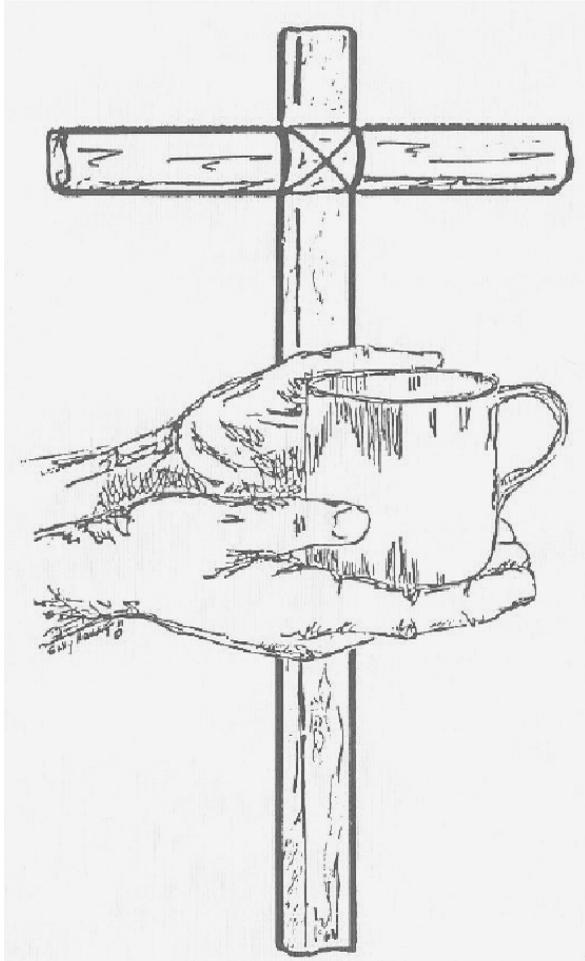


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
May 2, 2021

**I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord”.**

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

“This is the Day - Rejoice!”

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

People: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ! May they prosper who love you!

People: Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.

Leader: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you!

People: For the sake of of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.
(Psalm 122)

*Invocation

Prayers of the People

Piano Meditation

The Scripture Lesson

1 John 4: 7-12, 16, 19-21

The Choral Meditation

“Praise! Rejoice in God”

Words of Grace

“God Is Love”

*Benediction

*The Choral Benediction

“Bless The Lord, O My Soul”

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

WELCOME BACK TO GRACE

On **May 9** we will move into church conference for an in-person discussion and vote on both the new budget and the recommendation regarding the purchase of streaming equipment. An updated proposal for the broadcast equipment was sent out this past week. Hopefully, all the questions needed to vote on both issues will be satisfied during the next week.

Birthdays

3 - Naomi Angell

4 - Sadie Milstead

Anniversaries

3 - Gary and Patti West

4 - Wes and Kari Johnson

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Tressie Starrette, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose.

Those issues close to us:

Chris Crowder, Richard and Janice Jones, Margaret Hayes, Nicky Wilson, Jamie Stewart, Irene Shoemaker, Jordan Love, Vera Webster, Nancy Milstead, Tim Alexander, Spencer Cox, Virginia Carter, Linda Sample, 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 - Marshall

May 16 - Berryhill

May 23 - Hamby

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: *\$32,991.00

Received year to date: \$26,686.00

UNDER budget: *6305.00

Weekly needs: *\$2062.00

*With proposed budget numbers

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: 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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