

This Week at Grace

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

TODAY, March 24 Palm Sunday

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 Easter Egg Hunt

TUESDAY, March 26

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

WEDNESDAY, March 27

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 28 Maundy Thursday

9:00-9:30am Carryout for Cougars  
7:00-8:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, March 29 Good Friday

11:30-1:00pm Cross Walk  
7:00-8:00pm Good Friday Service

SUNDAY, March 31 Resurrection Sunday

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

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  
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Triad Presbytery and is a congregation of the  
Presbyterian Church in America.



GPC Financial Report as of March 10, 2024

|  | Monthly               | Annual                |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund Budget                    | \$ 29,487             | \$ 353,841            |
| General Fund Offerings this Month/Year | \$ 16,373             | \$ 56,270             |
|  | Received Year to Date |                       |
| Building Repairs and Improvements      |                       | \$ 1,700              |
| Ministry Funds                         | Account Balance       | Received Year to Date |
| Missions Faith Fund                    | \$ 5,620              | \$ 476                |
| Mercy Ministries Fund                  | \$ 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.

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Preparation and Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 42:1, 9-10 (NIV)

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him,  
and he will bring justice to the nations...  
See, the former things have taken place,  
and new things I declare;  
before they spring into being  
I announce them to you.”  
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise from the ends of the earth

Hosanna

Hosanna, Hosanna!  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, Hosanna!  
Hosanna in the highest!

*Lord, we lift up Your name,  
With hearts full of praise.  
Be exalted, oh Lord my God,  
Hosanna in the highest!*

Glory, Glory!  
Glory to the King of kings.  
Glory, Glory!  
Glory to the King of kings!

*Lord, we lift up Your name,  
With hearts full of praise.  
Be exalted, oh Lord my God,  
Glory to the King of kings!*

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In the Beauty of Holiness

In the beauty of holiness,  
We see you Son of righteousness.  
So we bring all that we possess  
To lay at your feet.  
In the place where your glory shines,  
Jesus lover of all mankind,  
You have drawn us with love sublime,  
To make us complete.

Is there tribute that I could bring,  
Was there ever a song to sing.  
That could ever express my King,  
The work that you’ve done.  
Could I ever conceive of this,  
All the depths and the heights and breadth.  
Of the riches I now possess,  
Because of your love.

So I pause at your gates once more,  
As my heart and my spirit soar.  
And I wish I could love you more  
My God and my King.

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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.*

Shield About Me

You O Lord, are a shield about me,  
You're my glory and the lifter of my head.  
You O Lord, are a shield about me  
You're my glory and the lifter of my head

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
You're the lifter of my head.

|                  |               |                  |                            |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Cheryl Voss   |                  | <b>April Anniversaries</b> |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Daniel Orlick | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Matt and Anna Norman       |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Emma Hicks    | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Ryan and Britney Avery     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | David Collins | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Jim and Adrienne Vogl      |

Month at a Glance

|                  |   |                  |   |
|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Growing in Grace/Worship Services<br>Grace Kids Easter Egg Hunt                       | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Women’s Morning/Evening Bible Study<br>Worship Rehearsal  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Church Staff Meeting<br>Bechtold Home Fellowship Group                                | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Men & Women’s Prayer Groups   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Women’s Morning/Evening Bible Study<br>Worship Rehearsal                              | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Deacon’s Meeting  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Carryout for Cougars<br>Maundy Thursday Service                                       | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Growing in Grace/Worship Services<br>Youth Game Night in the Youth Room<br>Plybon-Cox Home Fellowship Group |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Kernersville Community Cross Walk<br>Good Friday Service                              | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Missions Committee Meeting  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Easter Worship  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Church Staff Meeting<br>Bechtold Home Fellowship Group  |
| Apr 1            | Easter Monday-Office Closed   | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Women’s Morning/Evening Bible Study<br>Worship Rehearsal  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Church Staff Meeting<br>K’ville Men’s Bible Study<br>Bechtold’s Home Fellowship Group | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Carryout for Cougars  |

Sunday Servants

| Date              | TODAY  | Mar 31  | Apr 7   | Apr 14  |
|-------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Nursery           | Jennifer Edwards   | Katie Orlick  | Diane Zobrosky                                | Danielle Wiebking   |
| Infant – 2yrs     | Claudia Plybon   | Daniel Orlick   | Ellie Brieadddy                               | Karen Idol  |
| Kingdom Kids      | Mary Freeman   | Jim Vogl  | Duncan Vincent                                | Dave Wiebking   |
| 2-5yrs            | Donna Cox  | Adrienne Vogl   | Carol Vincent                                 | Anna Wiebking   |
| Children’s Church |  |   |   |   |
| 4yrs-2nd          | Ted & Amy Mead   | Matt & Anna Norman                                      | Mike Lis<br>Lyric Lis                         | Krystal Keener  |
| Greeters          | Larry & Tammy Burrows  | Mark & Terrica Smith<br>Rick & Linda Mainhart           | Bonnie Smith<br>Dennie Kohler                 | Bonnie Smith<br>Dennie Kohler                               |
| Visitation        | Angelica Steelman  | Angelica Steelman                                       | Katie Wingate                                 | Katie Wingate   |
| Worship Team      | Michael Kuehn<br>Carolyn Clatfelter<br>Karl Freeman<br>Lee Adams | Michael Kuehn<br>John Hughes<br>Karl Freeman<br>Kim Lis | Michael Kuehn<br>John Hughes<br>Karl Freeman  | Michael Kuehn<br>Patrick Freeman<br>Karl Freeman<br>Kim Lis |
| Tech Team         | Lucas Galbier<br>Patrick Freeman<br>Dennis Kohler                | Natalie Burrows<br>Patrick Freeman<br>Dennis Kohler     | Lucas Galbier<br>Dennis Kohler<br>Cheryl Voss | Natalie Burrows<br>Dennis Kohler<br>Cheryl Voss             |

