

The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
November 19, 2023

The Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence

The Prelude

The Choral Opening

"All Good Gifts"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

**People: I sought the Lord, and God answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Look to the Lord and be radiant; so that your faces will never be ashamed.

**People: O taste and see that God is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.**

(Psalm 34)

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"Come, O Thankful People, Come"
No. 422 (v. all)

The Children's Moment

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Haggai 2: 4-5, 9. Matthew 5: 43-45 & Romans 8:28

Words of Grace

"God's Providence And Our Gratitude"

The Choral Meditation

"Celtic Laud"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Invitation to the Table

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

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). This allows you to use your paypal account or credit card to make a donation to the church. Of course we will still be taking cash and checks with the regular offering each Sunday.

As a reminder, our giving to date is way behind.

We need all to join in and give for the well being of our church..

The QR code is on the back of the bulletin.

***November Happenings:**

***The Scouts 555 are having a spaghetti dinner take out at the church on Monday, November 20th (\$10/plate)4:30-7:00pm.**

***Our Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service is on Tuesday, November 21, at 6 pm at The Unity Center. at 1145 Salisbury Rd.**

We have asked the Iredell Clergy group to co- sponsor it with us

Birthdays

21 - Christian Nicholson
23 - Nancy Milstead
24 - Casey Adams

Anniversary

25 - Bob and Lisa Barber

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Sarah Adams, Nancy Milstead, Tressie Starrette

Those issues close to us:

Peggy Davis Gold family, Barbara Lynch, Paul's friend with pancreatic cancer, Middle East crisis, Pam Stamey, Sharon Westbrook, Mike Joines, Jenna's uncle, Jim's mother, Jean's friend, Ronnie, 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.

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Wiberg

December 3 - Grose

December 10 - Comer

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$93,748.00

Received year to date: 81,387.58

UNDER budget: \$12,360.42

Weekly needs: \$2038.00

This Week's Offering: \$2131.50



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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

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,

or by email at gracestatesville@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.gracestatesville.org.

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