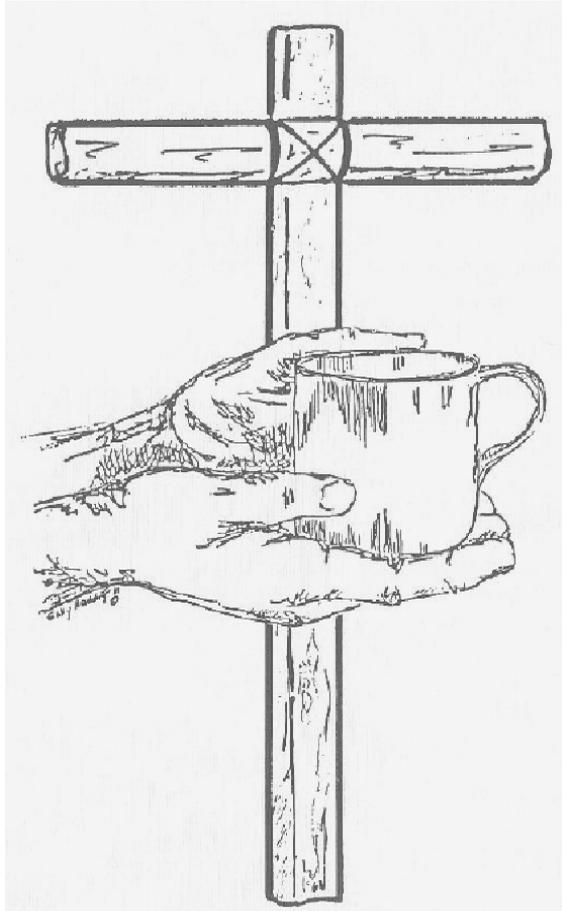


# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace  
Season of Grace  
August 7, 2022

## "HERE WE WALK"

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

\*Congregational Opening

*"Celebrate"*

*Celebrate, come celebrate.*

*Join in as God's people in worship and singing.*

*Celebrate, come celebrate.*

*Rejoice as we witness God's love.*

*In God's love we are unified;*

*by God's grace we've grown.*

*Celebrate, come celebrate,*

*Praise God for we are God's own.*

\*The Call to Gathering

Leader: We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord,

**People: with all our heart!**

Leader: We will sing Your praises before all creation,

**People: and rejoice in Your steadfast love!**

Leader: You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself,

**All: In You we become everything You have made us to be!**

\*Invocation

Piano Meditation with gathering of offering

Nancy Davis

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

2 Peter 1:5-8

The Choral Meditation

*"Prayer of Consecration"*

Words of Grace

*"Do The Math"*

\*Benediction

\*The Congregational Benediction

*"Go in Peace, Walk in Love"*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand*

## **Announcements**

\*We Welcome Rev. Debbie Kidd to the pulpit today. For many years Debbie was an important part of our community's ministry to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. As the Program Director for the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network in Charlotte from 1997 to 2012, Rev. Kidd assisted with the work of the Iredell County HIV/AIDS Task Force, which was made up of several Grace members along with other community leaders and public health officials. A graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary – before the “takeover” – Rev. Kidd then received her Clinical Pastoral Education and served as a chaplain with the North Carolina Air National Guard. In addition to being a “reverence”, she is also a Lieutenant Colonel and retired in 2017 as the Wing Chaplain for the 145th Airlift Wing of the National Guard. Debbie is a long-time friend of Grace and we are delighted to welcome her back.

\*The Cabinet has announced that masks are now optional while inside the building.

\*Our Season of Grace offering will be The Foundry House which is an 8 month residential recovery program that gives men coming out of incarceration a chance for recovery and re-entry.

### **Birthdays**

8 - Shelly Rogers  
9 - Maegan Wardo Milstead  
10 - Thomas Brown  
11 - George Keesbury

### **CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:  
Our friends on homebound:*

*Sarah Adams, Nancy Milstead, Tressie Starrette, Irene Shoemaker.*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Linda Sample family, Mary Jean Grose family, the Brown family, CJ Arnesen, Janice's father, Bill, Rebecca Davis, Bill Mashburn, Crystal Weber, Debbie Laws, Benjamin, Kirky Kirkman, Clara Rogers, Gary, Patti, and Paxton West, Vera Webster, Coleman, Fran Pratt, peoples of the Ukraine, Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox, 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:*

*Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran, Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk, Brian Saxton, Jacob Taylor and Ethan Dowden, Justin Steele, 30th Brigade.*

### **Church Maintenance**

*Before next Sunday - Hamby/Hurst  
August 21 - Corcoran/Nicholson  
August 28 - Hendrix*

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$63,922.00  
Received year to date: \$55,843.00  
UNDER budget: \$8079.00  
Weekly needs: \$2062.00

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: John Barnard*

*Deacon: Brandon Tilley*

*Mission: Susie Wiberg*

*Education: Sue Shoemaker*

*Stewardship: Johnny Marshall*

*Worship: Nancy Davis*

*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.

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