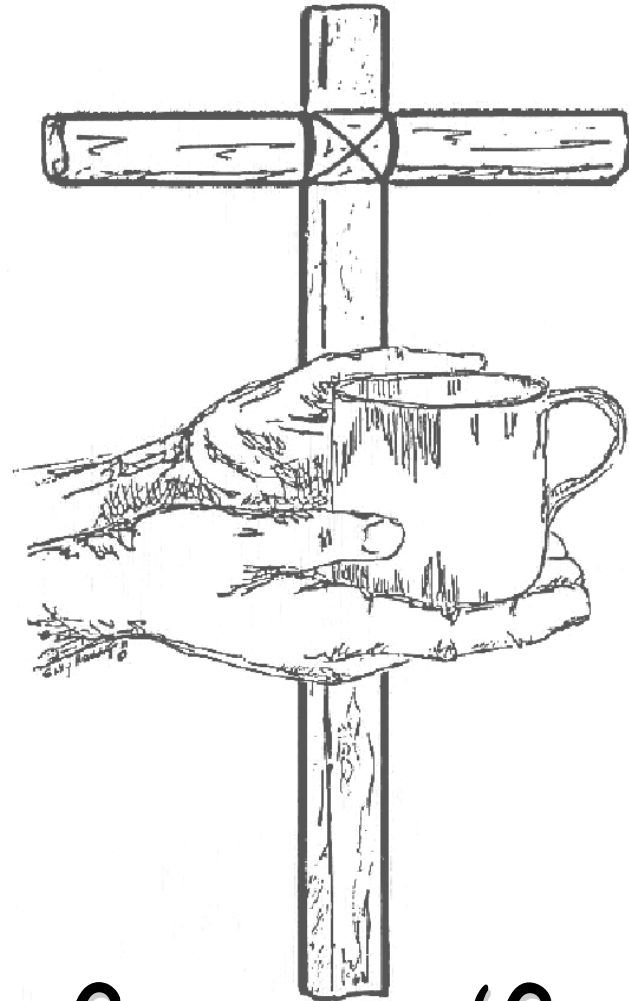


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
May 3, 2026

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

"Rejoice In The Lord"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: We come from many places—carrying burdens, questions, and hope.

People: And God meets us here.

Leader: We come as people still becoming—still healing, still growing.

People: And God is not finished with us yet.

Leader: This is the good news: the resurrection is not behind us—

People: It is happening even now.

All: Let us worship the God who brings new life.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"Sing Praise to God Our Highest Good"
(No. 6 v. 1,2,3)

Quilt Time- Noisy Offering

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

John 14:1-14

The Choral Meditation

"In All Things, God Works For Our Good"

Words of Grace

"The Only Way?"

*The Hymn of Reflection

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"
(No. 493 v. all)

*Choral Benediction

"Almighty God"

*Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

Noisy Offering is today

Please see a member of the Grounds Committee if you're interested in having a raised garden bed for the 2026 growing season! It's so much fun to grow and pick your own vegetables and flowers!

Summer mowing - please consider volunteering to help with mowing chores this summer. We mow once every 2 weeks and it takes about 2 hours, possibly up to 3 if you prefer to go slower on the riding mower. We have a nice new mower that's in great working order, too! Neal Grose will be holding a mowing orientation soon - more information to follow!

Upcoming events

Spring Clean Up will be next Saturday, May 9th, from 9am-12pm.

**Our next Lunch Bunch is
Thursday, May 7th. At Mi Pueblo. 1:00pm.**

****ICM needs Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant,
Body wipes (these are great for unhoused folks)****

Birthdays

3 - Naomi Angell
3 - Amy Sullivan
4 - Sue Shoemaker
9 - Susan Rawls

Anniversary

9 - Donn and Lisa Wardo

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

*Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.*

Those issues close to us:

Robert Moore family, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, those on disability, Buddhist Monks, Gina, Erica Price family, Nancy Dill, Tony Smith, Carrilea's grandmother, Marc, Kristy Amy Jacks Dean, Allison & Arnold, Lowe's employees, Hispanic community, 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 - Shaver/Corcoran
May 17 - Wiberg/Wegmiller
May 24 - Grose

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Diane, Brandon, Louise, Ava
May 10 - Janna, Cory, Cathy, Serenity
May 17 - Hollace, Leigh, Chris, Autumn

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed Year to Date: \$36,006.00
Received Year to Date: \$32,610.71
UNDER budget: \$3,395.29
Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00
This Week's Offering: \$1405.00



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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
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.

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