



Grace Hill Church

The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.

Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

~ Mathew 10:16

Then Jesus said to them, "When I sent you out with no money bag, or traveler's bag, or sandals, you didn't lack anything, did you?" They replied, "Nothing." He said to them, "But now, the one who has a money bag must take it, and likewise a traveler's bag too. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted with the transgressors.' For what is written about me is being fulfilled." So they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." Then he told them, "It is enough." ~ Luke 22:35-38

²¹In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²²All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

²³Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." ~ Luke 10:21-24

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 10:1-9*

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

Series: *Jesus' Mission and Uniqueness Directs Our Calling: Luke 10*

Sermon: *Disciples Are Messengers in Difficult Contexts but with Great Hope to Bring*

1. The Context of Jesus' Commission: Vulnerability with His Strength, v.3-4
2. The What of Jesus' Commission
 - a. Giving Peace (=blessing toward Salvation), but also Receiving, v.5-7
 - b. Healing Weaknesses, v.9
 - c. Speaking "the Kingdom of God is near in Jesus", v.9

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

God, we confess Your ideas of mission are much more uncomfortable than ours. We want to be lions in the midst of wolves, not lambs. We want to be sufficient in ourselves, but you say every part of us--our safety, our message, our sustenance--is to be dependent upon You. Forgive us when we insist on our ways of mission instead of Yours.

Father, give us conviction and confidence that You are our Strong Sufficient Shepherd, especially in settings of vulnerability. In Christ, you have given us a blessing of peace to proclaim, mercy to bestow, and a message to announce. Help us to know what we have in Christ, not just for ourselves, but to give to others. Give us opportunities to bless, heal, and proclaim.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
The Lord helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

~ Psalm 37:39-40

Responding to the Lord with Worship

Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction (“the good word”)

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. ~ Hebrews 13:20–21

Announcements:

- **Women’s Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30, continuing with “CASKET EMPTY—Old Testament.” New participants are welcome! Contact Cathy Durham or Mary Erickson for more information.
- **Winter 2022 Grace Hill Directory** is available on a table in the lobby (neon green cover). Pick up a copy and give someone a call or send a text or note of encouragement to one another!
- **Grace Hill small groups** meet on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Information about each group is available on the Grace Hill calendar, located on our website under the “Get Involved” tag.
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
 - Use your bank’s BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
 - Send a physical check
 - Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
 - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word “Give” to 919 296 1330.



Grace Hill seeks to live by and testify to the grace and truth of Jesus Christ (John 1:14–18). We are affiliated with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, a Presbyterian denomination with a rich history of living in Christ’s grace and truth. Our pastor is Ross Durham. He can be reached at ross@gracehillnc.org or by cell phone at 919.593.2169. Worship Music Director: Abby Hummel, abby@gracehillnc.org. Communications Coordinator: Mary Erickson, tworstaggering@yahoo.com. Youth Director: Ben Ashby, ben_ashby@med.unc.edu. Church address: 515 Meadowlands Drive, Suite 500, Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278 www.gracehillnc.org; Facebook: Grace Hill Church; Twitter: [@gracehillchurch](https://twitter.com/gracehillchurch); Instagram: [gracehillnc](https://www.instagram.com/gracehillnc)