Holy Week at Grace Kernersville

What is Holy Week?

Holy Week refers to the week which begins with Palm Sunday and concludes on Easter Sunday during which the church remembers the events and words spoken by Jesus twenty centuries ago.

Why participate in Holy Week services?

As I’ve celebrated Easter over the years, it has grown increasingly difficult to capture all that Easter means during a single worship service on Easter Sunday. Emotionally, it feels like too much to take in: the anticipation at the meal on Thursday evening, the shock of the betrayal, denial, and abandonment, the devastation on Golgotha, the finality at the tomb on Friday, the silence of Saturday, and the thunderstruck hope and joy on Sunday. This year we will remember the events of Holy Week by celebrating Palm (or Passion) Sunday, Holy (or Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday (*Tenebrae*), and Resurrection (or Easter) Sunday. Both Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday will be celebrated during our regular worship times. In addition, we will hold special services on Thursday and Friday evening from 7-8pm.

What are the services?

- ✦ **Holy (Maundy) Thursday** (7 pm on March 28). Sundown on Holy Thursday begins the *Triduum* (*tree-do-em*) or “three days.” Holy Thursday is oftentimes referred to as Maundy which is taken from the Latin “*mandatum*” or “commandment.” After washing his disciples’ feet and instituting the Lord’s Supper, Jesus told his disciples, "A new *command* I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John 13:34).” On Holy Thursday, we will gather and recount Jesus’ last words to his disciples. We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper. The service concludes with recalling the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot.
- ✦ **Kernersville Cross Walk**. The 37<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Crosswalk will take place on March 29. Walkers gather in the Old Food Lion parking lot at 617 N. Main St. at 11:30am and depart at 12:00pm on a silent walk to Mt. Gur Cemetery. This event is sponsored by the Kernersville Christian Minister’s Fellowship
- ✦ **Good Friday or *Tenebrae*** (7 pm on March 29). *Tenebrae* is Latin for “shadows.” During the Good Friday service we will remember Jesus’ last words, his crucifixion, and death.
- ✦ **Resurrection (Easter) Sunday in the Sanctuary** (10:30 am on March 31). Resurrection Sunday celebrates the truth that the tomb was empty because the Lord Jesus had conquered sin and death by rising from dead. Jesus’ resurrection confirms for us that he is the Son of God, that he accomplished the work of saving his own, and that we too share in the hope of the resurrection and the promise of new life by our faith in him.

March/April Birthdays and Anniversaries

|                  |                        |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Mark Gadbois           | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Jim Plybon       |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Anna Wiebking          | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Lori Lower       |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Grace Norman           | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Tommy Cox        |
|                  | <b>April Birthdays</b> | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Oscar Vincent    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Levi Burton            | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Danielle Elliott |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Lucy Vincent           | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Rickie Steelman  |

You O Lord are a shield about me,  
You're my glory and the lifter of my head.  
You O Lord are a shield about me  
You're my glory and the lifter of my head

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*  
*You're the lifter of my head.*

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The Life of the Church

PASSING 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 24 (ESV) *A Psalm of David.*

The earth is the LORD’S and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

<sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

**SERMON:** Prayers for Pilgrims: A Song of Arrival Pastor Randy Edwards

Our Response

Great Are You Lord

You give life; You are love;  
You bring light to the darkness;  
You give hope; You restore  
Ev'ry heart that is broken,  
And great are You Lord!

*It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.*

And all the earth will shout Your praise;  
Our hearts will cry;  
These bones will sing:  
Great are You Lord!

*It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.*

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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.*



**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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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.

**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.

**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 KIDS** Easter Egg Hunt is THIS AFTERNOON at 4:30pm.

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

**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.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES THIS WEEK** Grace will be hosting a Maundy Thursday Service on March 28th at 7:00pm and a Good Friday service on March 29th at 7:00pm.

**KERNERSVILLE COMMUNITY CROSS WALK** will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Participants will meet at the Old Food Lion Building (Piney Grove Shopping Center) at 11:30am. The walk will begin at noon and process to Mt Gur Cemetery where it will conclude at approximately 1:00pm.

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