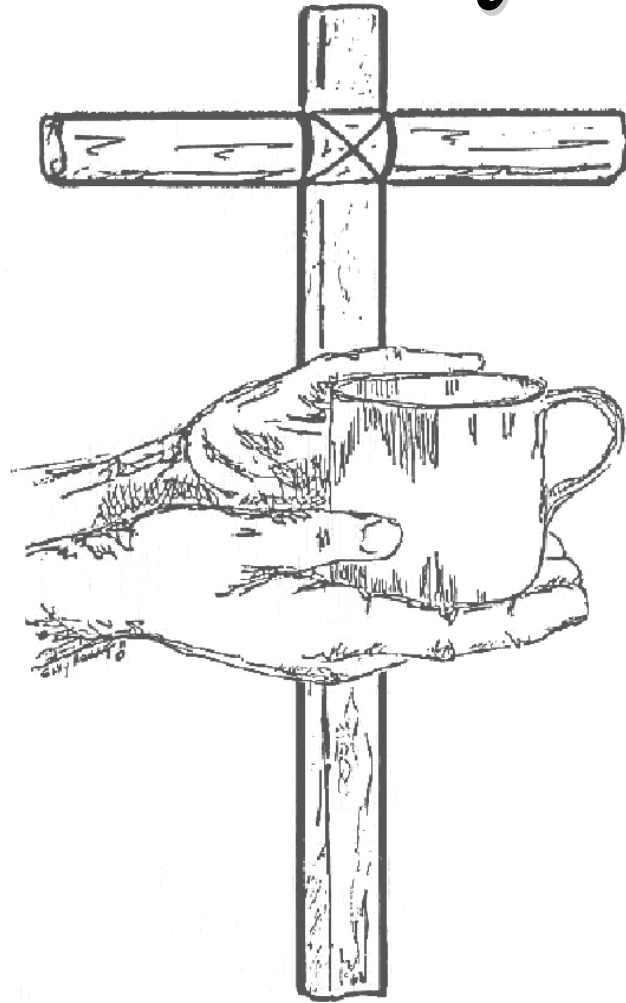


# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace

October 27, 2024

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Choral Opening

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

\*The Call to Gathering

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
it seemed like a dream.

**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue was filled with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**People: The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad.**

\*The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

*"God Our Author & Creator"*  
(Insert)

The Children's Moment

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People  
Prayers for Our Nation

The Scripture Lesson

Genesis 16 and 21

The Choral Meditation

*"Give Us A Vision, Lord"*

Words of Grace

*"Hagar and the Universality of God's Love"*

Hymn of Reflection

*"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"*  
(No. 23 v. all)

\*Benediction

\*The Choral Benediction

*"Grant Us Thy Peace"*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand*

## **Announcements**

**\*Mark your Calendars for:**

**\*Scary Supper - Tonight at 6 p.m.**

**Meal and a Special spooky play.**

**Donations will go to Scout Pack-Troop 1373**

**\*2024 Davis Lectures - Rev. Dr. Amy Butler**

**November 17 - 18 at 7 - 8:30 p.m. nightly**

**Guest speaker at 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Nov. 17**

**TOPIC: Where Do We Go From Here?**

**~ Free and open to the public ~.**

**Our Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at the  
Congregation Emanuel on November 27th.**

**Sunday, December 8th.**

**Fifth Street resident staff Christmas Dinner.**

**Covered Dish. 5:30pm**

### **Birthdays**

*30 - Jean Stroupe*

*30 - Mike Shaver*

*31 - Tristan Brown*

*31 - Serenity Brown*

### **CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:*

*Our friends on homebound:*

*Nancy Milstead & Clara Rogers*

*Those issues close to us:*

*All those affected by Hurricane Helene, Tom Wiberg, Jan Ambrose,*

*James, Shakira, Kyle & Patricia, Rebecca Beaver, Jennifer Jolly's mother, Walter Arreaza,*

*Alf Fraley, Louise's brother, Jack, Middle East crisis, Lucas Watt and family, Wild fires in the west,*

*Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff,*

*Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, peoples of the Ukraine,*

*caregivers, 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:*

*James Pulliam, Adam Ivey, Anthony Corcoran, Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson, Caleb Sisk.*

## God, Our Author and Creator

God, our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,

make our daily witness greater, by our lives make your love known.

Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed down-trod;

in all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:

when our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.

Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;

by your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your will.

Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,

that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."

Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from everyplace,

with all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.

**Church Maintenance**  
*Before next Sunday* - Hendrix  
November 10 - Shaver/Corcoran  
November 17 - Wiberg/Wegmiller

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$83,034.00  
Received year to date: \$76,769.52  
UNDER budget: \$6264.48  
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00  
This Week's Offering: \$1748.00



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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: Neal Grose

Deacon: Phyllis Rogers

Mission: Kim McKinney

Education: Linda Marshall

Stewardship: Carole Hendrix/ Jen DeLong

Worship: Doug Hendrix

*WELCOME TO ALL who have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that being here will bring joy, peace and the presence of God to you.*

*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 deacon (Janna Brown, Steve Coarsey, David Comer, Doug Hendrix, Renae Keesbury, Phyllis Rogers, Randy Berryhill).*

*You are welcome to be a participant in the church activities at Grace.*

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