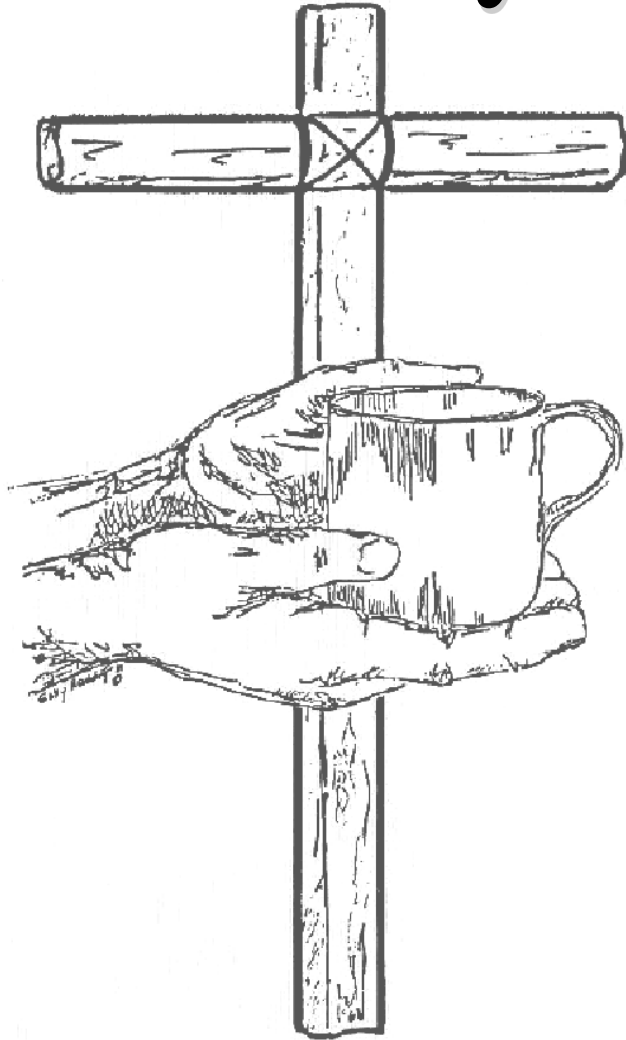


# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace  
February 11, 2024

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Choral Opening

*"O God Our Help in Ages Past"*

\*The Call to Gathering

Leader: O Lord, my heart is not too proud, my eyes are not raised too high.

**People: I do not occupy myself with things too great, and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul;**

Leader: Like a child that is quieted is my soul.

**People: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives but as I give."**

Leader: Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid"

**People: "In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!"**

\*The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

*"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"*  
(No. 18 v. 1,3)

Black History Moment

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Psalm 73

The Choral Meditation

"Be Still"

Words of Grace

"I Had Almost Slipped!: On Envy, Despair and Trust."

\*Hymn of Benediction

*"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"*  
(No. 281 v. all)

\*Benediction

\*The Choral Benediction


*"Speak Lord, In the Stillness"*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand*

## **Announcements**

\*The Stewardship Board is offering a new option for giving to the church.  
We now have Paypal! You will find a Paypal QR Code in the Midweek,  
the Sunday bulletin and on the website (or the link).  
Of course we will still be taking cash and checks with the regular offering each Sunday.  
The QR code is on the back of the bulletin.

\*Our Ash Wednesday Service is this Wednesday, February 14th. 6 pm.   
Short service. You can take your sweetie out afterwards!!  
And this is the start of Lent!

\*Enneagram Lenten Study  
Led by Rev. Carrilea Hall

Do some soul work this Lenten season and join us for a 5-week exploration of the Enneagram. Sunday afternoons at 4:30 from Feb 18 to March 24 (excluding March 3). Together we will learn some of the basics of the enneagram, the 9 different personality types, the underlying motivations that drive our thoughts, emotions, and actions, and how this tool can be used for self-growth and transformation. Richard Rohr describes the enneagram as “a wonderful tool that can help us see and let go of the false self—which masks the image of God within us—and allow us to live from our True Self—the unique manifestation of Love that God intends us to be.”

Recommended book if you are not familiar with the Enneagram: “The Road Back to You.”

\*Also Join us for:

“This Thing Called Grace” scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28 and March 6, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. It is an introduction to who we are as a church, our history, how we work together and what makes us tick. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary so we can plan for meals and childcare!

### **Birthdays**

13 - Korbin Anderson  
13 - Brooke Bradley  
13 - Cameron Bradley Alexander  
15 - Patti West

### **Anniversary**

14 - Mike and Gay Shaver

## **CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:*

*Our friends on homebound:*

*Nancy Milstead, Tressie Starrette*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Sarah Adams family, Misty Seavey, Peggy Davis Gold family, Bill Mashburn family, Barbara Lynch, Justice, Mark Pitts, Kimberly Comer, Brad and Julie Henry, Bobbie and her mother, Ray Fulmer, Middle East crisis, Sharon Westbrook, Regina Shumaker, Lucas Watt and family, Lisa Malone, Gina Starrette, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Gay's sister, Brenda, Kirky Kirkman, Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, Clara Rogers, Vera Webster, 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, Zach Thompson, Caleb Sisk, Brian Saxton, 30th Brigade.*

## **Psalm 73**

(Grail translation, adapted )

A. How good God is to Israel,  
to those who are pure in heart.

A. I strove to fathom this problem,  
too hard for my mind to understand.

B. Yet my feet came close to stumbling,  
my steps had almost slipped.

B. Until I entered the sanctuary of God  
and understood what becomes of the wicked.

A. For I was filled with envy of the proud,  
when I saw how the wicked prosper.

A. How slippery the paths of on which you set  
them,  
you make them slide to destruction.

B. For them there are no pains;  
their bodies are sound and sleek.

B. How suddenly they come to their ruin,  
swept away, destroyed by terrors.

A. They do not share in human sorrows,  
they are not stricken like others.

A. And so when my heart grew embittered  
and when I was cut to the quick,

B. So they wear their pride like a necklace,  
they clothe themselves with violence.

B. I was stupid and did not understand,  
No better than a water-ox toward you.

A. Their minds overflow with malice,  
their minds seethe with plots.

A. Yet I was always in your presence;  
you were holding me by my right hand.

B. They scoff; they speak with malice;  
from on high they plan oppression.

B. You will guide me by your counsel  
and so you will lead me to glory.

A. So people turn to follow them  
and drink in all their words.

A. My body and my heart faint for joy;  
God is my possession forever.

B. Look at them, such are the wicked,  
but untroubled they grow in wealth.

B. To be near God up is my happiness.  
I have made the Lord God my refuge.

A. How useless to keep my heart in inno-  
cence,  
when I was stricken all day long.

All: I will tell of all your works  
at the gates of the city of Zion.

B. Then I said, “ If I should speak like this,  
I would be untrue to the generation of your  
children.”

**Church Maintenance**  
*Before next Sunday* - Angell  
February 25 - Marshall  
March 3 - Berryhill

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$9885.00  
Received year to date: \$13,720.23  
OVER budget: \$3835.23  
Weekly needs: \$1977.00  
This Week's Offering: \$2271.33



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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: Susie Wiberg/ 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, Susie Wiberg).*

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

You may also contact us by phone at 704-872-5130, or by email at [gracestatesville@gmail.com](mailto:gracestatesville@gmail.com).

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