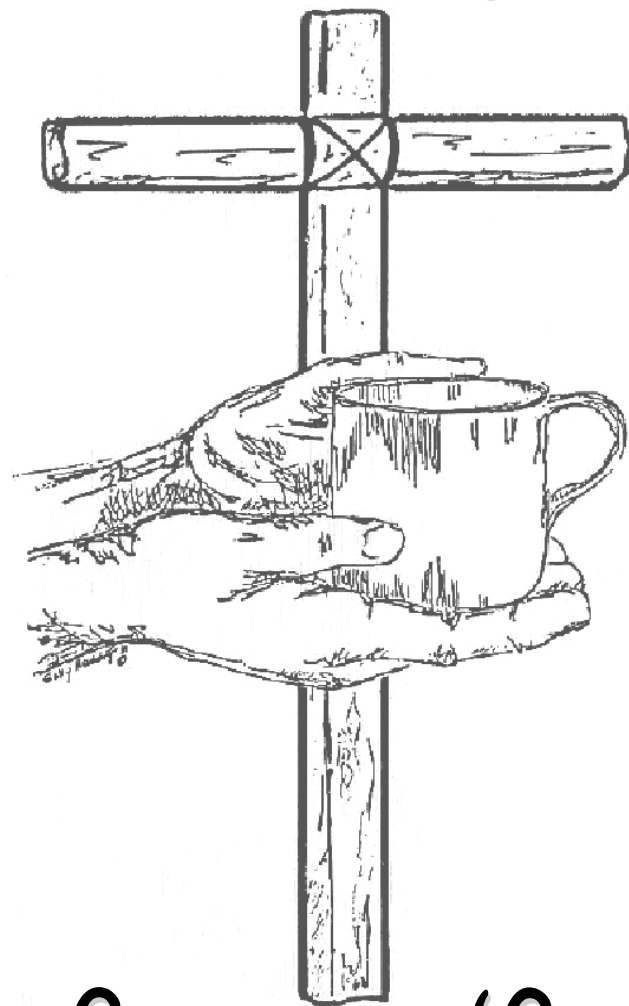


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
September 20, 2026

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

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

"Sing to the Lord a Praise Song"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Summer is ending. Our mornings have gotten earlier.

ALL: God is with us in the ending and the beginning.

Leader: New rooms, new names to learn, new questions we don't know how to ask yet.

ALL: God is with us in the not knowing.

Leader: Some of us are excited. Some of us have dreaded it. Most of us are both.

ALL: God is with us in all of it.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Holy One who goes with us – into every classroom, every hallway, every bus ride, every new adventure.

ALL: Let us worship together.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

"O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"
(No. 558 v. 1,3,4)

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 3:31-35

Words of Grace

"Showing Up at Home"

The Choral Meditation

"The One"

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

The Well of Mercy is having an ice-cream social/fundraiser Today from 2-4 pm at the Well. We will have a truck here from Hemric Mountain Creamery, and it will be a great time to see the property and just hang out. Flyers are in the vestibule.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Grace is proud to have a booth again at the Statesville Pride Festival on **Saturday, Sept. 26**. If you would like to help work at our booth, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., let Nancy know at ndavis49@gmail.com.

Fall Workday-We plan to work from 8-11am on Saturday, Oct. 3. We are focused on replacing the old playground barrier.

We are now serving a meal twice a month at Fifth Street - the second Monday and the fourth Thursday of the month. For the month of August that will be 9/14 and 9/24. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board or you can let Phyllis Rogers or Renae Keesbury know.

During August and September, we will be clearing out the beds on either side of the main entrance door to prepare for planting this fall. Over the next 2 weeks, we'll be working further to take out the daylilies. Please let Andora or any member of the Grounds Committee know if you would like transplants of the daylilies to take home.

****ICM needs Peanut butter, Jelly, Canned chicken, Canned tuna, Mac & cheese, Cereal, Individual snacks****

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

20 - Adaline Trivette

26 - Andora Nicholson

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:

Janice Comer, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, Kate Campbell, Lisa Wardo, Jeff Corbet, Addison, Brett Jones, 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, Cameron Gray, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, peoples of the Ukraine, caregivers, healthcare workers, those on disability 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, Ethan Matthews.

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Keesbury

October 4 -Tilley

October 11 - Scouts

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Brandon, Sandy, Emma, Ava

September 27 - Andrew, Nancy, Marco, Serenity

October 4 - Alice, Marsha, Kim, Autumn

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed Year to Date: \$78,366.88

Received Year to Date: \$81,318.51

OVER budget: \$2,951.63

Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00

This Week's Offering: \$1299.00



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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.

Visit our website at www.gracestatesville.org.

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