



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.

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.” ~Hebrews 2:14–18

“We usually think of temptation in flaming red colors. Flaming red temptation is seeing a wad of \$100 bills drop from someone’s pocket and trying to decide what to do next. Flaming temptation is going to a hotel room and finding that a quasi-pornographic movie is available for free. It is a beer offered to an alcoholic. It is a boss telling his staff he will not be looking closely at expense accounts. We do encounter flaming red temptations at times, but the Bible and experience both suggest that most temptations are gray.” ~Daniel Doriani, *Matthew: Reformed Expository Commentary*

September 27, 2020

Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Local Outreach Opportunity: Hope Carr

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 4.1–15*

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.”

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,
¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Sermon: *Jesus’ Victory Over Temptation*

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

1. Jesus’s Victory
 - a. Jesus succeeds where Adam and Israel failed.
2. Satan’s Strategy
 - a. Satan invites us to take what is good and pervert it.
 - b. Satan tempts with knowledge.
 - c. Satan offers shortcuts.
3. Our Victory
 - a. A crucial question to always ask
 - b. Our ultimate victory in Christ

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

Father, we confess that far too often we fail to overcome temptation. We want what is not ours. We seek knowledge for the sake of pride. We look for shortcuts to achieve our goals. Far too often we listen to the voice of the world instead of the voice of God.

Thank you, Father, that You sent Your Son to earth in human flesh so that He could have victory over Satan and temptation where Adam and Israel failed. Thank You that in Christ, His victory is also our victory.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ~Romans 8:37–39

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:

- **Local Outreach Opportunity Response Form:** <https://tinyurl.com/y6fazeva>
- **Zoom Password for CORE:** 989209
- **Next Outdoor Communion Service:** Tuesday, September 29th, 6:30pm (note earlier time)—There are only three services left before Daylight Savings Time, so please try to join if you can.
- **Women’s Bible Study:** The new session has started and will be meeting 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. Join us any time in that first half hour. Please 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.



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.
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