



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.

“Humankind is divided into two groups: poor and rich, humble and proud, responsive and unresponsive. The rise of division about Jesus in 5:17–6:11 has set the stage for this contrast. Every listener belongs in one of the two camps. The question is, which one?” ~Darrell L. Bock, “Luke: 1:1–9:50,” vol. 1, *Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*, p. 568

“The poor in Judaism referred to those in desperate need (socioeconomic element) whose helplessness drove them to a dependent relationship with God (religious element) for the supplying of their needs and vindication. Both elements are consistently present, although poor/meek does place more stress on the latter.” ~Guelich, *Sermon*, 69, in Bock, *Luke*, 1:574

“Despite the desperation of their external condition, they are blessed because God’s kingdom is composed of faithful people who can live above their circumstances and trust God, a theme that appears elsewhere in the NT (1 Cor. 1:26–29; James 2:5). ~Darrell L. Bock, “Luke: 1:1–9:50,” 1:575

“The promise is not a political agenda nor a political reversal, but rather the hope of comfort extended to those who elect to participate in God’s plan. He leads them into righteousness, while promising to care for them. The point that Jesus is making is that one’s fortune is not measured by either current or external criteria.” ~Darrell L. Bock, “Luke: 1:1–9:50,” 1:576

“Luke portrays Jesus as redefining, both now and for the eschatological future, the way the world works; he is replacing common representations of the world with a new one. Joel Green, *Luke*, p. 264-5.

“When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”¹⁶ But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’²⁰ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’²² And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’²³ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.’²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’” Luke 14.15-24

“In your majesty ride out victoriously, for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness.” ~Psalm 45.4

November 8, 2020

Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Prayer for Our Nation

Adoption Sunday

Opportunity to Help Orange County Families for Thanksgiving

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 6.12–26*

In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew,¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot,¹⁶ and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon,¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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

Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

Sermon: Called to Jesus' Side

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

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Outline:

1. Invitation: Following Jesus Does Not Mean Trying to Get Him on Your Side
2. Requirement: Following Jesus Means Coming with Poverty (Spiritually and Personally):
Dependent, Humble, Needy, Responsive to Jesus

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

God, we confess that Jesus' invitation is hard for us. Some of us don't like that he spoke "Woes" in addition to "Blessings." We also are often seeking to be rich, personally and spiritually, but that means that is all we will get. We can see how deep our needs are, but we still desire to be self-sufficient, which keeps us from responding to Jesus' invitation. Forgive us.

Father, enable us to move beyond these very real obstacles and respond for the first time, or respond more deeply, to Your Son Jesus. Remove every obstacle so we can both walk intimately with You and participate in the joys of Your Kingdom. Enable us to have a greater purity of coming to You on Your terms, not ours. Bring the spiritual change to our hearts that we might be satisfied and rejoice in all Your blessings.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ~Rev. 19:9, 7–8

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**
- **Educational Support Needs:** Grace Hill is continuing to provide important educational support for MS/HS students in the Orange County school system. A new 7th grader is coming Monday! Please sign up to help on a Monday or Wednesday morning! Reach out to Allyson (vanwyk4704@msn.com) with coordination questions or to Andrea (andrea@gracehillnc.org) or Ross. Scheduling: <https://tinyurl.com/y5kvydc6>
- **GH Ladies: Bridal Shower for Timber Today!** November 8th, 2:30pm at Grace Hill Church. See invite that went out via Evite. The celebration will take place OUTSIDE, weather permitting.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays starting at 9:30 am on Zoom. Contact Cathy Durham at cathyoodurham@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 (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