

This Week at Grace

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

TODAY, 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
4:30-6:00pm Kuehn Home Fellowship Group
6:00-7:00pm Youth Group

TUESDAY, March 12

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

WEDNESDAY, March 13

9:30-11:00am Women’s Morning Bible Study
6:30-7:30pm Worship Rehearsal
6:30-8:00pm Women’s Evening Bible Study

THURSDAY, March 14

9:00-9:30am Carryout for Cougars

FRIDAY, March 15

9:00-10:00am Women’s Prayer Group



SATURDAY, March 16

9:00-1:30pm Church Spring Cleanup Workday

SUNDAY, March 17

9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace: *Chosen by God*
10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
12:00-1:30pm Mission Luncheon with Lainey Miller
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 Home Fellowship Group

Church Leadership and Contacts

Session		Church Staff	
Tommy Cox, Larry Clagett, Jim Plybon, Kevin McClain (Clerk), Randy Edwards (Pastor/Moderator), Don Bechtold (sabbatical)		Office Manager: Mona Underhill, ext 1 Director of Worship and Education, Michael Kuehn, ext 2 Pastor/Teaching Elder: Randy Edwards, ext 3 Grace House Preschool Director: Tammy Burrows, ext 4	
Diaconate			
Larry Burrows, David Collins, Karl Freeman, and John Hughes			
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GPC Financial Report as of March 3, 2024

General Fund Budget	Monthly	Annual
	\$ 29,487	\$ 353,841
General Fund Offerings this Month/Year		
	\$ 5,488	\$ 45,385
		Received Year to Date
Building Repairs and Improvements		\$ 1,200
Ministry Funds	Account Balance	Received Year to Date
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 5,545	\$ 401
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 4,749	\$ 930

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

Preparation and Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 62:5-8 (NIV)

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Satisfied

All my life long I had panted,
For a drink from some cool spring.
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

Hallelujah! He has found me!

The One my soul so long has craved.

Jesus satisfies all my longings,

Through his blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me,
Till my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Chorus

Poor I was and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered ’round me,
Only mocked my soul’s sad cry.

Chorus

Well of water ever springing,
Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Chorus

Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross;
There a precious fountain,
Free to all—a healing stream—
Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

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Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed its beams around me.

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;

words Fanny Crosby, 1869 • music William H Doane, 1869

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.*

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul;

Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o’er me.

Chorus

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.

Chorus

For by Thy transforming pow'r
Thou hast made me whole.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.*

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

16 th	Jillian Moore	27 th	Grace Norman
19 th	Mark Pardue		Anniversaries
20 th	Sigourney McClain	14 th	Duncan and Carol Vincent
26 th	Anna Wiebking	15 th	Jim and Claudia Plybon
		16 th	Bob and Jean Granger

Month at a Glance

	March	17 th	Growing in Grace/Worship Services
10 th	Growing in Grace/Worship Services Grace Kids/Youth Group Plybon-Cox Home Fellowship Group		Mission Luncheon following Worship Grace Kids/Youth Group Kuehn Home Fellowship Group
11 th	Missions Committee Meeting		Plybon-Cox Home Fellowship Group
12 th	Church Staff Meeting Bechtold Home Fellowship Group	18 th	Session Meeting
13 th	Women’s Morning/Evening Bible Study Worship Rehearsal	19 th	Church Staff Meeting Kville Men’s Bible Study Bechtold Home Fellowship Group
14 th	Carryout for Cougars	20 th	Women’s Morning/Evening Bible Study Worship Rehearsal
15 th	Women’s Prayer	21 st	Carryout for Cougars
16 th	Church Spring Cleanup (rain date 23 rd)	22 nd	Men & Women’s Prayer Groups HP Men’s Bible Study

Sunday Servants

Date	TODAY	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31
Nursery	Rebekah Brieaddy	Tammy Burrows	Jennifer Edwards	Katie Orlick
Infant – 2yrs	Ellie Brieaddy	Natalie Burrows	Claudia Plybon	Daniel Orlick
Kingdom Kids	Chris Hollis	Lori Dell’Arena	Mary Freeman	Jim Vogl
2-5yrs	Christine Hollis	Phoebe Dell’Arena	Donna Cox	Adrienne Vogl
Children’s Church				
4yrs-2nd	Krystal Keener	Ted & Amy Mead	Darlene Clagett	Matt & Anna Norman
Greeters	Tommy & Donna Cox	Mark & Terrica Smith	Larry & Tammy Burrows	Mark & Terrica Smith Rick & Linda Mainhart
Visitation	Angelica Steelman	Angelica Steelman	Angelica Steelman	Angelica Steelman
Worship Team	Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman John Hughes	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman Patrick Freeman	Michael Kuehn Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman Kim Lis
Tech Team	Lucas Galbier Patrick Freeman Dennis Kohler	Natalie Burrows Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss	Lucas Galbier Patrick Freeman Dennis Kohler	Natalie Burrows Patrick Freeman 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 22 at 11:30am at La Hacienda. See Pastor Randy for more details.

WOMEN’S SPRING BIBLE STUDY is on Wednesdays 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 Thank you to all who volunteered their time to work and/or donated to our sale.

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 There will be pizza and salad lunch reception following the service on March 17th. Lainey Miller who is with Wycliffe Bible Translators and who will giving the morning missions minute will be our guest. Please to join us for lunch and fellowship

Oh, how great Thy lovingkindness
Vaster, broader than the sea!
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness,
Lavished all on me!

Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,
Know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise,
And have made it mine.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.*

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold Thee as Thou art;
And Thy love so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart,

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Satisfies my deepest longings,
Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings:
Thine is love indeed!

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee;
Resting ’neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth’s dark shadows flee,
Brightness of my Father's glory,
Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting,
Fill me with Thy grace.

Chorus

The Life of the Church

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 91:1-16 (ESV)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
⁸ You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge ¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹² On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
¹⁴ “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. ¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

SERMON: Prayers for Pilgrims: A Prayer for Rest Michael Kuehn

Our Response

Abide With Me	
Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;	I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.	Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,	Where is thy sting death?
Help of the helpless, abide with me.	Where grave thy victory?
	I triumph still, abide with me.
Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;	
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,	Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,	Shine through the gloom,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.	And point me to the skies.
	Heaven's morning breaks,
I need Thy presence, every passing hour.	And earth's vain shadows flee;
What but Thy grace,	In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.
Can foil the tempter's power?	
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?	
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.	

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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.



Grace Alone

I was an orphan lost at the fall,
Running away when I'd hear you call.
But Father you worked your will,
I had no righteousness of my own,
I had no right to draw near your throne,
But Father you loved me still.

*And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my station,
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone.*

You left your home to seek out the lost,
You knew the great and terrible cost.
But Jesus your face was set,
I worked my fingers down to the bone,
But nothing I did could ever atone.
But Jesus you paid my debt,

*By Your blood I have redemption and salvation,
Lord you died that I might reap.
What you have sown,*

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ASCRIPTION – Jude 24-25 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

*And you rose that I might be a new creation,
I am born again by grace and grace alone.*

I was in darkness all of my life,
I never knew the day from the night.
But Spirit you made me see,
I swore I knew the way on my own.
Head full of rocks a heart made of stone,
But Spirit you moved in me.

*And at your touch
My sleeping spirit was awakened.
On my darkened heart
The light of Christ has shone,
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone.*

So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone,
I will run the race by grace and grace alone,
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone,
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone.