

The Celebration of Worship



Grace
Baptist CHURCH
July 21, 2024

Season of Grace

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Congregational Opening

"This Is My Story"

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Jesus taught about the kingdom of God in parables like these:

People: "As trees from tiny seeds can grow, as yeast expands the lifeless dough, as light, unhampered, shines around, so does God's gracious love abound.

Leader: As hidden treasure is reclaimed, we, God's people are renamed, for us, the pearl, long sought, is found, Christ is our treasure sure and sound.

People: We are not promised weedless fields, nor are we given equal yields, but God's true faithfulness shall stay, with us, supporting all the way.

Leader: As coins, once lost, are found with joy, as Jesus loves each boy and girl,
All: So we, now found by God rejoice, lifting in praise one voice and heart."

(Jane Parker Huber)

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"O Gracious God, Your Word Is Cast"
(Insert)

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Words of Grace

"Parable of the Sower"

The Choral Meditation

"Remember Me"
Donn Wardo

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

Everyone is invited to share in communion.

When you are finished, please form a circle around the sanctuary.

If you are not able to come forward, let a deacon know and the elements will be brought to you.

*Benediction in Song

"What Does the Lord Require"

1st Group (repeat 4 times): What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

2nd Group (repeat 3 times): Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

3rd Group (repeat 2 times): To seek justice and love kindness and walk

humbly with your God.

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

Our summer schedule will run through the end of August.
Worship only at 10:00am with no Sunday School.
We will occasionally have Talkback.

We Welcome Rev. Carrilea Hall to the pulpit today!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!! Is today, July 21st at Fifth Street Ministries.
Don't forget to pick up your Drive through Lunch. Available after worship!

SPEAK LIFE AND LIVE READING CAMP!!! July 22-26, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Enthusiastic volunteers who are passionate about literacy and working with children are needed to help with this summer's Reading Camp. Whether you can commit to the entire week or just a few days, your support is invaluable! If you are interested, please email lesliespeaklife@gmail.com by July 1st.

Birthdays

24 - LeElaine Comer
24 - Marco Corcoran
26 - Phyllis Rogers
27 - Nichole Tilley

Anniversary

27 - John and Andora Nicholson

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

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

Those issues close to us:

Susie Wiberg family, Billy Harbille, Gay Park, Christian Viera family, Darren & Tia, James, Shakira, Jennifer Jolly's mother, Janna's mom, Walter Arreaza, Al Fraley, Louise's brother, Jack, Bailey's friend, Nikki Crawford, Middle East crisis, Sharon Westbrook, Regina Shumaker, Rebecca, Lucas Watt and family, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Kirky Kirkman, Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, 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, Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson, Caleb Sisk.

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Barnard

August 4 - Nicholson/Davis

August 11 - Wardo

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$53,379.00
Received year to date: \$52,870.21
UNDER budget: \$508.79
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00
This Week's Offering:



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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.

You may also contact us by phone at 704-872-5130, or by email at gracestatesville@gmail.com.

Visit our website at www.gracestatesville.org.

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