



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.

“The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean.’ He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.” ~Lev. 13.45–46

“God’s design was perfectly to restore all the ruins of the fall, so far as concerns the elect part of the world, by his Son.” ~Jonathan Edwards, *History of the Work of Redemption*

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. ~Dan 7.13–14

October 11, 2020

Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: Heidelberg Catechism, Question #45

Question: What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

Answer: I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 5.12–26*

While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ¹³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And he charged him to tell no one, but “go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” ¹⁵ But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. ¹⁶ But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

¹⁷ On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Sermon: *The Full Picture of Jesus: Healing and Forgiving Sins*

Series: *Luke’s Historic Account of Jesus: An Invitation to Faith and Following*

1. We Are Confronted with the Full Jesus: Who Is He?
 - a. Jesus’ Willing and Compassionate Healing, v.12–16
 - b. Jesus Intertwines Healing and Forgiveness of Sins, v.17–26
2. We Are Called to Pursue Jesus with Humble but Active Faith, v.12, 18–20

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

God, some of us love the tender heart of Jesus healing the sick but do not like His claim to forgive sins, preferring to assume we don't have a "sin problem." Others of us have no question about Jesus' true identity of healer and forgiver, but unlike the leper or the friends of the paralytic, we are not pursuing Him in humble, active faith with all we do. Forgive us.

Father, thank You that Your heart and plan is to restore all the ruins of sin in our world through Your Son. We need to be healed and cleansed, so that we can be restored to You and brought back into full communion with each other. We also need to hear You say that "our sins are forgiven" and to "rise and walk." Enable us to live in new life because of Your declarations, and go forth to serve because the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus has uniquely done both of these!

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ~Ps. 103.1–5

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. (Heb. 13.20–21)

Announcements:

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Next Outdoor Communion Service:** Tuesday, October 13th, 6:30pm (note earlier time)—There are only two services left before Daylight Savings Time, so please try to join if you can.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays starting at 9:30 am on Zoom. We'll begin with fellowship and prayer at 9:30 am, and the study will begin at 10 am. Join us any time in that first half hour. Please contact Cathy Durham at cathyoodurham@gmail.com for the Zoom code. It is the same one as spring semester for those of you who previously attended.
- **In-Person Worship:** If you'd like to attend worship in-person, please email Andrea (andrea@gracehillnc.org) about your desire to worship in person at GH for upcoming Sundays. Please email or call Ross with any questions.
- **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
 - <https://tinyurl.com/ul68txo>, or
 - Simply text the word Give with the amount (e.g. Give 100) to 919 296 1330.
- **Small Groups:** We have four small groups meetings during the week (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays evenings)! Some in person, one online, and one hybrid. Contact Ross to join the right one for you!



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. Our Youth Director is Daniel Havener, daniel@gracehillnc.org. Our Worship Music Director is Kayli Havener, kayli@gracehillnc.org. Our Communications Coordinator is Andrea Sterling, andrea@gracehillnc.org
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