

The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday The Greening Of Our Faith

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Rise heart! Your Lord is risen! Sing his praise without delays.

People: For he takes you by his hand that you may likewise with him rise!

Leader: It is I. I am with you. Alleluia! Be not afraid! Alleluia!

People: We bring our flowers to show the way, for he who rises from the grave has brought our faith to flowering life.

All: "Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cressed east, more brightening us, as his reign rolls!"

*The Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Insert

The Offertory

Leader: "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I had also received:

People: That he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared to the women, then to Peter and the twelve.

Leader: Then he appeared to more than five hundred, at one time, then to James and to all the apostles, then lastly to me." (1 Corinthians 15:4-8, adapted)

People: Alleluia. He is risen!

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 16: 1-7

The Easter Cantata

"Reflections in the Garden"

"Prepare Ye The Way"

"I Choose You"

"If You Search With All Your Heart"

"Be Still"

"Greatest Gift Is Love"

*Easter Medley (With Congregation)

Insert

*Benediction

*Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

Announcements

**Our Lenten offering this season is collecting diapers and pet food to be distributed by ICM. Financial donations designated for "Lenten Offering" will go toward that ongoing need as well.

*April 12th is Earth Day.

Andora Nicholson will be speaking during Sunday School time on April 7th and 14th, to bring news from the Grounds Committee.

*Garden Plots are still available.
See Janice Comer.

***Save the Date: Spring Clean Up
Saturday, April 13 9-12: Spruce Up Church Grounds:
Mulch and Trim bushes, etc, etc.!

Birthday

31 - Sam Scott

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Nancy Milstead, Tressie Starrette

Those issues close to us:

Vera Webster family, Igano family, Ryan McCoy family, Misty Seavey, Donna Duncan family, Jeremy Kalevik family, Janna's mom and dad, Barbara Lynch, Justice, Mark Pitts, Kimberly Comer, Brad and Julie Henry, 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, 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.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

Jesus on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation shed;
But the crucified Redeemer now is risen from the dead!

Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of your face;
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by God's liberating deed;
Now the Christ with us abiding to eternal life shall lead.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the God of joy;
Alleluia to the Savior who came death's bonds to destroy;
Alleluia our Creator, Fount of love and sanctify;
Alleluia! Alleluia! On this day of joy we see.

Easter Medley

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King, throughout eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;

His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Lippard/Keesbury

April 14 - Tilley

April 21 - Hamby/S Johnson

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$23,724.00
Received year to date: \$23,671.80
UNDER budget: \$52.20
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00



Use this QR code for PayPal

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

*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.

Visit our website at www.gracestatesville.org.

Our Facebook page is: Grace Baptist Church of Statesville, NC

Steve Shoemaker can be reached directly at 704-591-0192 or shoe1948@yahoo.com