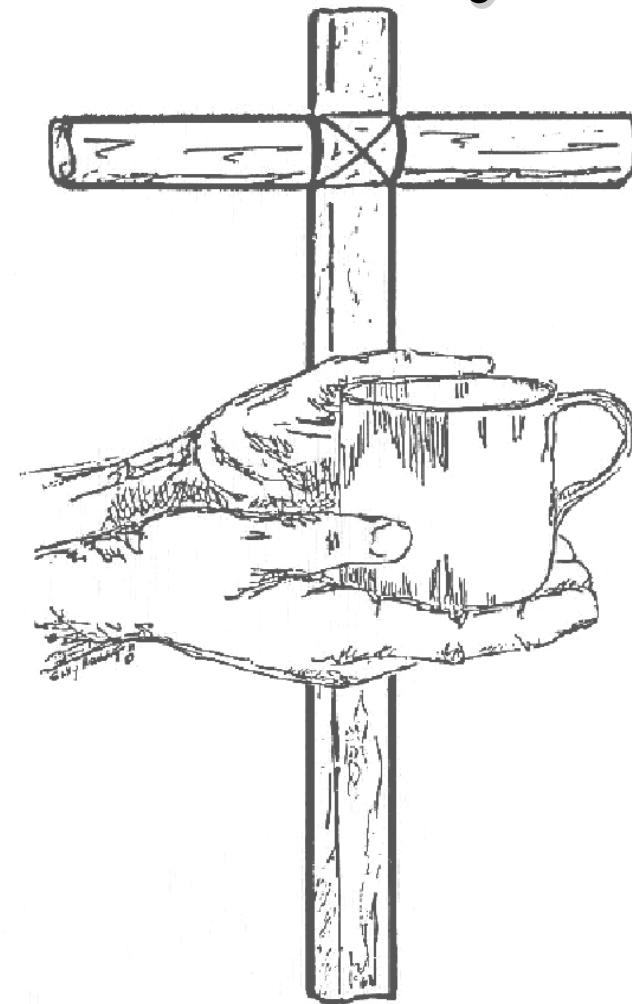


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
February 15, 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

"Praise! Rejoice in God"

*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

*"Children of Promise"
(Insert)*

Children Dedication

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

1 John 4:7-8 & Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Words of Grace

"Love Forward"

The Choral Meditation

"The Greatest Gift Is Love"

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

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Service: Feb 18 at 6:00pm

Sunday, February 23: New Adult Sunday School class led by Carrilea. We will be reading the book, Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking On Water, and Loving the Bible Again.

Copies can be ordered from The Wandering Crow Bookshop in Statesville (shop local!!)

**Covered Dish Luncheon Sunday, February 22 immediately following church.
Bring a favorite dish to share with others.**

Lent Offering: "Cultivating Young Minds" We will be collecting money and books for Speak Life and Life.

Birthdays

15 - Patti West

15 - Steve Hughes

18 - Vincent Toups

18 - Linda Marshall

19 - Landon Hayes

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, Hispanic community, Nichole's neighbor, Recent shootings,

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 - Berryhill
March 1 - J Brown/Irby
March 8 - Barnard

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Diane Hamby, Sheri Coarsey, Bradi Edwards
Feb. 22 - Andrew Hall, Phyllis Rogers, Tom Wiberg



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BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$12,708.00
Received year to date: \$12,846.73
OVER budget: \$138.73
Weekly needs: \$2118.00
This Week's Offering: \$2560.00

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: 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.

Visit our website at www.gracestatesville.org.

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

Happenings around Town

***Coffee and Conversation!** Every Monday at 8:00 am meet at The Haven. This is open to everyone!!

***Grace's Lunch Bunch:** This is open to anyone that likes to eat lunch! We will eat at a different local restaurant every month on the first Thursday. Our first Lunch Bunch will be at Flavorhouse on Hwy 21 March 5 at 1:00.

More info to come, but mark your calendars now!

This group has been organized by Christine, Rebecca and Regina. If you have questions, call Christine at 704-929-9767 or Rebecca at 704-880-1951.

CHILDREN OF PROMISE

**CHILDREN OF PROMISE AND CHILDREN OF LIGHT
COME NOW BEFORE US WITH HOPE SHINING BRIGHT;
ARMS FULL OF FUTURE AND FISTS FULL OF DAYS,
MAY THEY LEARN GLADLY TO WALK IN YOUR WAYS.**

**GATHERED HERE FAM'LY OF FAITH AND OF HOME
PLEDGING THAT CHILDREN SHALL NOT BE ALONE.
WE WILL WALK WITH THEM IN LAUGHTER AND TEARS,
BLESSING THEIR DREAMING AND CALMING THEIR FEARS.**

**WISDOM AND JUSTICE, COMPASSION AND GRACE,
MAY THEY BE WHAT CHILDREN LEARN IN THIS PLACE.
MAY THEY GROW RICH IN THEIR HEART, SOUL AND MIND,
GROWING IN FAITH IN GOD'S OWN HOLY TIME.**