TOWN OF GILCREST, COLORADO

PROCLAMATION 2026-05

HONORING AND CELEBRATING

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GILCREST BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, for generations, the people of Gilcrest Baptist Church have gathered together in faith to worship Jesus Christ, proclaim the Gospel, study God's Word, pray for one another, and teach their children and their children's children to know Him and make Him known; and

WHEREAS, the roots of this congregation reach back to the Ebenezer German Baptist Church, founded in 1912, during the earliest days of the community of Gilcrest, by men and women who believed that a town needed not only homes, potato farms, timber businesses, and schools, but also a church firmly established upon the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, from those early believers to the congregation that worships today, generations have sought to remain faithful to the command of Jesus Christ to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations," teaching others to observe all that He commanded; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, this congregation has gathered around the preaching of God's Word and the saving message that Jesus Christ is Lord, that salvation is found in Him, and that the Church is called to bear witness to His truth, grace, mercy, and redemption; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of Gilcrest Baptist Church have carried the faith entrusted to them through times of prosperity and hardship, through changing generations and a changing community, trusting in the enduring promise that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"; and

WHEREAS, the Church has marked the lives of countless Gilcrest families through baptisms, marriages, funerals, Sunday worship, Bible teaching, prayer, music, fellowship, missions, acts of compassion, and the quiet and faithful service of Christians caring for their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, pastors, teachers, deacons, musicians, missionaries, volunteers, parents, grandparents, and faithful members have invested their lives in the work of the Church, often serving without recognition, so that their treasure might be in heave, and that another generation might hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and know the truth of God's Word; and

WHEREAS, Scripture declares, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain," and the endurance of this congregation across generations stands as a testimony to the faith, perseverance, sacrifice, and devotion of those who sought to build their church and their lives upon the foundation of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Gilcrest Baptist Church has remained a place where the broken may find compassion, the grieving may find comfort, the searching may hear truth, families may worship together, children may learn the Scriptures, and believers may encourage one another in their walk with Christ; and

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WHEREAS, a century of ministry is not measured merely by the passing of years, but by generations of lives touched, prayers offered, Scripture taught, hymns sung, burdens carried, meals shared, children instructed, missionaries supported, neighbors served, and the name of Jesus Christ faithfully proclaimed; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Gilcrest Baptist Church provides an opportunity not only to remember the faithfulness of those who came before, but also to "Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth His covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations." and also to look forward with hope to the work still entrusted to them and to generations yet unborn, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"; and

WHEREAS, as the Apostle Paul wrote, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus", so Gilcrest Baptist Church continues to press forward in faith, seeking to remain steadfast in its calling, faithful to the Gospel, and devoted to the service of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, as the Psalmist declared, "One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts," Gilcrest Baptist Church continues the sacred responsibility of passing the Christian faith from one generation to the next;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven Nothem, Mayor of the Town of Gilcrest, Colorado, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the citizens of the Town of Gilcrest, do hereby recognize, honor, and congratulate

GILCREST BAPTIST CHURCH

upon the celebration of its 100th Anniversary, honoring its historic roots, its generations of faithful members, and its century of Christian ministry within the Gilcrest community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Town of Gilcrest recognizes with gratitude the generations of men and women who have faithfully served this congregation; remembers those whose prayers, sacrifices, and labor laid the foundation upon which it stands today; and celebrates Gilcrest Baptist Church for its continuing commitment to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, teaching the Holy Scriptures, serving its neighbors, strengthening families, and carrying the Christian faith forward to future generations.

May the words of Scripture continue to mark the life of this congregation:

"For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

– 1 Corinthians 3:11

Proclaimed on the twenty-eighth day, in the Year of Our Lord 2026.

Attest

TOWN OF GILCREST SEAL COLORADO

Mayor Steven Nothem

Town Clerk/Treasurer Hana Ciembronowicz