



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.

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 1 Cor 10.1-4

Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³ as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." Romans 9.32-33

"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4.11-12

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor 5.1

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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 *Luke 6.27–38, 42, 46–49*

²⁷ "But I say to you who hear, **Love** your enemies, **do good** to those who hate you, ²⁸ **bless** those who curse you, **pray** for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, **offer** the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak **do not withhold** your tunic either. ³⁰ **Give** to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods **do not demand** them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, **do** so to them.

³² "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But **love** your enemies, and **do good**, and **lend**, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ **Be merciful**, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "**Judge not**, and you will not be judged; **condemn not**, and you will not be condemned; **forgive**, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ **give**, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

⁴² ... You hypocrite, first **take** the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep [NASB: fn. dug and went deep] and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

Sermon: The Promise of a Jesus-Centric Building

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

Outline:

1. A Question from Jesus, v. 46-47
2. A Vivid Image from Jesus, v. 47-49
3. How to Dig, Get Down, and Lay a Foundation on Jesus the Rock
4. A Hopeful Promise from Jesus, v. 48

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

God, it is an audacious statement for Jesus to say that hearing and doing *His* words will make the graphic difference in a person's life. Some of us do not like this. Others of us admit we doubt at times. Some of us wonder about an unspoken middle way. Some of us believe but we know we need more faith, sight, and endurance in the Holy Spirit. But these are Jesus' words to us. Forgive us.

Father, Jesus is Your only Son. There is not another who can take the flaming sword for us to lead us back to You. Nor another who is cast out so we can be adopted into Your family. Nor any other who suffers so our house could be built on the rock. Grow our conviction that Jesus alone is the one who gives us the strong well-built house. Enable us to joyfully put our weight down fully on Your Son and Your Word.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. ~Ps. 86.5

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**
- **Virtual Missions Conference by Mission to the World.** February 19-20, 2021. Sign up! Put it in your calendar! <https://mtw.org/opportunity-details/virtual-missions-conference>
- **Educational Support Needs:** Grace Hill is continuing to assist with the educational support for two boys in the Orange County school system. We could use additional volunteers on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you have it in your ability to help, please reach out to Allyson (vanwyk4704@msn.com) or Andrea (andrea@gracehillnc.org). <https://tinyurl.com/y5kvydc6>
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays starting at 9:30 am on Zoom. Contact Cathy Durham at cathywoodurham@gmail.com for the Zoom code.
- **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 (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings)! Some in person, one online, and one hybrid. Contact Ross to join the right one for you!

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



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