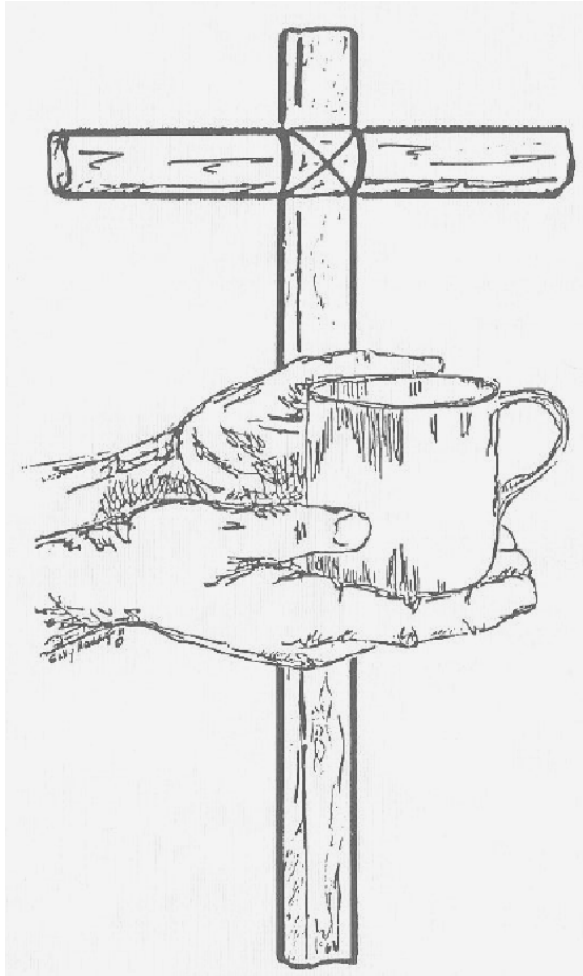


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
September 8, 2019

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

**The Choral Opening*

"Psalm 100"

**The Call to Gathering*

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.

**The Invocation*

**The Opening Hymn*

We Thank You, God, For Teachers"
Insert

The Offertory Prayer and Offering

Call to Confession

People: Before God, with the people of God we confess to our brokenness:
to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen

Recognition of Teachers for 2019/20 Sunday School Year

Litany for the Commissioning of Workers
(Litany on insert)

Prayers of the People

The Biblical Lesson

Psalm 148; John 15:11

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God within us, for the Word of God among us.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Choral Meditation

"The Mighty Power of God"

Words of Grace *"Salvation as Blessing, Or, 14 Thousand Things to be Happy About"*

**The Closing Hymn*

"Help Us Accept Each Other"
No. 388 v. 1,3,4

**The Benediction*

**The Choral Benediction*

"Grant Us Thy Peace"

**Postlude*

**All who are able, please stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Education Sunday. We are back to regular schedule with Sunday School at 10:00am and Worship at 11:00am.

\$1080 was raised for I-Care

Tomorrow, September 9 - Serve supper at the Shelter. 4:45pm

September 28 - Contemplative Prayer Retreat. 9am to 3pm at the Comers.

September 29 - Joint Worship and cookout with First Church - Garfield at Grace.

October 27-28-2019 Davis Lectures is coming! Gary West is our Guest Speaker!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

10 - Billy Adams

10 - Gina Barrickman

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Brodee and Hadlee Wilson, Bette's grandson, Logan,

Janice Berryhill, Jean's friend, Solomon's friend, Betty Parlier, Leigh's mother,

Jo's daughter, Bertie Vaughn, 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, Beecher 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: \$68,766.25

Received year to date: \$64,892.23

UNDER budget: \$3874.02

Weekly needs: \$1964.75

Our Life Together

Monday

4:45pm - Serve at the Shelter

8pm - NA

Wednesday

7pm - Choir rehearsal

Friday

8pm - NA

Next Sunday

10am - Sunday School

11am - Worship

Leader: We are gathered to recognize your gifts of leadership to our family of faith.

People: Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

Leader: Through your teaching may we gain wisdom and understanding.

People: Teach us the ways of the Great Shepherd who leads us all to grace, reconciliation and forgiveness.

Leader: Through your teaching may we model the early church.

People: Continually devoting themselves to the instruction given by the apostles, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, to the prayers.

Teachers: May we have a servant's heart as we give direction to our church family.

People: O God, grant these, your servants, who are gifted to teach, your grace and wisdom.

We Thank You, God, For Teachers

We thank you, God, for teachers who help us learn your Way,
Who show by their example how we can serve and pray,

Who find great joy in worship, who listen with concern;
For in their loving witness, they help us want to learn.

We thank you, God, for families of every kind and size,
Who keep the vows they spoke when their children were baptized,
Who pray and read the Bible, who love and serve the poor;
They teach, by what they value, the way of Christ our Lord.

We thank you, God, for churches that welcome one and all,
That nurture every person in answer to Christ's call.
So fill us with your Spirit, and give us life anew,
That we may help each other live faithfully in you.

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Xochitl Koppelmeyer/ Linda Marshall
September 15 -

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Comer
September 22 - Munson
September 29 - D. Rogers

Board Info

Church Cabinet meets Thursday, September 12. 5:30pm

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

Interim Pastor: Steve Shoemaker Music Director: LeAnda Barnard
Secretary: Lisa Wardo Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

Boards

Cabinet: David Comer
Deacon: Diane Hamby
Mission: Gay Shaver/ Phyllis Munson
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.
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