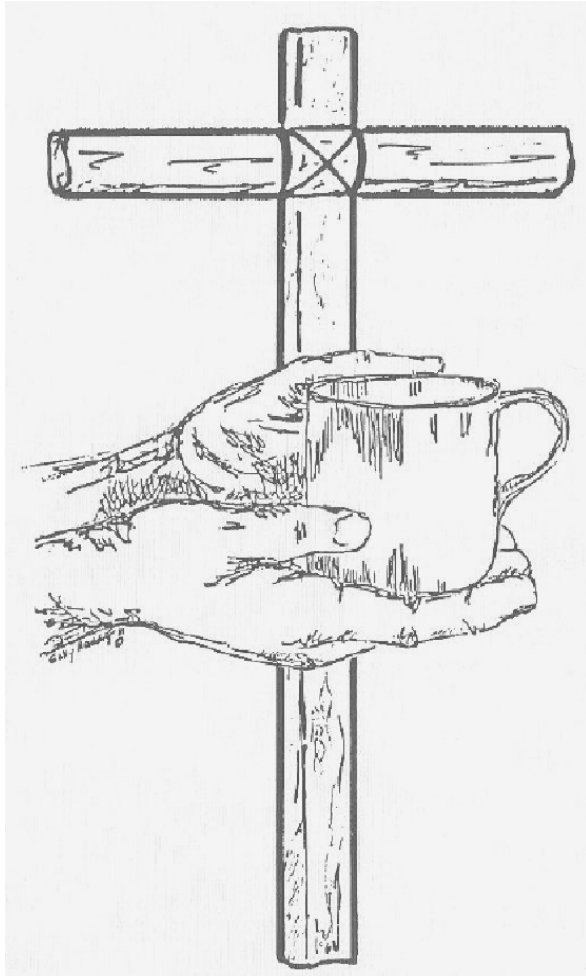


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
November 17, 2019

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

“All Good Gifts”

**The Call to Gathering*

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation, Whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the strength of my life, Of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: Fear not and be not dismayed. The Lord is near.

**The Invocation*

**The Opening Hymn*

“Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good”

No. 6 v. 1,2,3

The Offertory Prayer and Offering

Prayers of the People

The Biblical Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Words of Grace

“Secret of Living”

The Choral Meditation

“We Share Your Life”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Invitation to the Table

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

Everyone is invited to share in communion.

When you are finished, please form a circle around the sanctuary.

If you are not able to come forward, let a deacon know and the elements

Will be brought to you.

Benediction in Song

“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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 21 -
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Fifth Street. 6:30pm
Immigration Information Session at Grace. 6pm-7:30pm
If you want to help greet people or be available to give rides, call Xochitl.

November 25 -
Theology on Tap. Sky Mountain Café. 5:30pm

November 27 -
Our Annual Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be
held at Congregation Emanuel. 206 Kelly St.
6:00pm

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

21 - Christian Nicholson

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Phyllis Munson, Nancy Milstead, Kim Osucha, Marian Carney, Kristen, Gay's sister, Brenda, Sandy Gordon, Peggy Chamberlain, Kurdish peoples, Betty Parlier, Linda Sample, Bertie Vaughn, Those affected by the fires in California, 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*

Rejoice in God's Saints

Rejoice in God's saints today and all days,
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares,
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs.

Rejoice in God's saints today and all days,
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$88,413.75
Received year to date: \$83,619.99
UNDER budget: \$4793.76
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 - Diane Hamby/Katelyn Stroupe
November 24 - Kevin Angell
December 1 - Chris Brown/Carole Hendrix

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Wardo
December 1 - Angell
December 8 - Marshall

2019 Advent Daily Meditations

The Worship Board asks you to share in the creation of a special Advent Daily Meditation guide that will feature the amazing talents of our church covenant members. Initially, we ask you to reflect on the scripture listed below and share your thoughts in writing. We would like your permission to use your name, but will keep it anonymous if requested.

By Nov. 3, 2019—please place your reflections in the offering plate or email to gracestatesville@gmail.com. We ask that you keep it to less than 150 words. More opportunities for sharing are forthcoming.

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION:

Luke 1:26-31, 38

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Board Info

Mission and Stewardship boards are scheduled to meet Nov.24 at 9:00am.

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: Nichote Titley

Boards

Cabinet: David Comer

Deacon: Diane Hamby

Mission: Gay Shaver

Education: Xochitl Koppelmeyer

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 the church by phone at 704-872-5130, or by email at gracestatesville@gmail.com.

Visit our website at 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