



# Grace Baptist Church

October 23, 2011

Please take a seat before the Welcome and quietly prepare for worship.

## The Worship of God

### The Meditation

God, forgive us for being asleep when you need us. You agonize over the world's hungry while we worry over the menu. You weep with the soul of one who is friendless while we wonder whom to invite to our home. God, forgive us for often taking your children for granted and not risking our security for their needs – for your sake. We know Christ's teachings. We know the needs of the world. We know ourselves.

God, forgive us for not transforming what we have been taught into what we do. Amen.

-Sharlande Sledge-

### The Welcome and Announcements

### The Prelude

Eli Yacinthe

### The Choral Call to Worship

“This is the Day the Lord has Made”

### The Call to Worship

LEADER: O Lord our God, we come to you, seeking to rise up from the depths and agony of despair.

PEOPLE: Please listen, our Saving God—we need your help and blessing.

LEADER: Lord, through the tenderness of your mercy towards us we have learned to worship you—and to revere your Holy Name;

PEOPLE: Therefore, we place our entire trust and hope in you, our Trustworthy God.

LEADER: We gather to offer you our thanks, for we know that you offer us your unfailing love and mercy that is beyond our understanding.

PEOPLE: You know our longing for forgiveness, and you offer us your presence - which blesses us from God's overflowing store of mercy, hope, freedom and joy. Amen.

### The Invocation

### \*The Hymn of Praise

“How Firm and Foundation”

No. 407 (vs. 1, 2 and 4)

### The People at Prayer

The Offertory

The Hymn of Offering

“Open My Eyes That I May See”  
*See back of bulletin*

The Offering

The Choral Meditation

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

The Homily - Part One

“Waiting to Serve”

The Choral Reading

Psalm 130

The Homily - Part Two

\*The Hymn of Dedication

“Come Our Sisters, Come Our Brothers”  
*See back of bulletin*

\*The Benediction

\*The Choral Benediction

“May the Lord Bless You and Keep You”

*\*Please stand*

### A Thought for the Week Ahead:

*“At times we need to know that the Lord is a God of justice. When slumbering giants of injustice emerge in the earth, we need to know that there is a God of power who can cut them down like the grass and leave them withering like the green herb. When our most tireless efforts fail to stop the surging sweep of oppression, we need to know that in this universe is a God whose matchless strength is a fit contrast to the sordid weakness of man. But there are also times when we need to know that God possesses love and mercy. When we are staggered by the chilly winds of adversity and battered by the raging storms of disappointment and when through our folly and sin we stray into some destructive far country and are frustrated because of a strange feeling of homesickness, we need to know that there is Someone who loves us, cares for us, understands us, and will give us another chance. When days grow dark and nights grow dreary, we can be thankful that our God combines in his nature a creative synthesis of love and justice which will lead us through life's dark valleys and into sunlit pathways of hope and fulfillment. “*

– Martin Luther King, Jr. (The Strength to Love)

## CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Worship Board</b> <i>Scary Supper Practice</i>	<b>9am</b> <b>5pm</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>8pm</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Community Theatre</b>	<b>6:30-8:30pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Community Theatre</b>	<b>6:30-8:30pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>8pm</b>

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ruby Jordan, the Goodman family, family of Frank Geer (uncle of Nancy Davis), Gary Stinchcomb, Deb Cashdollar, Jean Warren, Will Coleman, Ken Wilkerson, Landon Wood, Lori Bechner, Kenyada and Persia Daniels, Anita Johnson, Edna Elliott, Dan King, Evelyn Stein, Jo Quinn Murphy, Brad Sherrill, Jim Forbes, Kathy Agnew and family, Ric Comer, Gray Comer, Mary Alice Wood, Hope Bennett, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Dr. and Mrs. Hanna Kutteh, End of the Road NA Group, Penney Kummer, Megan Marlowe, Lisa McKinna, Logan Olson, Aaron Torres, Abby Winthrop, Kelly Marcey, Mike, Katelyn and Landon Johns children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters, those who are mentally ill, those affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, International disaster relief

*Those in the military: Greg West, John Hendrix, Rob Maxey, Josh Wingfield, William Eckliff, Phil Thompson, David Jones, James Pulliam, Jake Dickinson, JJ Golden, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Warren Dilger, Austin Frutig, , Zach Spoor, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, James Mallory, Logan Frutig*

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### *Church Maintenance*

Before <b>October 30</b>	<b>Lippard</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Nicholson-Davis/Cook</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Wardo/Lippard, Jr.</b>

#### *Second Hour Helpers*

	<b>Infants</b>	<b>Toddlers</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>Susie Wiberg</b>	<b>Andora McMillan</b>
<b>October 30</b>	<b>Sharon McDougall</b>	<b>Billy Adams</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Julie Parlier</b>	<b>Nancy Davis</b>

BUDGET NEEDS THROUGH 10/16/11	\$71,420.16
AMOUNT RECEIVED THROUGH 10/16/11	\$69,245.60
YTD <b><u>UNDER</u></b> BUDGET	\$2,174.56
MONTH <b><u>OVER</u></b> BUDGET	\$4,014.95
WEEKLY REQUIREMENTS	\$1700.48

**SHOPPING FOR THE SHELTER**  
Hoodies, thermal underwear

**FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER**  
Debbie Starrette

**LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP** - Revelation 7:9-17 and Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We will be voting for two deacon slots today. Please mark your ballot and place in the offering plate.*

#### Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth  
Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall  
unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God Thy  
will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth  
Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear, every-  
thing false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy  
will to see;  
Open my ears illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm  
truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy  
children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy  
will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

#### Come Our Sisters, Come Our Brothers

Come our sisters, come our brothers  
Claim with joy your rightful place.  
Every pattern, every color  
Joined in the bright quilt of faith.  
Come and sing your songs of wisdom,  
Come and share your vision true.  
All are welcome in God's kingdom  
Where our Lord makes all things new.

Find your place in quiet hearing,  
Join with Mary, free to learn.  
Find your place in dawn's bright garden  
With the women, last to mourn.  
Find your place, with them commissioned  
To be preachers of the Word,  
Of the love that lives unconquered,  
Of the good news of our Lord.

Come our sisters, come our brothers,  
Claim with joy your rightful place.  
Not by ruling but by serving,  
Not by power but by grace.  
Come with hope and come with courage;  
God is calling, leading still.  
Let us then join hands and voices  
God's high calling to fulfill.

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 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).