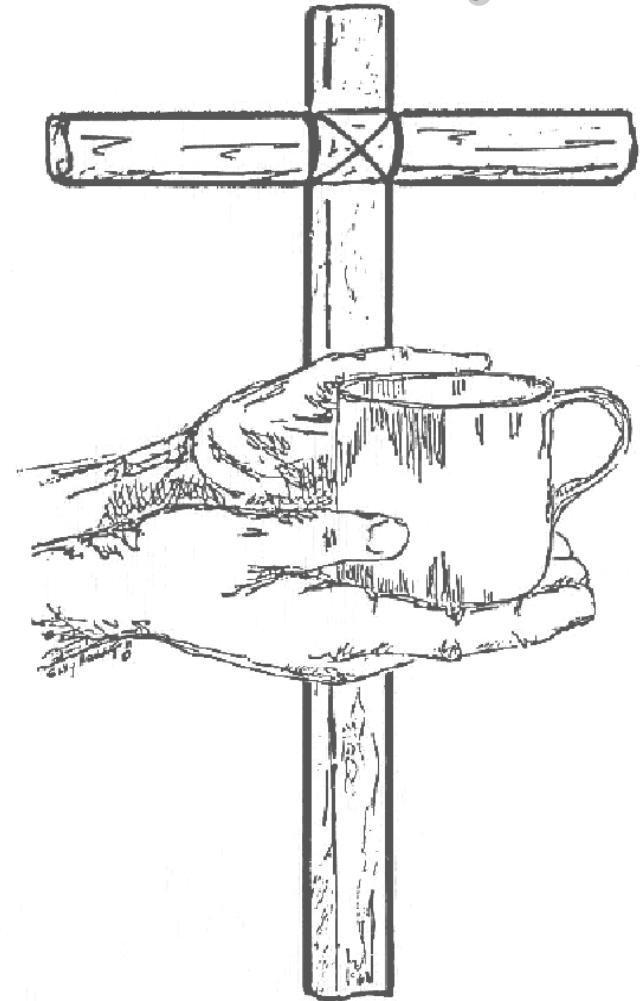


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
January 4, 2026

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

"Praise! Rejoice in God"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Light! Light, light and more light!
Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

People: We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light,

Leader: The light has come into the world. Immanuel. God with us.

People: O come, let us worship the Lord

and consider what wondrous things God has done:

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"As With Gladness Those of Old"
(No. 159 v.1, 2, 3)

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

Matthew 2:1-12

The Scripture Lesson

"Mary's Son"

The Choral Meditation

Words of Grace

*The Hymn of Reflection

"Who Would Think That What Was Needed"
(No. 153 v. all)

*Benediction

*The Choral Benediction

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

Our Advent offering this year is collecting items for the Homeless served by 5th Street Ministries PATH project.

Food items mostly.

The food should be single serving, not requiring a can opener and preferably finger foods not needing to be heated. And as always money donations can be put to use.

Mark Your Calendars for:

Grace Annual Retreat

Friday, January 23rd. 6PM

If you would like to make soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, or a dessert let Neal know.

Cabinet Retreat

Saturday, January 24th. 9AM

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

Birthdays

5 - Chris Shuford

7 - Elijah Brown

9 - Maya Hall

12 - Tipton and Ezra Tosco

13 - Carole Hendrix

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:

Spencer Cox, Brandon's dad, Billy Adams, those on disability, Sam's client, Scouts camping, Ted Raye, Gay's friend, Renae's brother and sister-in-law, Eli Yacinthe, Hispanic community,

Recent shootings, Beverly, 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 - Shoemaker/Scanlan

January 18- Scouts

January 25 - Nicholson/Davis

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: 103,544.00

Received year to date: \$107,048.11

OVER budget: \$3504.11

Weekly needs: \$1,992.00

This Week's Offering: \$246.00



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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.

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

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