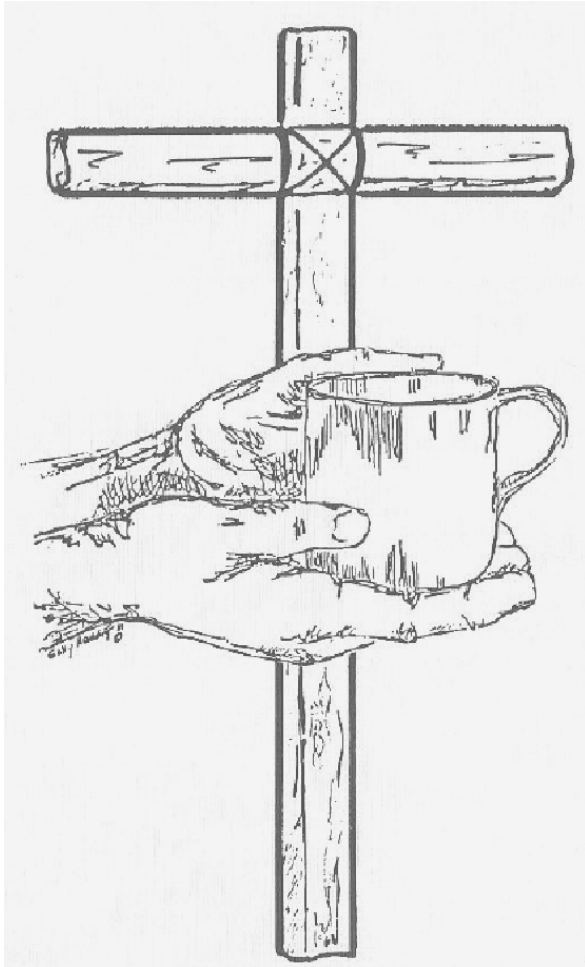


# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace  
September 12, 2021

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Gathering

Leader: O, give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, God's steadfast love endures for ever.

**People: God keeps faith forever, executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: Let the people say: " God's steadfast love endures forever ."**

Invocation

The Choral Opening

*"I Will Celebrate"*

Prayers of the People

Piano Meditation

Layne Adams

The Scripture Lesson    1 Corinthians 15: 3-7; Acts 2: 17; and Matthew 5:17 and Matthew 15:1-3.

The Choral Meditation

*"Sing Ye Joyfully"*

Words of Grace

*"Grace At 50: Traditioning and Visioning"*

Benediction

*\*Postlude*

## **Announcements**

The Cabinet has announced that we will continue to wear masks indoors until further notice.

The Mission offering for Season of Grace for the Little Free Libraries is complete. We were able to equip 3 libraries. Thanks to all those who helped with this project.

**Church Giving:** Please remember there are three ways to continue to help Grace meet budgetary needs.

1. Drop your offering in the plate located right inside the front door of our church.
2. Mail your check to Grace Baptist Church,  
719 Club Drive, Statesville, North Carolina 28677
2. Mail your check to our Church Treasurer, Jo Salisbury,  
2450 East Broad Street, Statesville, North Carolina 28625

### **Birthdays**

13 - John Gerard Chesnut

18 - Jordan West Barker

18 - Sydney Koppelmeyer Steele

### **CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:*

*Our friends on homebound:*

*Tressie Starrette, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Irene Shoemaker.*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Mary Milstead family, Fran Pratt, Marco Gomez, David Eroh and family,  
All those affected by Hurricane Ida, Teresa Bergandine Campbell, Kenneth Davis,  
Roger Davies, Jessica Pritchard, Chasey Coarsey's grandfather, Kim's mom,  
Emma's friend, Stacey, Sean Abercrombie, Kim Elliott, peoples of Afghanistan,  
5 month old, River, Cameron Gray, Linda Shaver, Margaret Hayes, Nicky Wilson,  
Jamie Stewart, Vera Webster, Nancy Milstead, Spencer Cox, Linda Sample,  
rural Washington fires, caregivers, and 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:*

*Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig,  
Anthony Corcoran, Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk, Brian Saxton,  
Jacob Taylor and Ethan Dowden, Justin Steele, 30th Brigade.*

### **Church Maintenance**

*Before next Sunday* - Nicholson/Davis

September 26 - Wardo

October 3 - Angell

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$72,170.00  
Received year to date: \$64,003.00  
UNDER budget: \$8167.00  
Weekly needs: \$2062.00

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: Leigh Brown

Mission: Susie Wiberg

Education: Sue Shoemaker

Stewardship: Johnny Marshall

Worship: Nancy Davis

*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](mailto:gracestatesville@gmail.com). Visit our website at [www.gracestatesville.org](http://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](mailto:shoe1948@yahoo.com)