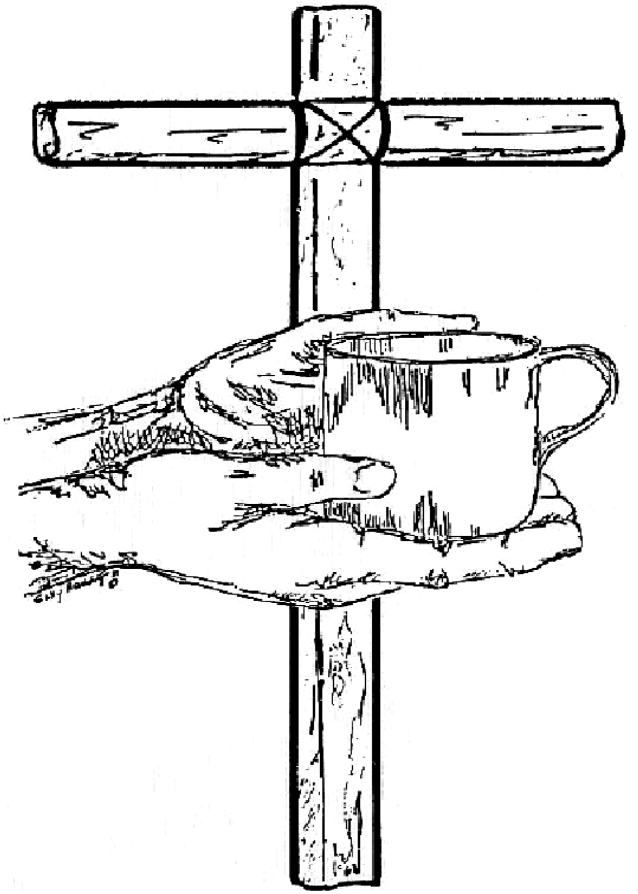
The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace

November 22, 2026

Baptism Sunday

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday – Comer/Hayes
December 6 – D Rogers
December 13 - Scouts

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed Year to Date: $97,428.00
Received Year to Date: $99,384.98
OVER budget: $1,956.98
Weekly Needs: $2,118.00
This Week's Offering: $2,135.11

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Paul V, Alice, Diane, Serenity
November 29 - Marsha, Leigh, Cathy F, Ava
December 6 - Tom, Linda M, Marco, Landon

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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
Secretary: Lisa Wardo
Music Director: LeAnda Barnard
Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

Boards

Cabinet: Carole Hendrix
Deacon: Janna Brown
Mission: Louise Grose
Education: Sam Scott
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, John Barnard, Renae Keesbury, Tom Wiberg, Chris Brown, River Irby, Paul Vanderstreek)

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

You may also contact us by phone at 704-872-5130, or by email at gracestatesville@gmail.com.

Visit our website at www.gracestatesville.org.
Our Facebook page is: Grace Baptist Church of Statesville, NC

As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a time of quiet reflection and prayerful preparation for worship.

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening *"O Give Thanks"*

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: We were created to live in relationship with one another and with all creation.
People: We belong to God, and we belong to one another.
Leader: Our faith does not remain within these walls; it shapes how we show up in the world.
People: We will make room, share responsibility, and seek one another's flourishing.
Leader**:** In our homes and schools, our organizations and workplaces, our public decisions and communities.
People: May we show up with humility, courage, and compassion.
Leader**:** Come, let us listen for God's voice and make room for one another.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise *"We Gather Together"*
(Insert)

The Sharing of Faith Journeys

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson Galatians 3:26-28

Words of Grace "In Over Your Head"

The Choral Meditation *"God Who Hears"*

*Baptism

Please move to the back of the Sanctuary to encircle Ava, Autumn, and Landon at the baptismal.

*Baptismal vows and litany are on your insert.

*Benediction

Announcements

Mark Your Calendars:

This Wednesday, November 25: Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. 6PM

November 29: Advent begins.

December 13: Annual Christmas Dinner with 5th St. 6PM

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. 6PM

The holiday meals on wheels delivery to local seniors will look a little different this Thanksgiving. We will be preparing the food and getting the meals ready for delivery in our church kitchen.
We would love your help in donating food items like rolls and desserts and green beans, helping in the kitchen on Thanksgiving morning and delivering the meals.
Please see Phyllis or Nancy for more information and let us know how you'd like to help.
We are planning to have the meals ready to go at 10:30 on Thanksgiving morning.

****ICM needs Cereal, oatmeal & grits, Pancake mix & syrup, Soups,**
Ravioli & other canned meals, Tuna & canned chicken
Green beans, corn & ALL canned vegetables, Canned beans
Pasta, spaghetti noodles & spaghetti sauce, Peanut butter, Jelly, Canned fruits**

CELEBRATIONS

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Clara Rogers

Those issues close to us:

David Grose, Billy Adams, Paul's step son, Taylor, Casey, Kathy Davis, Sharon Keller, Rick Davis, Bob's friend, Gary, Government workers and others with job instability, Jill Addison, Spencer Cox, all those affected by Hurricane Helene, Brett Jones, Islamic Center, Sam's friend, Addison, Middle East crisis, Cameron Gray, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, peoples of the Ukraine, caregivers, healthcare workers, those on disability 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, Ethan Matthews.