

This Week at Grace

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

TODAY, March 3

9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace: *Chosen by God*
10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
4:30-6:00pm Grace Kids
4:30-6:00pm Kuehn Home Fellowship Group
6:00-7:00pm Youth Group
6:00-7:30pm Plybon-Cox Small Fellowship Group

TUESDAY, March 5

9:30-10:00am Church Staff Meeting
6:30-8:00pm Bechtold Home Fellowship Group

WEDNESDAY, March 6

9:30 am Women’s Bible Study

THURSDAY, March 7

9:00-9:30am Carryout for Cougars
6:00-8:00pm GHP Consignment Sale

FRIDAY, March 8

9:00am-12:00pm GHP Consignment Sale
4:00-7:00pm GHP Consignment Sale

SATURDAY, March 9

8:00am-12:00pm GHP Consignment Sale

SUNDAY, March 10

9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace: *Chosen by God*
10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
4:30-6:00pm Grace Kids
6:00-7:00pm Youth Group
6:00-7:30pm Plybon-Cox Small Fellowship Group

Church Leadership and Contacts

Session

Tommy Cox, Larry Clagett, Jim Plybon, Kevin McClain (Clerk),
Randy Edwards (Pastor/Moderator)
Don Bechtold (sabbatical)

Diaconate

Larry Burrows, David Collins, Karl Freeman, and John Hughes

Church Staff

Office Manager: Mona Underhill, ext 1
Director of Worship and Education, Michael Kuehn, ext 2
Pastor/Teaching Elder: Randy Edwards, ext 3
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Grace Kernersville is a member of the Piedmont
Triad Presbytery and is a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in America.



GPC Financial Report as of February 25, 2024

	Monthly	Annual
General Fund Budget	\$29,487	\$353,841
General Fund Offerings this Month/Year	\$18,846	\$42,227
	Received Year to Date	
Building Repairs and Improvements		\$1,150
Ministry Funds	Account Balance	Received Year to Date
Missions Faith Fund	\$5,505	\$360
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$4,589	\$770

If you have questions about the budget, please see a Finance Team Member.



Worship · Witness · Walk in Love

Grace longs to see the grace of God magnified as He transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

Preparation and Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 148:13 (NIV)

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Blessed be Your Name

Blessed be Your name,
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in Lord,
Still, I will say:

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name,
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

Chorus

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
Lord blessed be Your name.

Chorus

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah	
Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,	When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Pilgrim through this barren land	Bid my anxious fears subside;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;	Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand	Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;	Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore	Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.
Open now the crystal fountain,	Land me safe on Canaan's side,
Whence the healing waters flow;	Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears,
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through	Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.	Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears,
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.	Goodbye.
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Our Common Confession

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read Corporately)
ALL: Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness. We make so many mistakes. We turn away from you so often. We need you so much. Thank you that you so loved the world that you sent Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Joel 2:13, 1 John 3:1 (ESV,NIV)
Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love... See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

THE APOSTLES’ CREED
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,** the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
**That is, Jesus Christ experienced the condemnation of judgment on the cross. **The church through all time and every age.*

Thy Mercy My God	
Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,	But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.	And He that first made me still keeps me alive.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last,	Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.	Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here,	Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground,
Sin would reduce me to utter despair.	And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries			
5 th	Matt Norman	27 th	Grace Norman
9 th	Mona Underhill	Anniversaries	
16 th	Jillian Moore	14 th	Duncan and Carol Vincent
19 th	Mark Pardue	15 th	Jim and Claudia Plybon
20 th	Sigourney McClain	16 th	Bob and Jean Granger
26 th	Anna Wiebking		
Month at a Glance			
3 rd	Growing in Grace/Worship Services	8 th	GHP Consignment Sale
	Grace Kids/Youth Group	9 th	GHP Consignment Sale
	Kuehn Home Fellowship Group	10 th	Growing in Grace/Worship Services
	Plybon-Cox Small Fellowship Group		Grace Kids/Youth Group
	GHP Consignment Sale Week	11 th	Missions Committee Meeting
5 th	Church Staff Meeting	12 th	Church Staff Meeting
	Bechtold Home Fellowship Group		Bechtold Home Fellowship Group
	Women’s Morning/Evening Bible Study	13 th	Women’s Morning/Evening Bible Study
6 th	Worship Rehearsal		Worship Rehearsal
7 th	Carryout for Cougars	14 th	Carryout for Cougars
	GHP Consignment Sale	15 th	Men & Women’s Prayer Groups

Sunday Servants				
Date	TODAY	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24
Nursery	Brea McClain	Rebekah Brieaddy	Tammy Burrows	Jennifer Edwards
	Corwin McClain	Ellie Brieaddy	Natalie Burrows	Claudia Plybon
Kingdom Kids	Lori Lower	Lori Dell’Arena	Chris Hollis	Mary Freeman
	Katie Wingate	Phoebe Dell’Arena	Christine Hollis	Donna Cox
Children’s Church	Mike Lis	Krystal Keener	Ted & Amy Mead	Darlene Clagett
	Lyric Lis			
Greeters	John & Janie Hughes	Tommy & Donna Cox	Mark & Terrica Smith	Larry & Tammy Burrows
Visitation	Angelica Steelman	Angelica Steelman	Angelica Steelman	Angelica Steelman
Worship Team	Michael Kuehn	Carolyn Clatfelter	Michael Kuehn	Michael Kuehn
	John Hughes		John Hughes	Carolyn Clatfelter
	Karl Freeman		Karl Freeman	Karl Freeman
	Kim Lis		Patrick Freeman	
Tech Team	Lucas Galbier	Gregory Burrows	Gregory Burrows	Natalie Burrows
	Dennis Kohler	Patrick Freeman	Dennis Kohler	Patrick Freeman
	Cheryl Voss	Dennis Kohler	Cheryl Voss	Dennis Kohler

Announcements and News

DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP from your handheld device’s app store to register for events, view the church calendar and directory as well as make donations.

