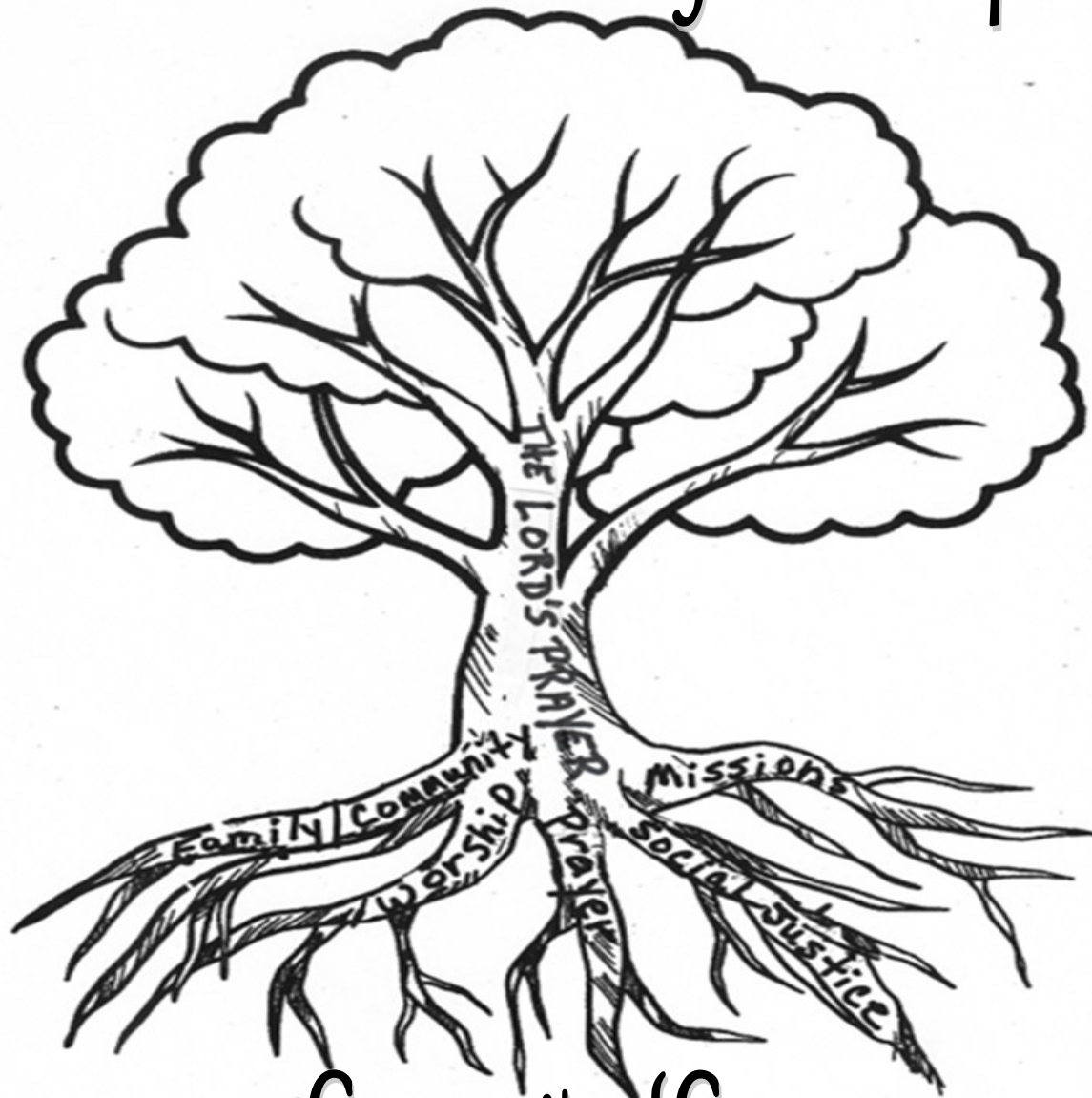


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
March 9, 2025

ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN PRAYER

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

"Firm Foundation"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge.

