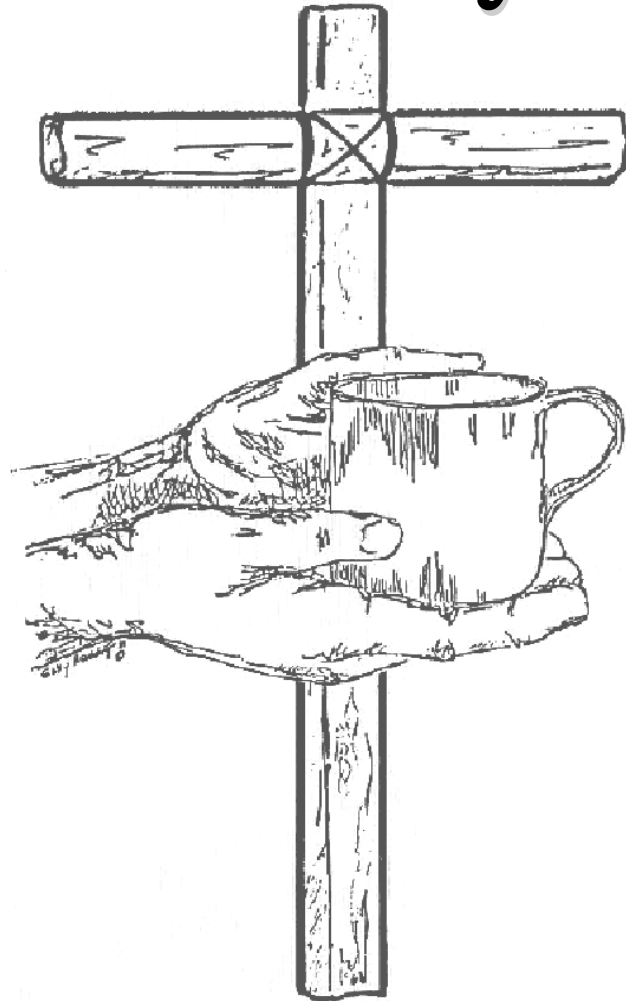


# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace

September 22, 2024

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Choral Opening

*"Serve the Lord with Gladness"*

\*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all God's blessings.**

Leader: Who forgives all your sins And heals your ills.

**People: Who redeems your life from the Pit of death, And crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

Leader: The Lord works vindication and justice, For those who are oppressed.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

**All: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good, God's steadfast love endures forever!**

\*The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

*"Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good"*  
(No. 6 v. 1,2,4)

The Children's Moment

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

Prayers for Our Nation

The Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 8: 1-2, 7 & 9; and 9: 6-9

Words of Grace

*"Holistic Stewardship for the Flourishing of the Church"*

The Choral Meditation

*"Bread of 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**

\*If you haven't already, please add a little info under your photo on the bulletin board on the back wall near the sound equipment. It can be where you volunteer or any other info you wish to share with visitors or newbies who haven't learned all our names.

\*Grace is planning to participate in the Statesville Pride Festival again this year - September 28, 12-4 p.m. in Downtown Statesville.

If you have ideas for our booth, would like to volunteer to work in the booth or serve as a "peace keeper" during the parade and festival - let Nancy Davis know. ndavis49@gmail.com/704-775-0212.

### **\*\*Note the following Date changes\*\***

\*October 12 - A Food & Fall Benefit Fest for Iredell Christian Ministries will be held from 10:00 until 3:00 at 308 Mocksville Hwy. in the Banner Drug parking area.

It will include a food drive, food trucks, kids zone, raffles and much more fall fun.

\*October 13 - Covered Dish Fundraiser Celebration following worship. The church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs, along with the slaw, chili, and drinks. Families are asked to bring a side dish and/or a dessert. We'll have a cookie bar set up for the children! This will be a time for us to enjoy each other's company and be updated on how much has been raised toward the capital campaign.

\*Mark your Calendars for Our Davis Lecture Series coming November 17th.

### **Birthdays**

23 - Ian McMillan  
26 - Andora Nicholson

### **Anniversary**

24 - Terry and Diane Hamby

## **CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:*

*Our friends on homebound:  
Nancy Milstead & Clara Rogers*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Tom Wiberg, Gay Park, Darren &Tia, James, Shakira, Grace Eller, Kyle & Patricia, Rebecca Beaver, Gay Shaver, Jennifer Jolly's mother, Walter Arreaza, Al Fraley, Louise's brother, Jack, Nikki Crawford, Middle East crisis, Sharon Westbrook, Lucas Watt and family, Wild fires in the west, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Bob Barber, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, peoples of the Ukraine, Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox, 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:*

*Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran, Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson, Caleb Sisk.*

## **Church Maintenance**

*Before next Sunday* - DeLong

October 6 - Lippard/Keesbury

October 13 - Tilley

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$73,149.00  
Received year to date: \$69,764.07  
UNDER budget: \$3384.93  
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00  
This Week's Offering: \$2361.57



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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.*

You may also contact us by phone at 704-872-5130, or by email at [gracestatesville@gmail.com](mailto:gracestatesville@gmail.com).

Visit our website at [www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org).

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