

Church Calendar

Deacon of the Week: Linda Welch



Come and support the Youth Ministry's annual fundraising event! All funds raised will go towards our summer mission trip to Washington DC.

This year, we're inviting all bakers, makers, and creators to contribute baked, grown, and made goods for our Maker's Market! In addition to baked goods and cakes, all art, photography, plants, homemade personal care items, crafts, cards, and any other made goods are welcome for sale.

Please contact Rev. Lauryn (lauryn@gbconline.org) to sign up to contribute and/or attend lunch.

Sunday, May 12
Ascension of the Lord (observed)
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Tuesday, May 14
7:00 pm AA Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 15
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 18
7:30 pm Central Virginia
Masterworks Chorale
presents
William A. Payn's *Love*

Sunday, May 19
Day of Pentecost
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Maker's Market and Cake
Auction, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 21
7:00 pm AA Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 22
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 26
Trinity Sunday
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Outdoor Worship

Monday, May 27:
Memorial Day: OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 28
7:00 pm AA Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 29
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 2
Second Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Tuesday, June 4
7:00 pm AA Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 5
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Nursery Care is available to babies and toddlers as needed during worship.

About Grace

Because we believe in God's radical love for all creation as incarnated in the life of Jesus, Grace Baptist Church authentically welcomes all people to join a faith community where we take part in God's unfolding story and practice love of God and love of neighbor in our daily living. We continually seek the Spirit's wisdom in using the gifts of grace for the transforming and healing of the world.



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We give thanks to violinist Becca Longhenry from the Richmond Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO), who plays in partial fulfillment of the space-sharing agreement that Grace Baptist has with the RPO.

We extend gratitude to GBC member Lynn Clayton as she shares her musical gifts in this morning's worship.

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May 12, 2024

Ascension of the Lord



GRACE
Baptist Church

May 12, 2024
 Ascension of the Lord
 Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome Courtney Allen Crump

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Air from the Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major, BWV 1068* J.S. Bach
 Becca Longhenry, violin arr. W. Birtel
 Lynn Clayton, piano

†Call to Worship Charlotte Fennell

All you who are yearning for connection,
 craving rest, dreaming of communities of compassion, come.

For God's Wisdom longs to be inherited.
God's Liberation longs to be danced with.

God's Anger longs for repairs to be made.
God's Peace longs to be sunk into.

Come, let us worship the Beloved,
 for God desires us to encounter Transformative Love.

†Hymn 227 *In the Garden* GARDEN

The Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53 Wayne Whitlock
Found on pg. 861 of the pew Bible.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Call to Stewardship
 May our shared resources ease the anxiety of feeling isolated in our struggles.
 May they be a reminder that no being is detached from the Whole.

Let us bring forth our offerings in the spirit of solidarity.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach
 Becca Longhenry, violin arr. W. Birtel
 Lynn Clayton, piano

†Doxology *Praise God Who Calls Creation Good* O WALY WALY

Praise God who calls cre-a-tion, "good;" Praise God for
 wis - dom un - der - stood; Praise God who died yet lives a -
 gain; Let all God's peo - ple sing, "a - men." A - men.

Time with Children Lauryn Everic

Hymn *Lift Up Your Hearts Believers* ELLACOMBE

1. Lift up your hearts be - liev - ers! This
 2. Lift up your hearts be - liev - ers! Ye
 3. Lift up your hearts be - liev - ers! And

is the ho - ly day when Je - sus, our Re -
 gates, lift up your heads! Though minds be full of
 do not be down - cast, for Je - sus our Re -

deem - er, com - pletes sal - va - tion's way. The
 won - der, yet al - so filled with dread. The
 deem - er, re - ceives the crown at last. The

for - ty days are o - ver, and
 Spi - rit has been prom - ised, and,
 thorns of cru - ci - fix - ion are

clouds shine high and bright as Christ, the o - ver -
 though we are a - lone, we wait un - til the
 changed to stars of light, and Christ, the Lord of

com - er, is lift - ed from our sight.
 mo - ment when fire and wind are known.
 glo - ry, is named as God's de - light.

Prayers of the People Jay Wanner

Choral Anthem *Christ Still Rises* Benjamin Brody
 The Chancel Choir
 with Becca Longhenry, violin

Christ still rises when fear grips our city,
 when death takes no pity, when much is unknown.
 Christ still rises when friends are divided,
 when joy feels misguided, when we are alone
 Christ still rises when churches are shuttered,
 when praises are muttered, when prayers go unsaid.
 Christ still rises when peace has all faded,
 when we are most jaded, when faith turns to dread.

Christ still rises when we give to neighbors,
 when we share our labors, when strangers belong.
 Christ still rises when we come together,
 when love is our tether, when hope is our song.
 Christ still rises when grieving is ended,
 when bodies are mended, when beauty heals pain.
 Christ still rises when fear has retreated,
 when death is defeated, and joy will remain.

The Epistle Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23 Courtney Allen Crump
Found on pg. 949 of the pew Bible.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Invitation to Respond Lauryn Everic

†Hymn 330 *Alleluia! Hear God's Story* W ZLOBIE LEZY

†Benediction Courtney Allen Crump

Postlude *Giga from E Major Partita* J.S. Bach
 Becca Longhenry, violin

† Please rise in body or in spirit.
 Elements in bold print are to be spoken by the congregation.