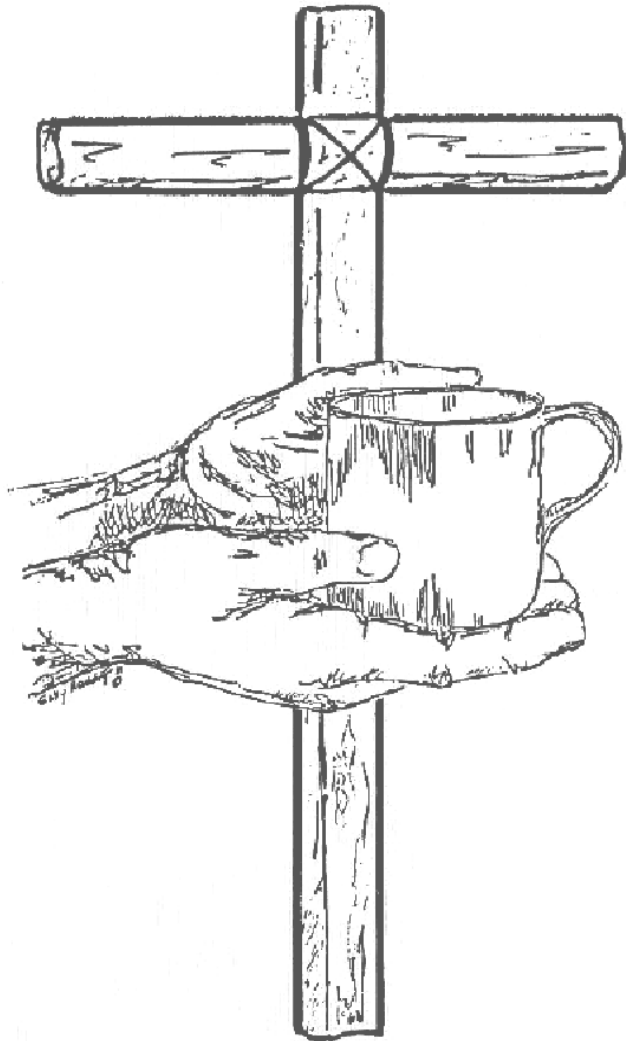


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
September 24, 2023

The Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence

The Prelude

The Choral Opening

"Praise Ye The Lord"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Why is there so much trouble in the world?

Why is time wasted In destruction planning?

People: There are those who place personal power above everything, even their own people.

Leader: God knows their plans will achieve no good.

People: God shares authority with those who are humble; with those who work for the good of all.

Leader: Come to your senses you who wield power.

People: Learn to serve the Lord with joy.

(Patricia Stevenson, inspired by Psalm 2)

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"The Tapestry of Faith"
(Insert)

The Children's Moment

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 9: 20-24 and John 20: 26-29

The Choral Meditation

"Unto the Hills"

Words of Grace

"On Faith, Doubt and Certainty"

*Benediction

*The Choral Benediction

"Blest Be The Tie"

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

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

***The roll out of the Grace Logo.** Emma Wegmiller

***Today, we will have a short church conference before worship.**

***Thanks to all those who made donations for the Iredell Adult Day Care
Services. \$325 was raised and lots of other goodies!**

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

Birthdays

26 - Andora Nicholson
27 - John Koppelmeyer

Anniversary

24 - Terry and Diane Hamby

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.*

The Tapestry of Faith

Days of joy and days of struggle, Days of seeking God's new dream;

Days of fruit and days of waiting, Faith to trust what can't be seen;

Through the days and years together, runs a clear and constant thread

Of the love of God here with us, by whose Spirit we are led.

Faces new and faces weathered, Through the living of the days;

Faith that's new and faith well-practiced, Even faith that's lost its way;

Gathered here we all are diff'rent, Yet we claim to be made one,

By the thread that's ever near us, Life together in the Son.

Like a tapestry, we're woven, with these threads so fine and true -

All the people, all the moments, all the work we've sought to do,

All are woven up together, giving color, giving shape

But in God we're knit together, with the constant thread of Grace.

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Marshall

October 8 - Berryhill

October 15 - J Brown

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.

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