



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.

“These events are seen as so certain that, even though they are future events, they can be portrayed as past realities.”
~Darrell Bock (BECOTNT)

December 20, 2020

Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: Heidelberg Catechism, Question #36

Question: What profit do you receive by Christ’s holy conception and nativity?

Answer: That He is our Mediator; and with His innocence and perfect holiness, covers in the sight of God, my sins, wherein I was conceived and brought forth.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 1.41–55*

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Sermon: Interrupted by Praise: A Lesson from the Mother of Jesus

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

Outline:

1. God Is to Be Praised for Sending Jesus and Showing that He Lifts Up the Humble. (vv. 48–51a)
2. God Is to Be Praised for Sending Jesus and Showing that He Will Set Up a New World Order (vv. 51b–53)
3. God Is to Be Praised for Sending Jesus and Showing that He Keeps His Promises to His People. (vv. 54–55)

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

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

Father, we confess that we look wrongly at our lives by not acknowledging how undeserving we are of Your grace. Believing that Your mercy is a sign of something that we have done to earn Your favor. We ask for grace that we might be humbled today and not only the last days.

Lead us to repentance as we understand that You keep Your promises with us as You have with Israel. Help us to see more clearly what the coming of Jesus shows of Your grace, power, and promise keeping. As we acknowledge the transformative power of your Holy Spirit, which enables us to submit ourselves to Jesus, and the ultimate victory of Your kingdom.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. ~James 4:10

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**
- **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>
- **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. Address: 515 Meadowlands Drive, Suite 500, Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278 www.gracehillnc.org; Facebook: Grace Hill Church; Twitter: @gracehillchurch; Instagram: gracehillnc