

The Celebration of Worship

CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO

Community of Grace
March 22, 2026

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

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

"Prepare"

*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

*The Hymn of Praise

"Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"
(No. 400 v. all)

Quilt Time

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 & Matthew 11:28-30

The Choral Meditation

"Amazing Grace"

Words of Grace

"Cultivating Rest, Letting go of Busyness"

*The Hymn of Reflection

"A Sabbath Space"
(Insert)

*Choral Benediction

"Speak Lord In The Stillness"

*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

Today—Church conference after church.

Thursday, March 26th: we will be doing a Beer & Hymns at 6pm at Red Buffalo.

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

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

Good Friday Peace Walk

**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. ****

Birthday

28 - Lisa Wardo

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

A Sabbath Space

With spoken word, our God brought forth

Creation great and small;

With loving eyes God viewed the work

And gladly blessed them all.

And when God had creation blessed

God entered into rest.

Come, all who labor, burdened deep,

The Lord will give you rest.

In trusting God we find our peace,

God's loving yoke is best.

God will our weary hearts renew

And give our spirits rest.

Great gift of rest, a Sabbath space,

A time for being still;

A time to trust God's loving heart

And rest within God's will.

From ceaseless work we turn away

To find a Sabbath grace.

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Keesbury
April 5 - Tilley
April 12 - Scouts

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Leigh Brown, Chris Brown, Janna Brown, Serenity
March 29 - Diane, Carole, Hollace, Alice
April 5 - Kayla, Cory, Sandy, Autumn

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$23,298.00
Received year to date: \$23,192.85
UNDER budget: \$105.15
Weekly needs: \$2118.00
This Week's Offering: \$1650.00



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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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