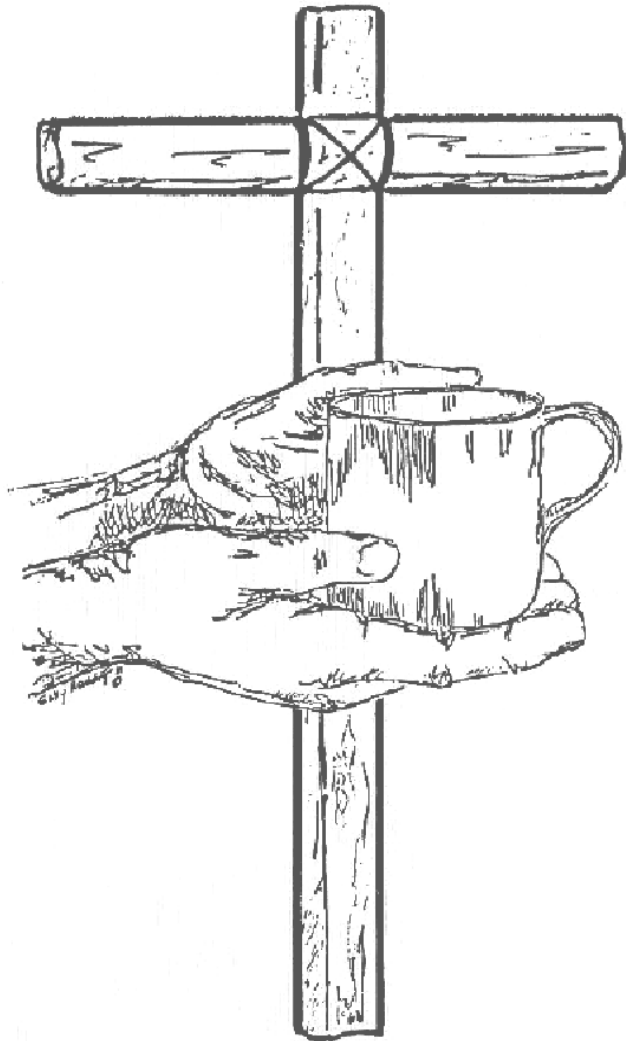


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
September 17, 2023

The Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence

The Prelude

The Choral Opening

"Praise Ye The Lord"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**People: For God is our God, and we are the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.**

(Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7)

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good"
(No. 6 v. 1,2,4)

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

John 4: 21-24. Colossians 3:14-17

Words of Grace

"What Is The Worship God Loves?"

The Choral Meditation

"Communion Hymn"

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

We are back to our regular schedule with Sunday School at 10am and worship at 11am.

*Our Season of Grace offering is ending soon. It is going to Iredell Adult Care Services (formerly known as the Eldercenter). They look after the elderly and mildly developmentally disabled adults from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the week. Cash donations should be designated in the offering.

A list of other needs are in the midweek.

*Today, please join us for our Covered Dish Lunch following the church service. Enjoy some "table" fellowship! Bring your favorite casseroles, salads, desserts, concoctions!

*September 20 - Peace Keeper Training.
6:30-8:30 pm. Dinner provided.

Please sign up (see bulletin board in the back) by Sunday September 17th.

*September 23 - Statesville Pride
Downtown Statesville. 12 noon to 4pm.

*Oct. 8-9 - Davis Lectures featuring
Dr. Bill Leonard.

Birthdays

18 - Jordan West Barker
18 - Sydney Koppelmeyer
23 - Ian McMillan

Anniversary

19 - Forrest and Layne Adams
20 - David and Janice Comer
20 - Neal and Louise Grose
21 - Stephen and Emma Chesnut

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Sarah Adams, Nancy Milstead, Tressie Starrette

Those issues close to us:

Susie Miller, Patrick and Katy Madden, the peoples of Maui, Paul's friend with pancreatic cancer, Rachael and her children, (Riley and Chase). Darren Miles family, Louise's brother, Jack, Jean's friend, Ronnie, Tony and Tammy, Kelly Daspit, Cindy Johnson, Will Fanjoy, Jennifer Martin, Eli Jordan family, Gina Starrette, Michelle Rokes, Autumn Harris, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Christian Viera, Gay's sister, Brenda, Gina Ellis, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, Marian Archibald, 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 - Angell

October 1 - Marshall

October 8 - Berryhill

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$75,406.00
Received year to date: \$65,031.12
UNDER budget: \$10,374.88
Weekly needs: \$2038.00

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: 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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