

# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace  
March 23, 2025

## ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN FAMILY/COMMUNITY

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

*"Praise to the Lord"*

\*The Call to Gathering

Leader: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge.

**People: Happy are those whose delight is in the Teaching Of The Lord, they are like trees planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and their roots do not wither.**

Leader: And they devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

**People: "I am the vine, you are the branches....Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit..."**

**By this my Abba is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples."**

**All: Thank you God for our sustaining rootedness in family and community.**

\*The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

*"I Sing The Mighty Power of God"*  
(No. 12 v. all)

Rooted Moment

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6:11

Words of Grace

*"Our Daily Bread"*

The Choral Meditation

*"Come to the Table of the Lord"*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*The Words of Institution*

*The Invitation to the Table*

*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?

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**

**The Lenten Offering this year is "Aunt Flo's Locker", For Period poverty! The Mission Board is collecting elastic waist pants and leggings, underwear (all sizes), and disposable wipes for students. Money is also appreciated. Please designate your checks to the Lenten offering.**

### **Happenings**

Tonight. 5:30pm  
Pot Luck with discussion.  
Topic: Media

Next weekend  
Spring Clean-up days  
March 28th, 5pm-whenver and Saturday, March 29th from  
9am-12pm.

April 12  
Community day at Tanglewood  
Cookout with games and Fun!

### **Birthdays**

26 - Jet Tosco  
28 - Lisa Wardo

### **CONCERNS**

Continue to remember:  
Our friends on homebound:  
Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:

Nancy Milstead family, Gina's family, Brenda Swicegood family, Andrew Koontz family, Jim Brown, Jim Cashdollar, Flooding in the Midwest, Paul's family, Billy Adams, Shakira, Ursula, Susan, River, Charles McGahee family, All those affected by Hurricane Helene, Emma's younger sister, Ben/Kakki/and Zander, Government workers and those affected by job cuts, Those on disability, Rebecca Beaver, Alf Fraley, Louise's brother, Jack, Middle East crisis, Lucas Watt and family, Wild fires in the west, Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Amber Jordan and family, People of Cuba, Kim Christman and Stan Dotson, 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.

### **BUDGET**

Needed year to date: \$21,912.00  
Received year to date: \$20,890.02  
UNDER budget: \$1021.98  
Weekly needs: \$1,992.00  
This Week's Offering: \$2033.11

### **Fundraising Campaign**

Goal: \$63,000  
Gifts To Date: \$52,890.00

### **Church Maintenance**

Before next Sunday - Keesbury

April 6 - Tilley

April 13 - Scouts



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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*

Pastor: Steve Shoemaker

Music Director: LeAnda Barnard

Secretary: Lisa Wardo

Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

### **Boards**

Cabinet: Neal Grose

Deacon: Doug Hendrix

Mission: Louise Grose

Education: Linda Marshall

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, Steve Coarsey, Doug Hendrix, Renae Keesbury, Tom Wiberg, Chris Brown)*

*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).

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