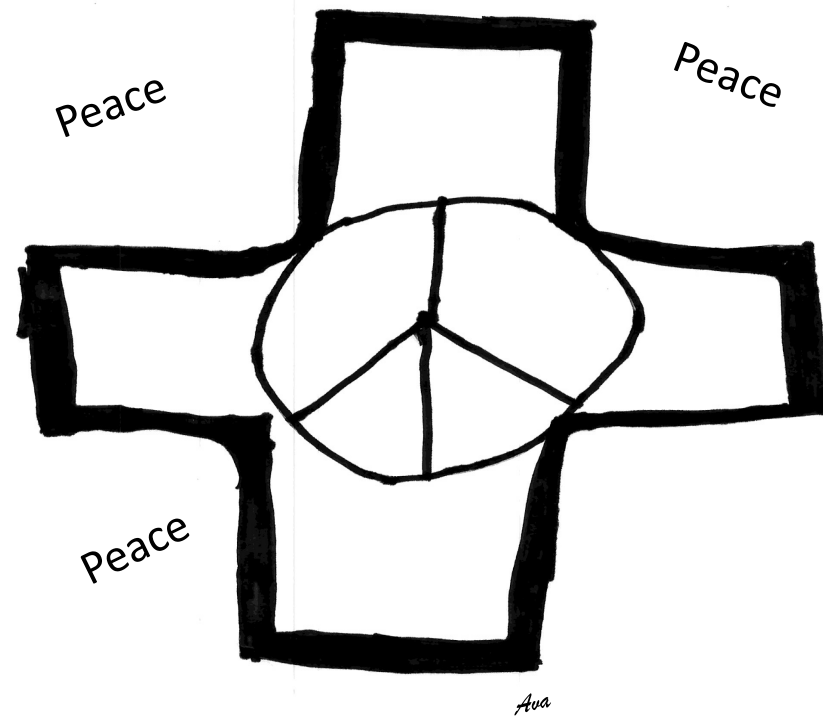


The Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent



Community of Grace
December 15, 2019

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

“Angels We Have Heard”

Lighting of the Candle of JOY

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Like a deer longs for running streams,

People: So longs my soul for you, O God.

Leader: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

People: My soul searches Your face in all creation, O God.

Leader: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, Full of grace and truth.

People: And we beheld his glory, glory as of the only son of God.

(From Ps. 42 and John 1)

*Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

“Carol Medley”
Advent Songbook

The Offertory Prayer and Offering

Choral Reflection

“Some Children See Him”
Katelyn Corcoran

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 11:1-2 and 5-7, and Matthew 11: 2-5

The Choral Meditation

“Shepherd's Carol”

Words of Grace

“When Peace Blooms, When the Kingdom Comes”

*The Hymn of Benediction

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Advent Songbook

*Benediction

*The Choral Benediction

“A Promise”

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonight - Christmas Potluck with 5th Street Resident staff. 6:00pm

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service. 6:00pm

Our Advent Offering this year is going to Jubilee House Community in Nicaragua.

Please make checks out to Grace and put JHC in the memo line.

Also, the Reverse Advent Calendar is back by popular demand.

Please place your items around the altar table.

Blood Drive coming first Saturday in January.

Birthdays

18 - Sharon McDougall

19 - Marsha Angell

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Phyllis Munson, Nancy Milstead, Kim Osucha, Harold Rimmer, Louise McIntyre family, Marian Carney, Gay's sister, Brenda, Sandy Gordon, Peggy Chamberlain, Kurdish peoples, Those affected by the fires in California, Betty Parlier, Linda Sample, Bertie Vaughn, Becky Cass, Vera Webster, George Keesbury, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, JD & Marie Harris, Phyllis Rogers' parents, Karen Marlowe, Casey Leslie, Muslim community, all God's people, those making decisions concerning gun violence, homeless children, our Nations Immigrants, children separated from their parents.

Tressie Starrette, Rosemary Rector, Ernestine Lanford, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose.

Those facing tough times, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk, Brian Saxton, The 30th Brigade

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$96,272.75

Received year to date: \$90,308.99

UNDER budget: \$5963.76

Weekly needs: \$1964.75

Our Life Together

Monday

8pm - NA

Wednesday

7pm - Choir rehearsal

Friday

8pm - NA

Next Sunday

10am - Sunday School

11am - Worship

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Sheri Coarsey/ John Koppelmeyer

December 22 - Tom Wiberg

December 29 - David Comer/ Kevin Angell

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Hamby/ Shuford

December 29 - Corcoran/Nicholson

January 5 - Hendrix

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 and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Pastor: Steve Shoemaker

Music Director: LeAnda Barnard

Secretary: Lisa Wardo

Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

Boards

Cabinet: David Comer

Deacon: Nichole Tilley/ Randy Berryhill

Mission: Gay Shaver/ Phyllis Munson

Education: Katelyn Johns

Stewardship: Tom Wiberg

Worship: LeAnda Barnard

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.