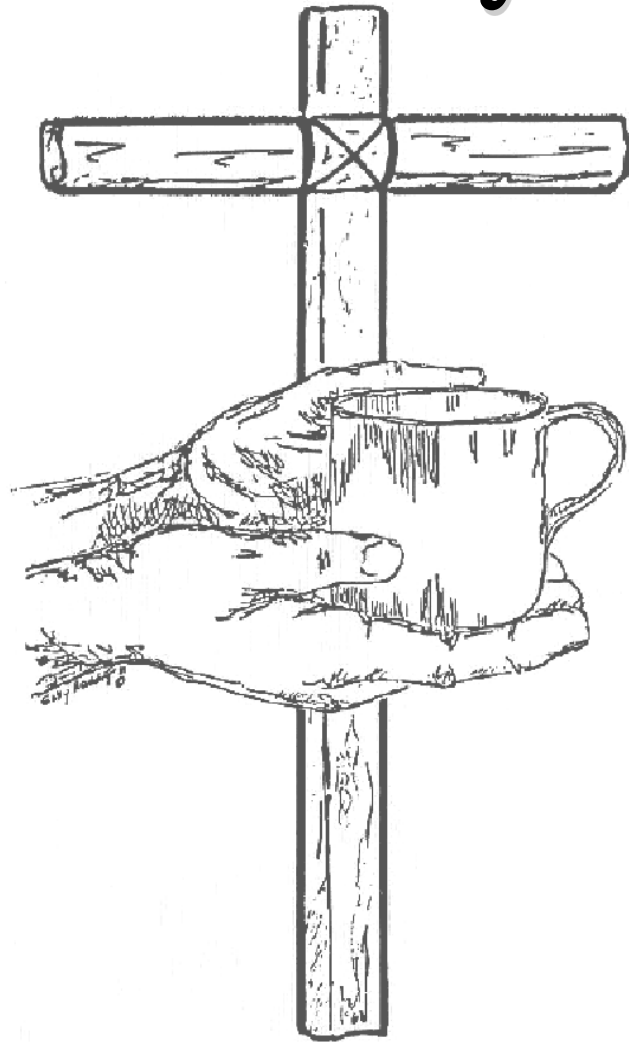


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
January 14, 2024

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Choral Opening

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

People: For God sent the son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and the one who loves is born of God and knows God.

People: God is love, and those who love abide in God and God abides in them.

All: A new commandment I give you, that you love one another....

By this all will know that you are my disciples.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
(No. 43 v. 1,2,4))

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:1-4

Words of Grace

"The 12 Days Of Christmas"
Sue and Steve Shoemaker

*Hymn of Reflection

"Be Now My Vision"
(No. 451 v. 1,2,3,)

The Choral Benediction

"Speak Lord, In the Stillness"

*Benediction

*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).
The QR code is on the back of the bulletin.**

***Our Advent offering this year is collecting items to make Blessing Bags for FeedNC.
Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule for all the information.**

***29th Annual MLK Celebration
Community Breakfast-Monday the 15th
Statesville Civic Center. 7:00am**

***Annual Church Retreat
January 19, 2024
6:00pm, Dinner is provided.
Please contact Carole if you can provide a
Crockpot of chili/ soup for the evening meal.
This is our time to dream and plan
for the year. We need everyone**

***Potluck Sunday
January 21st. After Worship.
We will be putting our “Blessing Bags” together.**

Birthdays

*16 - Worth E Williams II
18 - Jon Christian Comer*

CONCERNS

*Continue to remember:
Our friends on homebound:
Sarah Adams, Nancy Milstead, Tressie Starrette
Those issues close to us:*

*Katelyn Corcoran, River, Peggy Davis Gold family, Barbara Lynch, Mark Pitts, Bobbie and her mother,
Ray Fulmer, Middle East crisis, Pam Stamey, Sharon Westbrook, Mike Joines, Regina Shumaker,
Neal's cousin, Jean's cousin, Amber, Lucas Watt and family, Lisa Malone, Gina Starrette,
Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Gay's sister, Brenda,
Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson,
Ray Smith, 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.*

The Twelve Days Of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my true God gave to me:
The only begotten son.

Second day:
Two Testaments

Third Day:
The Holy Trinity

Fourth day:
Four Gospel Stories

Fifth Day:
Five Gifts of Christ

Sixth Day:
Six Great Commissions

Seventh Day:
Seven Lively Virtues

Eight Day:
Eight Churchly Graces

Ninth Day:
Nine Fruits Of The Spirit

Tenth Day:
Ten Laws Of Moses

Eleventh Day:
Eleven True Disciples

Twelfth Day:
Twelve Tribes Of Israel

Church Maintenance
Before next Sunday - Shoemaker/Scanlan
February 4 - Barnard
February 11 - Wardo

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$1977.00
Received year to date: \$1360.00
UNDER budget: \$617.00
Weekly needs: \$1977.00
This Week’s Offering: \$1360.00



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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: John Barnard
Deacon: Louise Grose
Mission: Kim McKinney
Education: Linda Marshall
Stewardship: Carole Hendrix/Jen Long
Worship: Doug Hendrix

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,
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