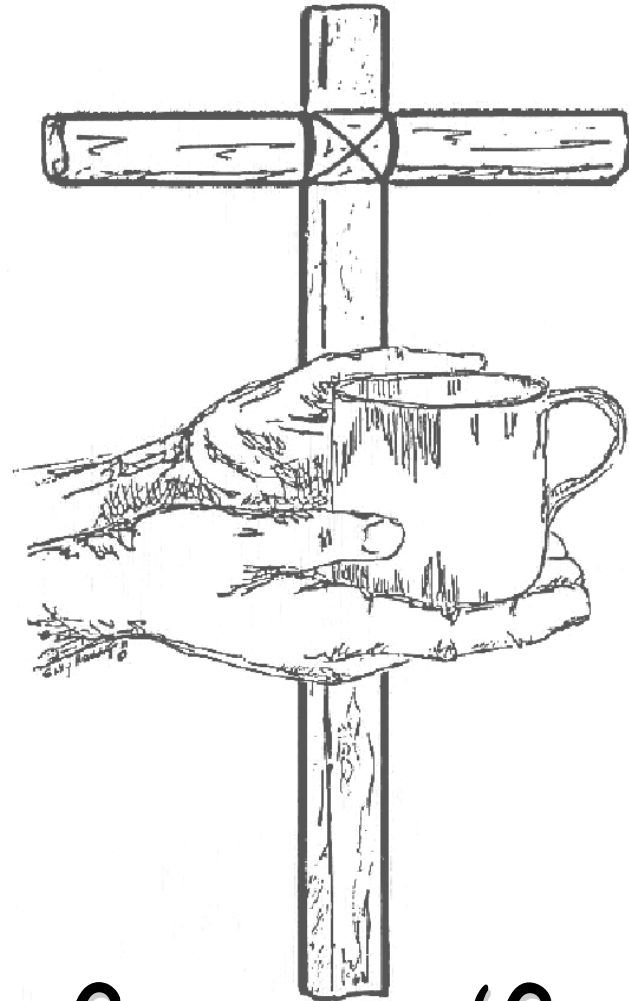


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
April 12, 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

"Prepare"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Listen! For this is Good News!

God's Grace is wider than our wildest imaginings.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: God's Grace embraces us as we are and where we are and draws us out to be the people we were created to be.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: God of Grace, we come as people who live through that Grace.

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"The Journey of Faith"
(Insert)

Quilt Time– Noisy offering

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Reader's Choir

The Choral Meditation

"Amazing Grace"

Words of Grace

"Our Amazing Grace"
(Discussion of Search Committee Proposal)

*The Hymn of Reflection

"The Tapestry of Faith"
(Insert)

*Choral Benediction

"Speak Lord In The Stillness"

*Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

Today is Noisy offering.

Lent Offering: "Cultivating Young Minds".

We will be collecting money and books for Speak Life and Live.

We have collected \$1895.04 so far.

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!

The Grounds Committee is looking for someone(s) who would be interested in helping get our Holocaust Memory Day daffodil bulbs dug up and relocated. These are planted right at the front of our property along the street, an area that will soon be covered in wood chips as we continue our work to develop that bed.

Please let Andora know if you're able to help! and thanks!

Upcoming events

Serve Shelter supper tomorrow, Monday night.

Sunday, April 26th, Spring Lunch and Plant

Spring Clean up coming soon.

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:

Rebecca, Jen's father, Chloe, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, those on disability, Buddhist Monks, Nancy Dill, Tony Smith, Carrilea's grandmother, Teddy, Bryan, Kristy, Farris Ervin family,

Amy Jacks Dean, 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

The Journey of Faith

To a journey God has called us,

To a life of love and hope;

In the light and in the shadow,

God is with us as we go.

Faith that grows with each new challenge,

Trust that leads through paths unknown,

We, as pilgrims, walk together

In the journey to our home.

For the strength of faithful witness

Lived through days of joy and tears;

And the gift of grace sufficient

For the ever-flowing years;

For the richness of Your mercy

To You, Lord, we give our praise.

May our lives reflect Your glory

'Till the close of all our days.

Go we now to be God's people,

Go we now our faith to live.

Help us learn from one another

Faith to keep, a faith to give.

Go we now on life's great journey,

Go we now, but not alone.

With God's people, by God's Spirit,

Faith leads forward, faith leads on.

The Tapestry of Faith

Days of joy and days of struggle, Days of seeking God's new dream;
Days of fruit and days of waiting, Faith to trust what can't be seen;
Through the days and years together, runs a clear and constant thread
Of the love of God here with us, by whose Spirit we are led.

Faces new and faces weathered Through the living of the days;
Faith that's new and faith well-practiced, Even faith that's lost its way;
Gathered here we all are different Yet we claim to be made one
By the thread that's ever near us, Life together in the Son.,,

Like a tapestry, we're woven, with these threads so fine and true -
All the people, all the moments, all the work we've sought to do,
All are woven up together, giving color, giving shape
But in God we're knit together, with the constant thread of Grace.

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Hamby/Carrigan
April 26 - J Nicholson
May 3 - Hendrix

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Linda, Tom, Emma, Landon
April 19 - Marco, Nancy, Cathy F, Ava
April 26 - Sheri, Andrew, Carole, Serenity

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed Year to Date: \$29,652.00
Received Year to Date: \$29,077.79
UNDER budget: \$574.21
Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00
This Week's Offering: \$2880.13



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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: 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.

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