

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 16, 2026 On the Journey Season of Grace

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Congregational Opening *“All Are Welcome”*

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and
all can safely live. A place where saints and
children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace,
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

*Call to Gathering

Leader: Life is not a straight line.
It is a journey of becoming—
full of twists and turns,
questions and discoveries,
losses and new beginnings..

People: We do not walk alone.

Leader: Generations before us have walked this road.
They left guideposts along the way—.

People: Songs of hope, acts of courage, practices of love.

Leader So come.
Let us gather with the God who meets us on the journey.

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise *“Come Our Sisters, Come Our Brothers”*
(on your tables)

Quilt Time

Offertory

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

Words of Grace “The Way Down is the Way Up”

The Choral Meditation *“In Holy Reverence, Lord, We Come”*

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

Everyone is invited to share in communion.
When you are finished, please form a circle around the sanctuary.
If you are not able to come forward, let a deacon know and the elements will be brought to you.

*Benediction in Song *“What Does the Lord Require”*

1st Group (repeat 4 times): What does the Lord require of you?
2nd Group (repeat 3 times): Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
3rd Group (repeat 2 times): To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

We are in the midst of our **Season of Grace**.

There will be no Sunday School during this season and worship will begin at 10am.

A light breakfast is served every Sunday morning at 9:30am for gathering and socializing.

This year the Mission board is asking for people to give of themselves and their time.

There will be a list of Volunteer Opportunities on the bulletin board and each week they will highlight one. We hope you will go out and support any of these with your interest and talents!

Wild Goose Lecture - Sept. 2, 7-8:30 p.m. - Kristin Kobes Du Mez, American historian and author of *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation*. and a new book on the way: *Live Laugh Love: The Secret History of White Christian Women and the World They Made*.

**We are now serving a meal twice a month at Fifth Street –
the second Monday and the fourth Thursday of the month. For the month of August that will be 8/10 and 8/27.
A signup sheet will be on the bulletin board or you can let Phyllis Rogers or Renae Keesbury know.**

***Don't forget** - the Grounds Committee needs your **Cardboard!** **AND**

Please join us to spread the wood chips on the Sign Bed! Saturday, September 12th at 8am! Donuts and coffee for all helpers!

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!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

16 - Tip Nicholson
16 - Bailey Wiberg
19 - John Nicholson

Anniversary:

17 - Tip Nicholson and Nancy Davis

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

*Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.*

Those issues close to us:

Janice Comer, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, Kate Campbell, Pam Navey family, Allison & Arnold, River's coworker, Carole's friend, Family of Bailey Rogers, Regina's friends, Hispanic community, Louise's brother, Jack, Government workers and others with job instability, all those affected by Hurricane Helene, 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 Ivov Anthony Corcoran, Kelso Igano, Zach Thomson. Zv'cale Bowlina. Ethan Matthews.

Church Maintenance

**Before next Sunday – Berryhill
August 30 – J Brown/Irby
September 6 - Barnard**

Flowers

Diane Hamby

Second Hour Helpers

**Today – Nancy, Sandy, Marsha, Naomi
August 23 -Janna, Cory, Brandon, Serenity
August 30 - Louise, Ed, Andrew, Autumn**

Budget Update

Needed Year to Date: \$67,776.00
Received Year to Date: \$66,890.06
UNDER budget: \$885.94
Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00
This Week's Offering: \$2193.09



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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