

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

June 28, 2026

On the Journey

Season of Grace

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Congregational Opening

“Hallelujah, Praise Ye Lord”

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu,
Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu,
Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!
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*Call to Gathering

Leader: We worship a God who refuses every false binary, crosses every boundary, and is always more mysterious, more expansive, and more loving than we imagined.

People: We come to celebrate with a God who cannot be boxed in.

Leader: Come, let us worship with God who is still unfolding creation, still expanding our imagination, and still inviting us into the beautiful queerness of God's love.

People: Let us journey with courage, curiosity, and love, wherever the Spirit leads.

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

*“The Kingdom of God”
(on the tables)*

Quilt Time

Offertory

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

1 John 4:7-12

The Choral Meditation

“You Do Not Walk Alone”

Words of Grace

Journey of Identity and Becoming

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction

“O God, You Give Welcome”

*O God, you give welcome; you care and provide.
You cherish each person with love reaching wide.
In Jesus, your presence, we clearly are shown,
How grace is extended and mercy is known*

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

Today is Pride Sunday

Fifth Street Meal Prep is after Worship today.

We are in the midst of our **Season of Grace**.

There will be no Sunday School during this season and worship will begin at 10am. A light breakfast is served every Sunday morning at 9:30am for gathering and socializing.

This year the Mission board is asking for people to give of themselves and their time. There will be a list of Volunteer Opportunities on the bulletin board and each week they will highlight one. We hope you will go out and support any of these with your interest and talents!

Due to the overwhelming response, starting this month we will be serving a meal TWICE a month at Fifth Street. In addition to serving on the second Monday of each month we will also begin serving on the fourth Thursday. A sign-up sheet will be on the back bulletin board at church. You can sign-up Sunday or let Phyllis Rogers know at phyllis.rogers0@gmail.com or (704)838-2315. Please try to arrive around 5:00 and enter through the office. We finish before 6:00.

Please see a member of the Grounds Committee if you're interested in having a raised garden bed for the 2026 growing season! It's so much fun to grow and pick your own vegetables and flowers! Summer mowing - please consider volunteering to help with mowing chores this summer. We mow once every 2 weeks and it takes about 2 hours, possibly up to 3 if you prefer to go slower on the riding mower. We have a nice new mower that's in great working order, too!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

3 - *Renae Keesbury*
4 - *Paul Leonard*

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:

Janice Comer, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, those on disability, Joe Swain, Nancy Dill, Tony Smith, Carrilea's grandmother, 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, 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, Zy'cale Bowling

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - C Brown
July 12 - Shoemaker/Scanlan
July 18 - Scouts

Flowers

Lisa Wardo

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Paul, Ava, Nancy, Autumn
July 5 - Leigh, Chris, Sherri, Landon
July 12 - Sandy, Emma, Louise, Ava

Budget Update

Needed Year to Date: \$52,950.00

Received Year to Date: \$51,234.71

UNDER budget: \$1,715.29

Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00

This Week's Offering: \$831.00

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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 Hallker
Secretary: Lisa Wardo

Music Director: LeAnda Barnard
Church Musician: Nichole Tilley