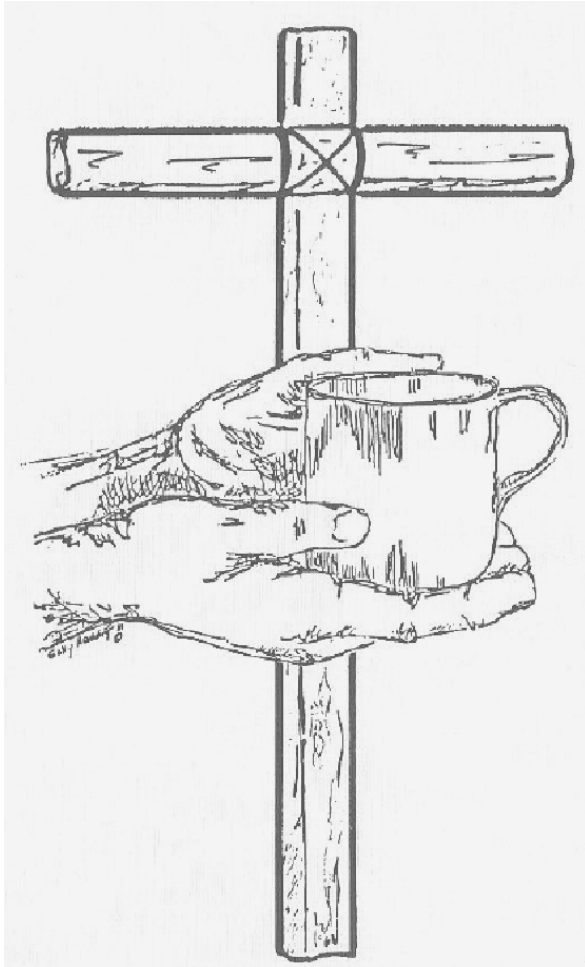


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
September 26, 2021

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Gathering

Leader: Come all who are weary

People: of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division.

Leader: Come all who are heavy-laden

People: with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger.

Leader: Come all who have hope

People: for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the love of each other.

All: Hear these words, "See, I am making all things new."

Invocation

The Choral Opening

"I Will Celebrate"

Prayers of the People

Piano Meditation

Emma Chesnut

The Scripture Lesson

Numbers 22-25 & 23:5-8; and Luke 6: 27-28

The Choral Meditation

"Amazing Grace"

Words of Grace

"Balaam And His Talkative Donkey: The Power of Blessing"

Benediction

**Postlude*

Announcements

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

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
3. Mail your check to our Church Treasurer, Jo Salisbury, 2450 East Broad Street, Statesville, North Carolina 28625

Birthdays

- 1 - David Grose
2 - Grant Lippard
2 - Lawrence Lippard

CONCERNS

*Continue to remember:
Our friends on homebound:*

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

Those issues close to us:

Rachel Lackey and her family, family, Fran Pratt, Marco Gomez, Dan Eroh and family, Peggy Waugh, Principals in our schools, Teresa Bergandine Campbell, Jessica Pritchard, Kim's mom, peoples of Afghanistan, 5 month old, River, Cameron Gray, 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 - Angell

October 10 - Marshall

October 17 - Berryhill

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$78,356.00
Received year to date: \$69,170.00
UNDER budget: \$9186.00
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. Visit our website at www.gracestatesville.org.

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