

Palm Sunday

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

The Prelude

*The Hymn of Praise

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
(No. 213 v. all)

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: In this season of Lent, we come not to achieve, but to be formed.

People: We come to let go of what does not give life and to cultivate what does.

Leader: We release what is shallow, hurried, and distorted.

People: We open ourselves to deeper roots.

Leader: For the Spirit meets us in wilderness places—

People: And grows in us strength we did not know we had.

All: Let us worship the God who prunes and plants, who clears and cultivates, who leads us into life.

*The Invocation

Quilt Time

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

The Choral Meditation

"Lift Your Voice"

Words of Grace

"Letting Go of Empire, Cultivating courage"

*The Hymn of Reflection

"All Glory Laud And Honor"
(No. 216 v. 2,3)

*Choral Benediction

"Speak Lord In The Stillness"

*Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*



The Celebration of Worship

CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO

Community of Grace
March 29, 2026



Announcements

Lent Offering: "Cultivating Young Minds".

We will be collecting money and books for Speak Life and Live.

Upcoming Holy Week events

**Lunch Bunch - Thursday, April 2- 1:00pm.
Almafi's - 1712 Old Wilkesboro Hwy.**

Maunday Thursday Meal: April 2- 6:00pm. Light meal.

**Good Friday Peace Walk: April 3 - 10 am. Downtown Statesville.
More info to come.**

**Easter Saturday: April 4 Egg Hunt and Easter Party on the church grounds.
1-2:30pm. With Ice Cream Truck!**

**Easter: April 5 - Sunrise service at 7am, with a lite breakfast, no Sunday School,
then worship with Contata at 11:00am.**

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

Birthdays

*31 - Sam Scott
April 5 - Andrew Hall*

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, Buddist Monks,
Nancy Dill, Tony Smith, Carrilea's grandmother, Teddy, Bryan, Kristy, Farris Ervin family,
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

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Tilley
April 12 - Scouts
April 19 - Hamby/Carrigan

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Diane, Carole, Hollace, Alice
April 5 - Kayla, Cory, Sandy
April 12 - Linda, Tom, Emma, Landon

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed Year to Date: \$25,416.00
Received Year to Date: \$25,421.66
OVER budget: \$5.66
Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00
This Week's Offering: \$2,228.81



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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 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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