



# 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.*

“Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.” ~St. Augustine

“This ‘stricken deer’ is no camel, desert-dwelling and self-sufficient. He has chosen the blessedness of those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, not the deceptive ease of ‘you that are full now.’” ~Kidner

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” ~Jeremiah 17:9

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## Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

### Declaring What We Believe: Heidelberg Catechism, Question #35

**Question:** What is the meaning of these words “He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary”?

**Answer:** That God’s eternal Son, who is, and continues true and eternal God, took upon him the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Ghost; that he might also be the true seed of David, like unto his brethren in all things, sin excepted.

## Welcoming Each Other

### Giving Worship to God: Offering

#### Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Psalms 42 and 43*

##### *Psalm 42*

As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and appear before God?  
<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
“Where is your God?”  
<sup>4</sup> These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I would go with the throng  
and lead them in procession to the house of  
God  
with glad shouts and songs of praise,  
a multitude keeping festival.  
<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation <sup>6</sup> and my God.  
My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.  
<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep  
at the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your breakers and your waves  
have gone over me.  
<sup>8</sup> By day the LORD commands his steadfast  
love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.  
<sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock:  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why do I go mourning  
because of the oppression of the enemy?”  
<sup>10</sup> As with a deadly wound in my bones,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
“Where is your God?”  
<sup>11</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

##### *Psalm 43*

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause  
against an ungodly people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man  
deliver me!  
<sup>2</sup> For you are the God in whom I take refuge;  
why have you rejected me?  
Why do I go about mourning  
because of the oppression of the enemy?  
<sup>3</sup> Send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!  
<sup>4</sup> Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.  
<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

## Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

### Sermon: Longing for God in Times of Despair

### Series: The Thirst That Could Only Be Quenched by the Incarnate Christ: Lessons from Psalm to Luke

#### Outline:

1. The Drought (Ps. 42:1–5)
2. The Depths (Ps. 42:6–11)
3. The Release (Ps. 43:1–5)

## Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

### Public Prayer

Father, we cry out to you because we see that we are lacking. Our hearts were made to worship You, but we have allowed ourselves to focus on our inner emotional turmoil that is keeping us from Your praise. We know that You are the source of all that we need and we seek You for fulfillment.

You, oh Lord, are capable to redirect us towards Your glory. Help us, by Your spirit, to focus on You and how You free us from the world that can only contain a reflection of You. Vindicate us by the knowledge of Your love through Jesus.

### Private Reflection

#### The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. ~Ps. 16:11

#### 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)

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#### Announcements:

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Help Support Grace Hill Family:** Grace Hill would love to be able to help support the Carrs as they bring home their new baby boy, Elijah James. Please find here some suggested ways that you can contribute financially, alongside an abundance of prayer.
  - Gift cards to Walmart, The Wooden Nickel, and Weaver Street Market
  - Donations to their adoption fundraising campaign:  
<http://adopttogether.org/families/?fundraiser=creatingthecarrs>
- **Serve Orange December 12<sup>th</sup>:** More Information will come to youth families this week!
- **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 still 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](mailto:vanwyk4704@msn.com)) or Andrea ([andrea@gracehillnc.org](mailto:andrea@gracehillnc.org)). <https://tinyurl.com/y5kvydc6>
- **In-Person Worship:** Please email Andrea ([andrea@gracehillnc.org](mailto: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!



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