

# Baptism: Living Symbol of the Christian Life



Community of Grace  
March 15, 2020

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

*“Prepare Ye The Way”*

\*The Call to Gathering

**Leader:** We who bring them long for nurture;  
By your milk may we be fed.

**People:** Let us join your feast partaking  
Cup of Blessing, Living Bread.

**Leader:** God renew us, guide our footsteps ;  
Free from sin and all its snares,

**People:** One with Christ in living ,dying,  
By your Spirit, children, heirs. (Ruth Duck)

\*Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

*“In Christ There Is No East Or West”*  
No. 395 v. all

The Children’s Story

The Offertory Prayer and Offering

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson *Galatians 3:27-9; Romans 12: 4-5; Ephesians 4:25; & 1 Peter 2:9-10.*

The Choral Meditation

*“Hymn of Fellowship”*

Words of Grace

*“Belonging to a Family of Faith, The Body of Christ”*

\*Benediction

*“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*

Upcoming Events

Lenten Study Group

March 19: Wendell Berry: Environmentalism

March 26: Joan Chittister: Equality

April 2: Bryan Stevenson: Justice

March 18 & April 1 - This Thing Called Grace. 5:45 - 7:00pm

March 23 - Theology on Tap. 5:30pm at Mezzaluna.

March 27 & 28 - Spring cleanup. Rain dates are April 3 & 4

March 29 - Church Conference. 9:00am

\* Our Lenten Offering this year is going to the Boys and Girls Club of the Piedmont to send a child to summer camp. Our goal is \$1,000.00.

Board Meeting Info

March 17 - Worship board meets at 4:30pm

March 22 - Mission and Stewardship boards meet at 9am.

March 23 - Cabinet meets at 4:30pm.

Birthdays

17 - Louise Grose

17 - Emily Starrette

21 - Pat Rudd

21 - Benjamin Adams

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Ernestine Lanford family, Becky Kirkman family, Jim Sande family, Bernard Beck, Solomon's grandfather, Hollace Scanlon, Susie Wiberg, Tim Alexander, Kim Osucha, Spencer Cox, Gay's sister, Brenda, Sandy Gordon, Peggy Chamberlain, Betty Parlier, Linda Sample, Virginia Carter, Vera Webster, 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.

African Baptist churches of Zimbabwe,

Tressie Starrette, 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, Jacob, Taylor and Ethan Dowden., Anthony Corcoran, The 30th Brigade.

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Leigh Brown/ Brandon Tilley

March 22 - Marsha Angell/ Linda Marshall

March 29 - Nancy Davis/ Sheri Coarsey

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Stroupe/ Johns

March 29 - Brown

April 5 - Shoemaker/ E. Johnson

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$19,763.80

Received year to date: \$20,943.00

OVER budget: \$1179.20

Weekly needs: \$1976.38

**Our Life Together**

Monday

8pm - NA

Wednesday

5:45 - This Thing Called Grace

7pm - Choir rehearsal

Friday

8pm - NA

Next Sunday

10am - Sunday School

11am - Worship

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: David Comer

Deacon: Katelyn Corcoran

Mission: Susie Wiberg

Education: Xochitl Koppelmeyer

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

## Lent Schedule of Services and Sermons

**Lent 3. March 15.** Belonging to a Family of Faith, The Body of Christ.

Galatians 3:27-29; Ephesians 4:25; I Peter 2:9-10. Communion Sunday.

**Lent 4. March 22.** New Birth, New Creatures, New Creation.

John 3: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.

**Lent 5. March 29.** Anointing, Holy Spirit and Calling.

Luke 4: 16-19; John 20: 19-23

**Lent 6. April 5.** Palm Sunday. Dying and Rising.

Mark 8: 34-36; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22.

**April 10.** Maundy Thursday Service. Communion. 6 pm.

**April 11.** Good Friday Peace Walk . 9:30-11:30 am.

Starting at First Church Garfield.

**April 12.** Easter Sunday! The Easter Cantata. Worship Only.

Easter Egg Hunt, following worship.

## 2020 Lenten Study Group info

This year we are so excited to bring you a new and improved formula for our Lenten Study!

The group is open to all friends of Grace who would like to journey with us through Lent.

We will be reading/ listening to 4 modern day prophets. Our discussions will focus on their teaching and how this can impact our lives and the others in this world.

The schedule is as follows:

\*Thursday, March 12 (6:00 pm) - Meet at the home of Maggie Hurst, 728 E. Broad St.

Anne Lamott: 12 Truths I learned from Life and Writing

Please bring in your favorite quotes and writings for Anne!

\*Thursday, March 19 (6:00 pm) - Meet at the home of Nancy Davis, 610 Glendale Dr.

Wendell Berry: our Responsibility to God's Earth

\*Thursday, March 26(6:00 pm) - at the home of Linda Marshall, 232 Oakhurst Rd.

Joan Chittister: SuperSoul Sunday interview with Oprah

Subject: Our moral and spiritual responsibility to make this world a better place for all.

\*Thursday, April 2 (6:00 pm) - Meet at the home of Maggie Hurst, 728 E. Broad St.

Bryan Stevenson: Ted Talk titled We Need to Talk about an Injustice.

Bryan Stevenson is the author of Just Mercy and works for equality in our criminal justice system.