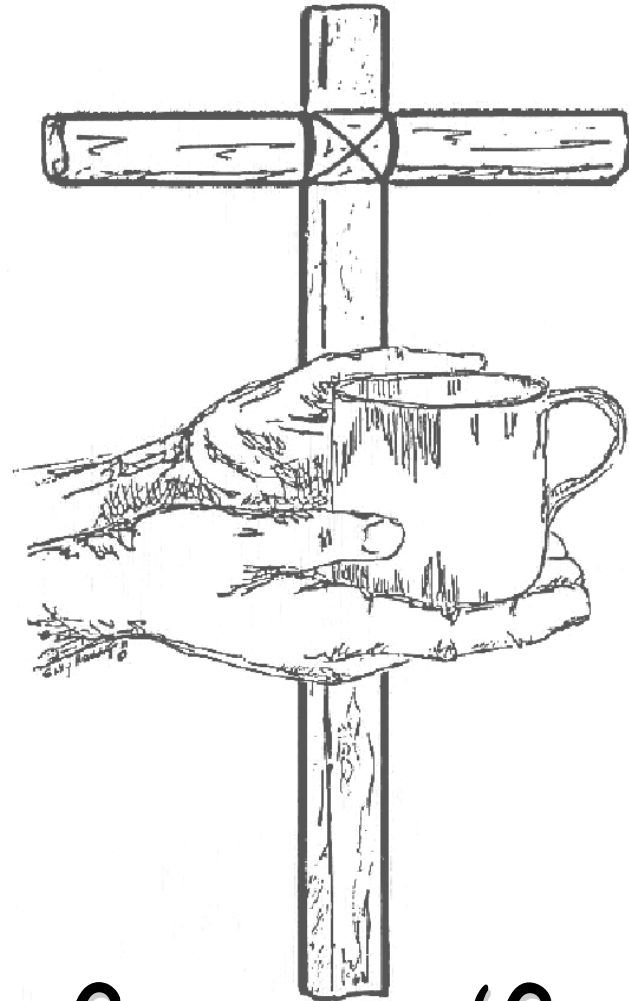


# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace  
May 17, 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 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

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*  
(No. 1 v. 1,2,3)

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Mathew 13:33

Words of Grace

"Small Things That Change Everything"

The Choral Meditation

*"Remember Me"*  
Donn Wardo

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

## **Announcements**

May Cabinet Meeting: Monday, May 18 at 5:30.

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!

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

### **Birthday**

22 - Bob Barber

### **CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:*

*Our friends on homebound:  
Clara Rogers.*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Mark Nelson family, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, those on disability, Joe Swain, Nancy Dill, Tony Smith, Carrilea's grandmother, Marc, Kristy, Amy Jacks Dean, Maggie Hurst, 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 - Grose

May 31 - Comer

June 7 - D. Rogers

### **Second Hour Helpers**

Today - Katelyn M, Leigh, Chris, Autumn

May 24 - Linda, Kristie, Marco, Emma

May 31 - Marsha, Cathy, Janna, Ruby

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed Year to Date: \$40,242.00

Received Year to Date: \$39,450.15

UNDER budget: \$791.85

Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00

This Week's Offering: \$980.00



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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: 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.*

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