

The Celebration of Worship



Grace
Baptist CHURCH

October 12, 2025

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.

O Holy God, Whose Gracious Power

O holy God, whose gracious power redeems us,
Make us by faith, true Stewards of your grace.
Help us to hear and heed Christ’s great commission,
Sharing good news in this our time and place.

Spirit divine, we need your loving favor,
For we confess we cannot stand alone.
May we receive and give with equal pleasure,
Thus building strong your church in flesh, not stone.

So may we face the future without swerving,
Always empowered to witness to your grace,
In thankfulness for gifts received and given,
And for those moments when we glimpse your face.

The Prelude	
The Welcome and Announcements	
The Choral Opening	<i>"O Come, and Let Us Sing"</i>
*The Call to Gathering	
Leader: Loving God, so many people are in pain,	
People: Teach us the way to peace.	
Leader: When people around us don't agree and think differently,	
People: Lord, teach us to listen and understand.	
Leader: When we see people who are hungry and poor,	
People: Teach us to give to them like you give to us.	
Leader: When we see people treated poorly because of their skin color or language,	
People: Lord, teach us to be an example of love.	
Leader: When we stop and see all you have given us.	
All: Teach us to be thankful and show us the way to Peace!	
*The Invocation	
*The Hymn of Praise	<i>"The Journey of Faith"</i> (Insert)
The Offertory	
The Prayers of the People	
The Scripture Lesson	Hebrews 11:1-3 & James 1:1-2
The Choral Meditation	<i>"Be Still"</i>
Words of Grace	<i>"Faith For a Fractured World"</i>
The Hymn of Reflection	<i>"O Holy God, Whose Gracious Power"</i> (Insert)
*Benediction	
*The Choral Benediction	<i>"May the Lord Bless You"</i>
*Postlude	

Announcements

Mark your Calendars for:

****Our Davis Lecture Series starts today, October 12-13th. 7pm nightly.
Dr. Corey D.B. Walker, Dean of the Wake Forest Divinity School, will be out speaker.**

We also Welcome him in the pulpit this morning.

His Topic is: Faith for a Fractured World.

Scary Supper is coming November 2nd!

If you would like to help with meal prep or set up, let Nancy know.

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

Birthdays

12 - Maple Scott
13 - Millie Corcoran
14 - Ulysses Marshall
16 - Brandon Tilley
16 - Grady Adams

Anniversary

18 - John and Melissa Hendrix

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

*Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.*

Those issues close to us:

*Billy Adams, Marsha Angell, Eve Shaver's family, those on disability, James Mabe,
River's dad and sister, Government workers and others with job instability, Gary West,
All those affected by Hurricane Helene, Louise's brother, Jack, Middle East crisis,
Lucas Watt and family, Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox,
Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Amber Jordan and family, 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 - Hamby/S Johnson

October 26 - Nicholson

November 3 - Hendrix

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$79,680.00
Received year to date: \$75,849.45
UNDER budget: \$3,830.55
Weekly needs: \$1,992.00
This Week's Offering: \$1728.67



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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: 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.

Visit our website at www.gracestatesville.org.

Our Facebook page is: Grace Baptist Church of Statesville, NC