

# The Celebration of Worship

CULTIVATING  
& LETTING GO

Community of Grace  
March 1, 2026

**As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a time of quiet reflection and prayerful preparation for worship.**

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

*"Prepare"*

\*The Call to Gathering

**Leader:** In this season of Lent, we come not to achieve, but to be formed.

**People:** We come to let go of what does not give life and to cultivate what does.

**Leader:** We release what is shallow, hurried, and distorted.

**People:** We open ourselves to deeper roots.

**Leader:** For the Spirit meets us in wilderness places—

**People:** And grows in us strength we did not know we had.

**All:** Let us worship the God who prunes and plants, who clears and cultivates, who leads us into life.

\*The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

*"How Firm A Foundation"*  
(No. 407 v. 1,2,5)

Quilt Time– Noisy Offering

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 7:24–27

The Choral Meditation

*"The Very Thought of Thee"*

Words of Grace

*"Letting go of Reactivity-Cultivating Wisdom"*

\*The Hymn of Reflection

*"Come and Find the Quiet Center"*  
(Insert v. all)

\*Choral Benediction

*"Speak Lord In The Stillness"*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand*

## Announcements

**Lent Offering: "Cultivating Young Minds".**

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

## Upcoming events

**Saturday, March 21: Family Picnic at noon at Lake Norman State Park.  
More info to come.**

**Easter Saturday: April 4 Egg Hunt and Easter Party on the church grounds.**

**Maunday Thursday Meal: April 2- 6:00pm.**

**Easter: April 5 - Sunrise service at sunrise with lite breakfast, no Sunday School, then worship with Contata at 11:00am.**

**\*\*ICM needs cereal, ramen noodles, and mac-n-cheese. \*\***

### Birthdays

*Feb 29 - Hollace Scanlan*

*March 5 - Zoe McMillan*

## **CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:*

*Our friends on homebound:*

*Clara Rogers.*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, those on disability, Buddist Monks, Nancy Dill, Vera Bowman family, Tony Smith, Carrilea's grandmother, Teddy, Bryan, Kristy, Farris Ervin family, Amy Jacks Dean, Susan Fanjoy, Lowe's employees, Hispanic community, Nichole's neighbor, Recent shootings, Milo, 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 - Barnard  
March 15 - Salisbury/McKinney  
March 22 - DeLong

## Second Hour Helpers

Today - Emma Wegmiller, Brandon Tilley, Autumn Tilley  
March 8 - Paul Vanderstreek, Nancy Davis, Marsha Angell  
March 15 - Cory Scott, Cathy Fulbright, Louise Grose

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$16,944.00  
Received year to date: \$15,946.11  
UNDER budget: \$997.89  
Weekly needs: \$2118.00  
This Week's Offering: \$2634.38



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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](mailto:gracestatesville@gmail.com).

Visit our website at [www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org).

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

## 89 Come and Find the Quiet Center

*Unison*

1 Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead,  
 2 Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
 3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,

find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:  
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch - es base,  
 let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:

clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
 mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,  
 there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,

all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
 rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
 in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!