



The Celebration of Worship

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Community of Grace

February 22, 2026

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

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

"Prepare"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: In this season of Lent, we come not to achieve, but to be formed.

People: We come to let go of what does not give life and to cultivate what does.

Leader: We release what is shallow, hurried, and distorted.

People: We open ourselves to deeper roots.

Leader: For the Spirit meets us in wilderness places—

People: And grows in us strength we did not know we had.

All: Let us worship the God who prunes and plants, who clears and cultivates, who leads us into life.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"Lead On Eternal Sovereign"
(No. 573 v. all)

Quilt Time

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 4: 1-13

The Choral Meditation

"Lonesome Valley"

Words of Grace

"Letting go of shortcuts and cultivating endurance"

*The Hymn of Reflection

"Will You Come and Follow Me"
(Insert v. 1,2,4)

*Choral Benediction

"Speak Lord In The Stillness"

*Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

Today, New Adult Sunday School class led by Carrilea. We will be reading the book, Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking On Water, and Loving the Bible Again.

Copies can be ordered from The Wandering Crow Bookshop in Statesville (shop local!!)

**Covered Dish Luncheon today immediately following church.
Bring a favorite dish to share with others.**

The Grounds Committee invites you to stay after the Covered Dish Lunch to do some grounds work-mulching.

Lent Offering: "Cultivating Young Minds" We will be collecting money and books for Speak Life and Life.

Birthdays

19 - Jo Salisbury
19 - Autumn Tilley
29 - Hollace Scanlan

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

*Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.*

Those issues close to us:

Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, those on disability, Buddist Monks, Nancy Dill, Vera Bowman family, Tony Smith, Carrilea's grandmother, Teddy, Bryan, Kristy, Farris Ervin family, Amy Jacks Dean, Susan Fanjoy, Lowe's employees, Hispanic community, Nichole's neighbor, Recent shootings,

Bob Barber, 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

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Brown/Irby
March 8 - Barnard
March 15 - Salisbury/McKinney

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$15,268.00
Received year to date: \$13,311.73
UNDER budget: \$1,956.27
Weekly needs: \$2118.00
This Week's Offering: \$465.00

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Andrew Hall, Phyllis Rogers, Tom Wiberg
March 1 - Emma Wegmiller, Brandon Tilley, Autumn Tilley



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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

Happenings around Town

*Coffee and Conversation! Every Monday at 8:00 am meet at The Haven. This is open to everyone!!

*Grace's Lunch Bunch: This is open to anyone that likes to eat lunch! We will eat at a different local restaurant every month on the first Thursday.

Our first Lunch Bunch will be at Farmhouse house on Hwy 21
(old Captains Galley) March 5 at 1:00.

More info to come, but mark your calendars now!

This group has been organized by Christine, Rebecca and Regina.

If you have questions, call Christine at 704-929-9767 or
Rebecca at 704-880-1951.

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Will You Come and Follow Me

1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
5. Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when You but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be the same.

Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In Your com-pa - ny I'll go where Your love and foot-steps show.

will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?
Will you let Me an - swer prayer in you and you in Me?
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

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