

## This Week at Grace

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

### TODAY, March 31, Resurrection Sunday

10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

### MONDAY, April 1

Church Office Closed

### TUESDAY, April 2

9:30-10:00am Church Staff Meeting

6:30-8:00pm Bechtold Home Fellowship Group

### WEDNESDAY, April 3

9:30-11:00am Women's Morning Bible Study

6:30-7:30pm Worship Rehearsal

6:30-8:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study

### FRIDAY, April 5

9:00-10:00am Women's Prayer

### SATURDAY, April 6

8:00-9:00am Deacon's Meeting

### SUNDAY, April 7

9:30-10:15 Growing in Grace

10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

4:30-6:00pm Kids Group

6:00-7:30pm Youth Group Game Night

## 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

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### Church Staff

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## GPC Financial Report as of March 24, 2024

	Monthly	Annual
<b>General Fund Budget</b>	\$ 29,487	\$ 353,841
<b>General Fund Offerings this Month/Year</b>	\$ 27,848	\$ 67,746
		<b>Received Year to Date</b>
<b>Building Repairs and Improvements</b>		\$ 1,700
Ministry Funds	Account Balance	Received Year to Date
<b>Missions Faith Fund</b>	\$ 5,660	\$ 516
<b>Mercy Ministries Fund</b>	\$ 4,909	\$ 1,090

*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.

## Resurrection Sunday

March 31, 2024

## Preparation and Praise

**CALL TO WORSHIP** – Psalm 118:14-17 (NIV, Responsive reading)

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my defense;

All: he has become my salvation.

Leader: Shouts of joy and victory

resound in the tents of the righteous:

All: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

Leader: I will not die but live,

All: and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

**THE RESURRECTION NARRATIVE** – Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!

Praise to Thee by both be giv'n: Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!

Hail the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

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## Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us,  
 How high the mountain I could not climb.  
 In desperation I turned to heaven,  
 And spoke Your name into the night.  
 Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
 Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
 The work is finished, the end is written,  
 Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
 What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
 The God of ages stepped down from glory,  
 To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
 The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,  
 The King of kings calls me His own,  
 Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,  
 Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free.  
 Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
 You have broken every chain,  
 There's salvation in Your name,  
 Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

### Chorus

Then came the morning  
 That sealed the promise,  
 Your buried body began to breathe.  
 Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion,  
 Declared the grave has no claim on me.

### (Repeat)

Jesus yours is the victory!

### Chorus

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## Our Common Confession

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read Corporately)

ALL: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship and witnessing are high, and we are nowhere to be found: God forgive. When we wash our hands of responsibility: God forgive. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; and the freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. In the name of Jesus, the Risen One, we pray. Amen

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

### 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.*

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Levi Burton	20 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Voss
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lucy Vincent	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Daniel Orlick
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Plybon	26 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Hicks
13 <sup>th</sup>	Lori Lower	30 <sup>th</sup>	David Collins
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Cox	10 <sup>th</sup>	Matt and Anna Norman
16 <sup>th</sup>	Oscar Vincent	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan and Britney Avery
17 <sup>th</sup>	Danielle Elliott	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jim and Adrienne Vogl
18 <sup>th</sup>	Rickie Steelman		

## Month at a Glance

31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Worship Service	7 <sup>th</sup>	Growing in Grace/Worship Services
Apr 1	Easter Monday-Office Closed		Youth Game Night in the Youth Room
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Church Staff Meeting		Plybon-Cox Home Fellowship Group
	K'ville Men's Bible Study	8 <sup>th</sup>	Missions Committee Meeting
	Bechtold's Home Fellowship Group	9 <sup>th</sup>	Church Staff Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women's Morning/Evening Bible Study		Bechtold Home Fellowship Group
	Worship Rehearsal	10 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Morning/Evening Bible Study
5 <sup>th</sup>	Men & Women's Prayer Groups		Worship Rehearsal
6 <sup>th</sup>	Deacon's Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup>	Carryout for Cougars

