

The Celebration of Worship

CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO

Community of Grace
Easter
April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: All through this season, we have been letting go—

Letting go of fear, control, and what we cannot hold.

And in that letting go, God has been at work—

People: Cultivating new life within us.

Leader: Now the stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. And Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: So come—

bring what you have let go of, and bring what is still growing.

All: We come to worship the God

who brings life from death,

hope from despair,

and resurrection from the places

we thought were lost.

*The Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

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The Offertory

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:1-9

The Easter Cantata

"Tell Me The Story Again"

"Prepare Ye The Way"

"Room At The Table"

"Be Still"

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

"Love Lives On"

***Easter Medley (With Congregation)**

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*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 Live.

Upcoming events

Sunday, April 26th - Spring Lunch and Plant after worship.

Spring clean up coming soon.

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

Birthdays

5 - Andrew Hall
11 - John Hendrix

Anniversary

April 5 - David and Phyllis Rogers

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

*Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.*

Those issues close to us:

Rebecca, Jen's father, Chloe, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, those on disability, Buddhist Monks, Joe Swain, Cathy and Bryan's friend, Jeff, Nancy Dill, Tony Smith, Carrilea's grandmother, Teddy, Bryan, Kristy, Jean Foster's mom, Amy Jacks Dean, 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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
Jesus on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation shed;
But the crucified Redeemer now is risen from the dead!

Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of your face;
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by God's liberating deed;
Now the Christ with us abiding to eternal life shall lead.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the God of joy;
Alleluia to the Savior who came death's bonds to destroy;
Alleluia our Creator, Fount of love and sanctify;
Alleluia! Alleluia! On this day of joy we see.

Easter Medley

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing ye heavens, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;

Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless King, throughout eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave,

Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;

His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

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Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Scouts

April 19 - Hamby/Carrigan

April 26 - Nicholson

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Kayla, Cory, Sandy

April 12 - Linda, Tom, Emma, Landon

April 19 - Marco, Nancy, Cathy F, Ava

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed Year to Date: \$27,534.00

Received Year to Date: \$26,197.66

UNDER budget: \$1,336.40

Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00

This Week's Offering: \$776.00



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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.

You may also contact us by phone at 704-872-5130, or by email at gracestatesville@gmail.com.

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