teaching they learn day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither, and all they do thrives.

People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Leader: The Lord cherishes the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

People: Let us walk in the ways of the Lord.

(From Psalm 1)

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"
(No. 42 v. 1,2,4)

The Children's Moment

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

Prayers for Our Nation

The Scripture Lesson

Esther 4: 10-11

The Choral Meditation

"In All Things God Works for Our Good"

Words of Grace

"Queen Esther and The Urgency of Now"

*Hymn of Reflection

"Amazing Grace"
(No. 547 v. 1,3,4)

*Benediction

*The Choral Benediction

"Grant Us Thy Peace"

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

***Today is our Covered Dish Fundraiser Celebration following worship!
This will be a time for us to enjoy each other's company and be updated on how much has been raised toward the capital campaign.**

***October 26th– We have been invited to BBB (BBQ,Bingo and Boa's)
This is a fundraiser for the "Be Like Susie" Scholarship.**

***Mark your Calendars for:
Scary Supper, October 27th. More info to come.**

**Our Davis Lecture Series coming November 17th.
Rev. Amy Butler will be our speaker.**

**Our Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at the
Congregation Emanuel on November 27th.**

Birthdays

13 - Millie Corcoran
14 - Ulysses Marshall
16 - Brandon Tilley
16 - Grady Adams

Anniversary

18 - John and Melissa Hendrix

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

*Our friends on homebound:
Nancy Milstead & Clara Rogers*

Those issues close to us:

*All those affected by Hurricane Helene, Tom Wiberg, Jan Ambrose,
James, Shakira, Kyle & Patricia, Rebecca Beaver, Bob Barber, Jennifer Jolly's mother, Walter Arreaza,
Alf Fraley, Louise's brother, Jack, Middle East crisis, Lucas Watt and family, Wild fires in the west,
Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff,
Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, peoples of the Ukraine,
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:

James Pulliam, Adam Ivey, Anthony Corcoran, Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson, Caleb Sisk.

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Hamby/S. Johnson

October 27 - J. Nicholson

November 3 - Hendrix

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$79,080.00
Received year to date: \$73,149.96
UNDER budget: \$5930.04
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00
This Week's Offering: \$2246.56



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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.

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