People: Happy are those whose delight is in the Teaching Of The Lord, they are like trees planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and their roots do not wither.

Leader: And they devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

People: "I am the vine, you are the branches....Those who abide in and I in them bear much fruit..."

By this my Abba is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples."

All: Thank you God for our sustaining rootedness in prayer.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"Sing Praise to God"
(No. 22 v.1,3,4)

Rooted Moment

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6:9

The Choral Meditation

"Rooted and Grounded in Love"

Words of Grace

"Abba in Heaven, Hear Our Prayer"

*Hymn of Reflection

"More Love to You, O Christ"
(No. 456 v. all)

Welcoming a New Covenant Participant
(See words printed on the insert)

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"A Closer Walk"

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

Our Lenten offering this year is called Aunt Flo's Locker. The Mission Board is collecting sanitary supplies for students, as well as underwear and elastic waist pants, all sizes. Money is also appreciated. Please designate your checks to the Lenten offering.

Happenings

March 23rd. 5:30pm
Pot Luck with discussion.
Topic: Media

Save the date:
Spring Clean-up days
March 28-29

Birthdays

9 - Donn Wardo
10 - John Marshall
10 - Terry Hamby
13 - David Rogers

CONCERNS

*Continue to remember:
Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.*

*Those issues close to us:
Nancy Milstead family, Gina's family, Brenda Swicegood family, Andrew Koontz family,
Jim Cashdollar, Flooding in the Midwest, Paul's family, Billy Adams, Shakira,
All those affected by Hurricane Helene, Government workers, Those on disability,
Rebecca Beaver, 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.*

Presentation of Covenant Participant

Leader: You have made known your desire to become a covenant participant with the Grace Community of Faith known as Grace Baptist Church. You have said "yes" to being in a committed relationship with this community and joining in our journey to meet God wherever God is in the world.

All: We are a ministering people of God, reaching beyond our walls to the needs of our local and global community.

Leader: We are an intergenerational faith community called and committed to a life of love and servanthood.

All: We are Grace.

Leader: Together, we experience the celebration of worship and the development of each person's gifts.

All: We work for peace and justice.

Leader: In our diversity, we find strength and a way to understand the inclusiveness of God. We recognize each individual as a child of God.

All: We are Grace.

Leader: We welcome and affirm all people, who and where they are, to join in our common mission through the participation and leadership in this community of faith.

All: As Covenant Participants, we join in a committed relationship with our community of faith with our time, money, effort and dreams.

Leader: As we celebrate the joining together of this community, let all of us here renew both our commitment and our covenant.

All: We are Grace. Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

(Sung Version)

Abba God in heaven,
Lord most high:
hear your children's prayer,
Lord most high:
hallowed be your name,
Lord most high
O Lord hear our prayer.

May your kingdom come
here on earth;
may your will be done
here on earth,
as it is in heaven
so on earth
O Lord, hear our prayer.

Give us daily bread
day by day,
and forgive our sins
day by day,
as we too forgive
day by day
O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lead us in your way,
make us strong;
when temptations come
make us strong;
save us all from sin,
keep us strong,
O Lord, hear our prayer.

All things come from you,
all are yours
kingdom, glory, power,
all are yours;
take our lives, our gifts,
all are yours
O Lord, hear our prayer.

(James Seddon-adapted)

BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$17,928.00
Received year to date: \$15,474.81
UNDER budget: \$2453.19
Weekly needs: \$1,992.00
This Week's Offering: \$950.00

Fundraising Campaign

Goal: \$63,000
Gifts To Date: \$53,090.00

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Salisbury/McKinney

March 23 - DeLong

March 30 - Keesbury



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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: Doug Hendrix

Mission: Louise Grose

Education: Linda Marshall

Stewardship: Jen DeLong

Worship: LeAnda Barnard

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, Doug Hendrix, Renae Keesbury, Tom Wiberg, Chris Brown)*

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

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