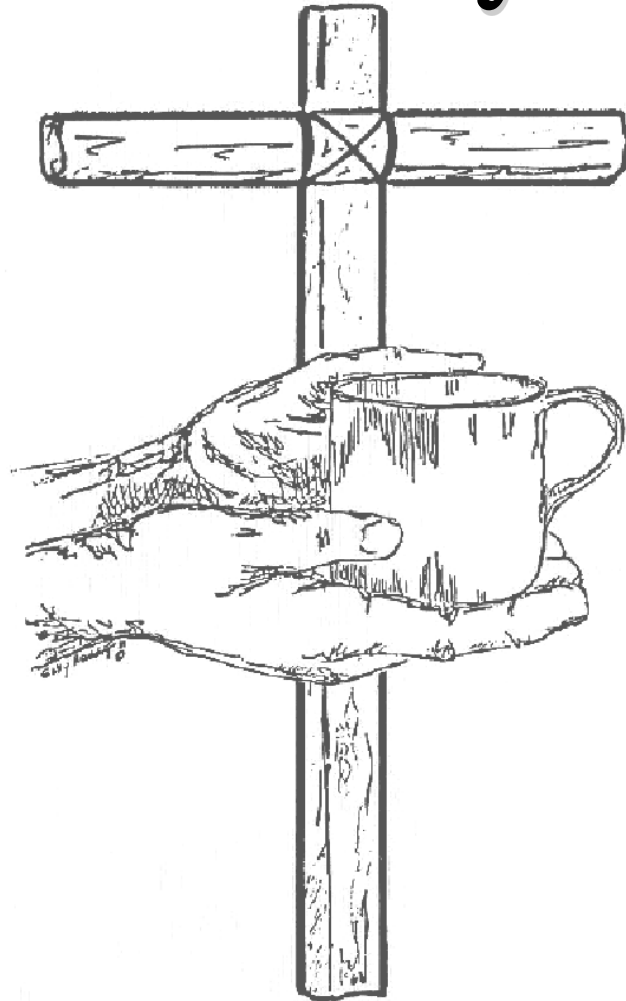


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
January 12, 2025

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

"Sing To the Lord A Praise Song"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Lord, in you and through you and by you, we have our being.

People: We give thanks for the ways in which you strengthen, encourage and pour life into us.

Leader: Remind us, Lord, of our shared life in one another.

People: Together, we pray for hearts that are encouraged and drawn together through your love.

Leader: Together, give us minds that seek wisdom and knowledge.

People: Together, help us to recognize the strong ties to each other and our community.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"Praise to the Living God"
(No. 8 v. 1,2,4)

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 10:24-25

The Choral Meditation

"Be Thou My Vision"

Words of Grace

"Can't Go it Alone"

*Hymn of Reflection

"Called As Partners in Christ Service"
(No. 495 v. 1,3,4)

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"God Be With You"

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

This year's Advent offering will support The Back@Home program with Fifth Street Ministries. This program attempts to get people into permanent housing quickly, sometimes even bypassing staying at the shelter. Of course, this means the families need almost anything to set up a household.

We will stay quite specific in our Advent offering. We'll be collecting sheets, towels, and kitchen supplies, along with cash, to support this program. For the purposes of this offering we will only accept New items.

Birthdays

*12 - Tipton and Ezra Tosco
13 - Carole Hendrix
16 - Worth E Williams II
18 - Jon Christian Comer*

CONCERNS

*Continue to remember:
Our friends on homebound:
Nancy Milstead, Clara Rogers.*

Those issues close to us:

Janna Brown's family, Lisa B Onley family, All those affected by Hurricane Helene, Gay's sister, Brenda, Mike Duncan family, James, Shakira, Rebecca Beaver, Walter Arreaza, Alf Fraley, Louise's brother, Jack, Middle East crisis, Lucas Watt and family, Wild fires in California, 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.*

BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$1992.00
Received year to date: \$1735.00
UNDER budget: \$257.00
Weekly needs: \$1,992.00
This Week's Offering: \$1735.00

Fundraising Campaign
Goal: \$63,000
Gifts To Date: \$53,090.00

Church Maintenance

*Before next Sunday - Barnard
January 26 - Nicholson/Davis
February 2 - Wardo*



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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: Doug Hendrix

Mission: Kim McKinney

Education: Linda Marshall

Stewardship: Carole Hendrix/ Jen DeLong

Worship: LeAnda Barnard

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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