



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.

“This was the revolutionary act of the early church. In an impersonal world, to recognize persons of every possible status. To see them all and know them all by name, and to name them as brothers and sisters.’
“We live in an impersonal world, where people are treated as commodities. Their only value comes from what they can offer, and we discard them as soon as they are no longer useful to our agenda and our advancement. In that kind of world, how can we, as Christians, live differently? How can we change our culture and influence our society? ~Donnie Berry, *Loneliness in an Impersonal World*,
<https://christianfellowship.com/gospel-in-life/loneliness-in-an-impersonal-world/>

Love One Another: Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another. 1 Thes 4.9

Love Your Neighbor: If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. James 2.8

Love the Church: So give proof before the churches of your love. 2 Cor 8.24

Love Your Enemies: But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. Matt 5.44-45

Love Our Lord Jesus: Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. Eph 6.24. Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Jude 21

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: Heidelberg Catechism, Question #31

Question: Why is he called “Christ,” that is anointed?

Answer: Because he is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by his word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in that salvation, he has purchased for us.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Romans 16.1–23*

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, ²that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

³Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. ⁵Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. ⁶Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. ⁷Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. ⁸Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. ¹⁰Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. ¹¹Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. ¹²Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. ¹³Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. ¹⁴Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. ¹⁵Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

¹⁷I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. ¹⁸For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. ¹⁹For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. ²⁰The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

²¹Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

²²I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.

²³Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Sermon: Christ Gives His Church Unity in the Midst of Its Diversity

The Vision of Grace Hill Is to Love God and Love Our Neighbor and Love God and ...

Outline:

1. Christ's Church: in Diversity it has Surpassing Unity, v.1-16
2. But the Potential for Dissension Exists, v.17-20
3. Beautiful Picture of Jesus-centered Community, v.21-23

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

God, we confess we are inclined to separate people by gender and social status, but You gather all together by faith. We want unity but hurt it by our thoughts and actions, but You create it in Yourself by Your sacrifice. Sometimes our strongly held convictions create division, but our ultimate identity, security, and passion is that You are our one Lord, and You call us to follow You. Forgive us.

Father, in Christ You are reconciling diverse people to Yourself. In Jesus, You unite all things because through the blood of the Cross, he has made peace of every conflict. All will one day bow in worship before Him. You have given Your church the gift of unity in Christ now. Help us to treasure it, to pursue it, to encourage its growth in every direction. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ~ Galatians 3:28

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**
- **Missions Prayer Meeting:** Tuesday, November 3rd, 7pm.
- **GH Ladies: Bridal Shower for Timber!** November 8th, 2:30pm at Grace Hill Church. An Evite and email went out this week to invite all GH ladies to a celebration for Timber Beeninga and her upcoming marriage to Ben Ashby. The celebration will take place OUTSIDE, weather permitting. Please see the original invite for more details and to RSVP or reach out to Mary Erickson with questions.
- **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. 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. Address: 515 Meadowlands Drive, Suite 500, Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278 www.gracehillnc.org; Facebook: Grace Hill Church; Twitter: @gracehillchurch; Instagram: gracehillnc