THIS WEEK @ GRACE KERNERSVILLE is Grace’s weekly E-Newsletter and is sent each Thursday morning. You may subscribe on our church website or email the church office at officehelper@gracekernersville.org.

GRACE KERNERSVILLE’S GOOGLE GROUPS PAGE is an email group to which Grace posts weekly prayer requests and urgent announcements. To subscribe, send an email to officehelper@gracekernersville.org

LORD’S SUPPER Grace Kernersville receives the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on the first Sunday of each month.

JOIN THE WORSHIP MINISTRY Are you interested in joining the worship ministry as a musician, vocalist, or audio-visual team member? Contact Michael Kuehn.

GRACE KERNERSVILLE’S PODCAST may be found on most streaming services. Check out the “Media” tab on the church website to listen online or subscribe. Please “like” or “follow” to appease the algorithm overlords.

INCLEMENT WEATHER in the event of inclement weather, GPC will hold services if the leadership can arrive safely. Cancellations will be posted to Twitter, Facebook, googlegroups email, and local news stations.

MEN’S PRAYER meets each Friday from 7:00-8:00am in the church library. Join us as we pray for one another and for God’s kingdom to grow in Kernersville and in our world.

WOMEN’S PRAYER meets each Friday from 9:00-10:00am in the church library. Join together to pray for the needs of the congregation and for one another.

GROWING IN GRACE meets each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15am.

GRACE KIDS meets tonight at 4:30pm.

GRACE YOUTH (middle and high school) meets tonight from 6:00-7:00pm.

KERNERSVILLE AND HIGH POINT MEN’S BIBLE STUDY LUNCH meet every other week in Kernersville and High Point. Our next Kernersville meeting will be March 19 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next High Point gathering will be March 8 at 11:30am at La Hacienda. See Pastor Randy for more details.

WOMEN’S SPRING BIBLE STUDY begins on Wednesday March 6 and continues weekly through May 8. The morning study will be held 9:30-11:00am at the home of Janie Hughes. The evening session will be held from 6:30-8:00pm in the church library. Sign-up is available through Church Center

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2024-25 school year is happening now. Registration forms are on the table in the lobby.

GRACE HOUSE PRESCHOOL CONSIGNMENT SALE is March 7-9. We need volunteers for this week beginning today removing chairs in sanctuary after the worship service. Sign up through newsletter under Grace House Preschool or see Ms. Tammy for additional information.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in memory of Will King Hughes, the grandson of John and Janie Hughes.

WEE CARE CEREAL DRIVE for Crisis Control Ministry is being sponsored by Grace House Preschool from March 1-31. Grace Presbyterian is invited to help fill the boxes that are found in the hallways.

MISSION LUNCHEON of Pizza and Salad following the service on March 17th. Lainey Miller will be our guest from Wycliffte. Plan to join us for lunch and fellowship

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.

All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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The Life of the Church

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Silas Oliver, son of Lucas and Abigail Galbier

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house. (Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31)

- Questions for the Parents
1. Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the Congregation

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children are dismissed at this time. Nursery is available in Room 121 for Infants to 2 years old. Kingdom Kids is available for ages 2-5 years in room 126. 5 years-5th Grade may go to Children’s Church in Room 135. Please take a moment and welcome one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment and fill out Grace Kernersville’s Connection Card. Scanning this QR code with your smart phone’s camera, will open a link to the online Connection Card. There you may note your attendance, update your personal information, submit prayer requests, sign up for Grace’s weekly e-newsletter, and sign up for Grace’s Google-Groups email listing.



The Preaching of the Word

SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 42:1-43:5 (ESV). *To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah.*

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? ³ My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?” ⁴ These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation ⁶ and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. ⁷ Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. ⁸ By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. ⁹ I say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?” ¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?”

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

^{43:1} Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! ² For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

³ Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! ⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

SERMON: Prayers for Pilgrims: The Prayer of the Discouraged Pastor Randy Edwards

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Today we receive the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The bread of the sacrament is gluten-free. Grace Presbyterian Church welcomes all Christians who both profess faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation and who are baptized members in good standing of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive the Lord’s Supper today. If you are unable to receive the sacrament this morning, use this time for prayer and personal reflection. Pastor Edwards is available to speak with any who have questions. When all are served, we will receive the sacrament together.

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8. “Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

1 Corinthians 10:14-17. “Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

1 Corinthians 11:27-29. “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26. “For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Our Response

The Longing	
These things unseen won't cripple me, I place my hope in You. This deep desire this longing hour, I'm falling into You.	This place this time won't satisfy, My soul was made for You. My eyes behold what's beautiful, And I belong to You.
<i>Love is and always was, The longing placed inside my heart, To know You and be known by You.</i>	<i>Chorus</i> How I long, How I long, Oh how I long for You.

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

At this time, we will be taking up an offering for our General Fund. When giving to a specific fund, please note in your check memo how you would like Grace to direct your gift. Also, you may text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. First time donors will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie their mobile phone to your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.



It Is Well With My Soul	
When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul! <i>It is well with my soul,</i> <i>It is well, it is well with my soul!</i>	My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin, not in part, but the whole; Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my soul! <i>Refrain</i> And Lord, haste the day When the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall resound, And the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.

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BENEDICTION — Colossians 3:16, 17 (ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him