

The Celebration of Worship



Grace
Baptist CHURCH

November 9, 2025

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

"A Song of Thanksgiving"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: We gather in this place—

People: Not out of habit, but on purpose.

Leader: We gather to make room for God,

People: And for one another.

Leader: We bring our stories, our hopes, our doubts, our gifts—

People: Trusting that God meets us here.

Leader: This is sacred work:

People: The work of gathering, of welcome, of love made visible.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and make this gathering holy.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"Sing A New Church"
(Insert)

The Offertory

New Members introduction

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Galatians 3: 26-29 & Joel 2:28

The Choral Meditation

"Hymn of Assurance"

Words of Grace

"Rituals of Belonging: Where God Meets Us"

*The Hymn of Reflection

"Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"
(No. 172 v. 1,3,4,5)

*Baptism

Please move to the back of the Sanctuary to encircle River at the baptismal.
Baptismal vows and litany are on your insert.

*Benediction

Announcements

Mark your Calendars for:

Our Fall work day will be Saturday, November 8th from 9am - 12pm.
Our biggest task will be cutting down some tree limbs.
Please join us and bring your chainsaws and mulchers!

Our Thanksgiving Eve service is November 26th. 6PM at Grace.
A sign up sheet for Snacks is on the back bulletin board!

****ICM needs ANYTHING and EVERYTHING! ****

Birthdays

10 - Chris Brown
12 - Layne Barnard Adams

Anniversary

13 - Ben and Kakki Kudlacek

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

*Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.*

Those issues close to us:

*Spencer Cox, Paul Leonard, Brandon's dad, Billy Adams, Marsha Angell, those on disability,
Clarence Poole family, Patrice Reynolds family, River's dad and sister,
Tom's neighbor, Government workers and others with job instability,
All those affected by Hurricane Helene, Louise's brother, Jack, Middle East crisis,
Lucas Watt and family, Cameron Gray, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff,
peoples of the Ukraine, caregivers, healthcare workers, homeless children, our nations immigrants.*

*Those facing tough times, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence,
those who are incarcerated, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program,
local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.*

Those in the military:

James Pulliam, Adam Ivey, Anthony Corcoran, Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson

SING A NEW CHURCH

Summoned by the God who made us
Rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus,
Richer still in unity:
Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new church into being,
One of faith and love and praise.

Radiant risen from the water;
Robed in holiness and light,
Male and female in God's image
Male and female God's delight.
Bring the hopes of every nation;
Bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice:
Let it sound through time and space.

Draw together at one table
All the human family;
Shape of a circle ever wider
And a people ever free.
Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new church into being,
One of faith and love and praise.

Baptismal Vows

Minister: Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have begun with the renunciation of all that is evil and continued with the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.
And so I ask: Do you renounce all that separates us from love and profess your faith in Christ?

River: I do. Jesus Christ is Lord.

Minister: Now hear the pledge of your family of faith.

Congregation:
We rejoice with you.
We will pray for you.
We will surround you with a community of love.
And we will walk with you in the way of Jesus.

Minister: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit—one God, Mother of us all.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ’s own forever.

And so,
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make their face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up their countenance upon you,
and *through* you, give the world peace. Amen.

Minister: Now it is our joy to welcome **River**, our new sibling in Christ.

Congregation:
Through baptism,
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God’s new creation.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Church Maintenance
Before next Sunday - Wiberg/Wegmiller
November 23 - Grose
November 30 - Comer

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$87,648.00
Received year to date: \$95,029.26
OVER budget: \$7381.26
Weekly needs: \$1,992.00
This Week’s Offering: \$2745.00



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We are Grace Baptist Church - a ministering people of God, reaching beyond our walls to the needs of our local and global community. We are an intergenerational faith community called and committed to the life of love and servant-hood through the experience of celebrative worship, the development of each person’s gifts and the work for peace and justice.

In our diversity we find strength and a way to understand the inclusiveness of God. We recognize each individual as a child of God. We welcome and affirm ALL people, who and where you are, to join in our common mission through participation and leadership in this community of faith.

We are affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists,
the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America and the
Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Interim Pastor: Carrilea Hall	Music Director: LeAnda Barnard
Secretary: Lisa Wardo	Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

Boards

Cabinet: Neal Grose
Deacon: Doug Hendrix
Mission: Louise Grose
Education: Linda Marshall
Stewardship: Jen DeLong
Worship: LeAnda Barnard

WELCOME TO ALL who have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that being here will bring joy, peace and the presence of God to you.

*If you are interested in joining this congregation, as we seek to discern and live out God's call to us, please speak to our pastor or a deacon
(Janna Brown, Steve Coarsey, Doug Hendrix, Renae Keesbury, Tom Wiberg, Chris Brown)*

You are welcome to be a participant in the church activities at Grace.

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