



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.

To say “God is Spirit” is not the same as saying God is spiritual, and “God is love” says more than that God is loving. In the same way, “the Word was God” says more than “the Word was divine.” ~ J. Ramsey Michaels. The Gospel of John, NICONT

When Jehovah’s Witnesses meet to discuss their religion, they pick up a translation of Scripture called The New World Translation. If you opened that book, turned it to the Gospel of John, found verse 1, and looked at the last phrase, you would read, “and the Word was a god.” ~Matt Carter and Josh Wredberg, *Exalting Jesus in John*

And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ~John 17:5

November 28, 2021

Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #46

Question: What is the Lord’s Supper?

Answer: Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord’s Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father’s kingdom.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *John 1:1-5*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Series: Advent: First Week

Sermon: *The Word was GOD*

Outline:

Jesus has to be God in order to reveal...

1. God’s Character (v. 1)
2. God’s Power (v. 2-3)
3. God’s Plan (v. 4)
4. God’s Heart (v. 5)

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

Lord we confess that we have often failed to speak or act in belief of Jesus as God. Instead we treat him as a great story or a model for our nativity scene, but we do not worship him in the way that we should. We have also failed to look to him as the only source of true life and light, seeking it instead in family, things, or ourselves. Forgive us.

Father, You showered grace upon us when you sent Your son, a co-equal member of the Godhead to us 2,000 years ago as a child. His life brings life to us and his light defeated darkness. We rejoice that Your Spirit continues this work of life and light in our lives.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ~John 1:12-13

Remembering Jesus with Bread and Cup: Lord's Supper

Jesus called those who find their life in His death and resurrection to receive the bread and cup as a tangible sign to remember and be strengthened by His Gospel. It is a spiritual meal for all who believe in Him. While Jesus spent time with everyone, he also shared the bread and cup only with those who followed him. Children who have not yet become *communing members* should not take the bread and cup but talk with our pastor or an elder about their personal faith.

We are currently celebrating the Lord's Supper by remaining seated, with time to personally remember Jesus' death and resurrection for us with the bread and cup. Whether you take the elements or not, we encourage you to use the time for personal reflection about your relationship with Jesus.

*Juice is in the outer ring; wine is in inner rings.

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Bread and Cup (Prayer for Those Searching for Truth)

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reason for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and let me know the reality of your love and glory. Give me an understanding of you that is captivating, convincing—that leads to You Yourself and the life You promise. Amen.

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**
- **Feast of the Incarnation:** Sunday, December 12, 2021, after worship. Outdoors or indoors (TBD).
- **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. Our Youth Director is Daniel Havener, daniel@gracehillnc.org. Our Worship Music Director is Kayli Havener, kayli@gracehillnc.org. Our Communications Coordinator is Kayli Havener, kayli@gracehillnc.org. 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)