

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

**July 5, 2026**

**On the Journey**

**Season of Grace**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Congregational Opening

*“Hallelujah, Praise Ye Lord”*

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu,  
Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu,  
Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!  
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Praise ye the Lord!

\*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

*“This Is My Song”  
(No. 591 v. all)*

Quilt Time

Offertory

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:78-79 & Matthew 5:9

The Choral Meditation

*“Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace”*

Words of Grace

Walking the Way of Peace

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Benediction

*“Your Peace Will Make Us One”*

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord  
You are speaking truth to power,  
you are laying down our swords  
Replanting every vineyard til a brand  
new wine is poured  
Your peace will make us one

(Chorus)  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Your peace will make us one!

I've seen you in our home fires  
burning with a quiet light  
You are nurturing and tending in  
the wee hours of the night  
Your gentle love is patient,  
you will never fade or tire  
Your peace will make us one

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand*

# Announcements

**\*Today is Noisy Offering\***

**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!

Grace serves a meal twice a month at Fifth Street Ministries. We serve on the second Monday and fourth Thursday of the month. This month we will serve on Monday, July 13th and Thursday, July 23rd.

If you would like to help serve on either of those dates please sign up on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary or let Phyllis Rogers (704-838-2315) or Renae Keesbury (704-682-1358) know. We arrive at 5:00, entering through the office, and are usually finished before 6:00. You don't need to bring anything but a smile!

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!

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Birthdays:

**7 - Betty Isereau**

**10 - Emma Barnard Chesnut**

## **CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:*

*Our friends on homebound:*

*Clara Rogers.*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Janice Comer, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, those on disability, Joe Swain, Nancy Dill, Tony Smith, River's dad, all those affected by the Venezuelan earthquakes, Jen's work, Wildfires in Utah, Allison & Arnold, 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,*

*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, Zy'cale Bowling*

## **Church Maintenance**

**Before next Sunday - Fulbright/Scanlan**

**July 19 - Scouts**

**July 25 - Nicholson/Davis**

## **Flowers**

**Neal & Louise  
Grose**

## **Second Hour Helpers**

**Today - Leigh, Chris, Sherri, Landon**

**July 12 - Sandy, Emma, Louise, Ava**

**July 19 - Cory, Marco, Alice, Serenity**

### **Budget Update**

Needed Year to Date: \$55,068.00

Received Year to Date: \$53,203.52

**UNDER** budget: \$1,864.48

Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00

This Week's Offering: \$1968.81

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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 Hallker

Secretary: Lisa Wardo

Music Director: LeAnda Barnard

Church Musician: Nichole Tilley