## Sunday Servants

Date	TODAY	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21
<b>Nursery</b>	Katie Orlick	Diane Zobrosky	Danielle Wiebking	Katie Orlick
<b>Infant – 2yrs</b>	Daniel Orlick	Ellie Brieady	Karen Idol	Daniel Orlick
<b>Kingdom Kids</b>	Jim Vogl	Duncan Vincent	Dave Wiebking	Jim Vogl
<b>2-5yrs</b>	Adrienne Vogl	Carol Vincent	Anna Wiebking	Adrienne Vogl
<b>Children's Church</b>		Mike Lis		
<b>4yrs-2nd</b>	Matt & Anna Norman	Lyric Lis	Krystal Keener	Ted & Amy Mead
<b>Greeters</b>	Mark & Terrica Smith Rick & Linda Mainhart	Bonnie Smith Dennie Kohler	Bonnie Smith Dennie Kohler	Mary Freeman Dennie Kohler
<b>Visitation</b>	Angelica Steelman	Katie Wingate	Katie Wingate	Katie Wingate
<b>Worship Team</b>	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman Kim Lis	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman	Michael Kuehn Patrick Freeman Karl Freeman Kim Lis	Michael Kuehn Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman
<b>Tech Team</b>	Natalie Burrows Patrick Freeman Dennis Kohler	Lucas Galbier Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss	Natalie Burrows Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss	Patrick Freeman Lucas Galbier Dennis Kohler

## Announcements

**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](mailto: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](mailto:officehelper@gracekernersville.org)

**LORD'S SUPPER** Grace Kernersville receives the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. Please be preparing your hearts to do so.

**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.

**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. We will be taking Easter Sunday off, and we will resume on April 7.

**GRACE YOUTH** (middle and high school) will be off until April 7 for a Game Night at the church at 6pm.

**GRACE KIDS** will resume next week on April 7 at 4:30pm.

**KERNERSVILLE AND HIGH POINT MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES** meet every other week in Kernersville and High Point. Our next Kernersville meeting will be April 9 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next High Point gathering will be April 12 at 11:30am in High Point. See Pastor Randy for more details.

**WOMEN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY** is on Wednesdays and continues weekly through May 8. The morning study is held from 9:30-11:00am, and the evening study is held from 6:30-8:00pm. Both studies meet at the home of Janie Hughes (414 Chesham Dr, Kernersville). See Church Center for more info.

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

**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.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** needs volunteer assistants for one week per month. Please let Carla Collins or Michael Kuehn know if you are able to serve.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1. No foolin'.

### His Mercy is More

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
Stronger than darkness new every morn,  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

What love could remember  
No wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.  
*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
Stronger than darkness new every morn,  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly  
roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

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*Praise the Lord His mercy is more,  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.  
*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Please take a moment and welcome one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Life of the Church

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After the message, children are dismissed. 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-5<sup>th</sup> Grade may go to Children's Church in Room 135.*

### 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 16 (ESV). *A Miktam of David.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**SERMON:** Prayers for Pilgrims: The Prayer of Confidence

Pastor Randy Edwards

## Our Response

### O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise!

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus the name that charms our fears

That bids our sorrows cease,

'Tis music in the sinner's ears;

'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,

He sets the pris'ner free!

His blood can make the foulest clean,

His blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to His voice

New life the dead receive;

The mournful broken hearts rejoice,

The humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God

Assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad,

The honors of Thy name.

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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.*

### We Will Dance

Sing a song of celebration,

Lift up a shout of praise,

For the bridegroom will come,

The glorious One.

And oh, we will look on His face,

We'll go to a much better place.

Dance with all your might,

Lift up your hands and clap for joy.

For the time's drawing near,

When He will appear.

And oh, we will stand by His side,

A strong, pure, spotless bride.

*We will dance on streets that are golden,*

*The glorious bride and the great Son of Man.*

*From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation,*

*We'll join in the song of the Lamb.*

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### BENEDICTION – Hebrews 13:20-21 (NIV '84)

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near.

The risen King our groom is soon to appear.

The wedding feast to come is now near at hand,

Lift up your voice proclaim the coming Lamb.

*We will dance on streets that are golden,*

*The glorious bride and the great Son of Man.*

*From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation,*

*We'll join in the song of the Lamb.*