

## This Week at Grace

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

### SUNDAY, April 7

9:30-10:15 Growing in Grace

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

6:00-7:30pm Youth Group

### MONDAY, April 8

6:30pm Missions Committee Meeting

### TUESDAY, April 9

9:30-10:00am Church Staff Meeting

11:30-12:30pm K'ville Men's Bible Study

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 10

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, April 11

9:00am Carryout for Cougars

### FRIDAY, April 12

7:00-8:00am Men's Prayer

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

11:30-12:30pm High Point Men's Bible Study

### SUNDAY, April 14

9:30-10:15 Growing in Grace

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

4:30-6:00pm Grace Kids

6:00-7:30pm Youth Group

## Church Leadership and Contacts

#### Session

Tommy Cox, Larry Claggett, 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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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 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.

### Eastertide

April 7, 2024

## Preparation and Praise

**CALL TO WORSHIP** – Psalm 108:1-5 (NIV)

My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

### Rising Sun

Praise Him all you sinners,

Sing oh sing you weary,

Oh praise Him all you children of God.

We lift high His glory,

Shown throughout our stories,

We praise Him as the children of God.

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior,*

*Your Name is higher than the rising sun.*

*Light of the morning You shine forever,*

*Your Name is higher than the rising sun,*

*Your Name is higher than the rising sun.*

Praise His Name forever,

Speak it loud and clear now,

Oh praise Him all you children of God.

### Chorus

Hallelujah name above all,

Simply to speak Your Name is praise.

Hallelujah now and always,

Forever we lift Your Name in praise.

Hallelujah our God You reign,

Simply to speak Your Name is praise.

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## Bless the Lord

You are the One who forgives all our sin,  
Who heals all of our disease.

You have redeemed our lives from the pit,  
And crowned us with mercy and love.

You are the One, Lord, who works righteousness,  
And justice for all the oppressed.

You satisfy our desires with good things,  
Like the eagle our youth is renewed.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
Bless the Lord, every thing.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
Barachi nepheshi Adonai.\**

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You are full of compassion and grace,  
You don't treat us as our sins deserve.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth  
So great is Your love for us.

### Chorus

From everlasting to everlasting,  
Your love is with us, Your love is with us.  
From everlasting to everlasting,  
Your love is with us, Your love is with us.

### Chorus

*\*Hebrew for "Bless the Lord O my soul"*

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

## Month at a Glance

7 <sup>th</sup>	Growing in Grace/Worship Services Grace Kids Youth Game Night in the Youth Room Plybon-Cox Home Fellowship Group	12 <sup>th</sup>	Men and Women's Bible Study HP Men's Bible Study
8 <sup>th</sup>	Missions Committee Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup>	Growing in Grace/Worship Services Grace Kids/Youth Group Kuehn Home Fellowship Group
9 <sup>th</sup>	Church Staff Meeting Bechtold Home Fellowship Group	15 <sup>th</sup>	Session Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Morning/Evening Bible Study Worship Rehearsal	16 <sup>th</sup>	Church Staff Meeting Bechtold Home Fellowship Group
11 <sup>th</sup>	Carryout for Cougars	17 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Morning/Evening Bible Study Worship Rehearsal

## Sunday Servants

Date	TODAY	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28
<b>Nursery</b>	Diane Zobrosky	Danielle Wiebking	Katie Orlick	Brea McClain
<b>Infant – 2yrs</b>	Ellie Brieaddy	Karen Idol	Daniel Orlick	Corwin McClain
<b>Kingdom Kids 2-5yrs</b>	Duncan Vincent Carol Vincent	Dave Wiebking Anna Wiebking	Jim Vogl Adrienne Vogl	Debbie Potts Phoebe Dell'Arena
<b>Children's Church 4yrs-2nd</b>	Mike Lis Lyric Lis	Krystal Keener	Ted & Amy Mead	Darlene Claggett
<b>Greeters</b>	Bonnie Smith Dennie Kohler	Bonnie Smith Dennie Kohler	Mary Freeman Dennie Kohler	Mark & Terrica Smith
<b>Visitation</b>	Katie Wingate	Katie Wingate	Katie Wingate	Katie Wingate
<b>Worship Team</b>	Michael Kuehn John Hughes	Michael Kuehn Patrick Freeman Karl Freeman Kim Lis	Michael Kuehn Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman	Michael Kuehn Karl Freeman John Hughes Kim Lis
<b>Tech Team</b>	Lucas Galbier Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss	Natalie Burrows Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss	Patrick Freeman Lucas Galbier Dennis Kohler	Natalie Burrows Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss

## 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.

**GRACE YOUTH** (middle and high school) resumes tonight, 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.

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the service on April 7 to vote to affirm the call of Ruling Elder Don Bechtold to the office of elder following his year sabbatical.

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## House of God Forever

God is my Shepherd, I won't be wanting,  
I won't be wanting.

He makes me rest in fields of green,  
With quiet streams.

Even though I walk through the valley,  
Of death and dying,

I will not fear 'cause You are with me,  
You are with me.

*Your Shepherd's staff comforts me,  
You are my feast in the presence of enemies.*

*Surely goodness,*

*Will follow me, follow me,*

*In the house of God forever.*

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## 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 – Philippians 2:19-30 (ESV)

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you.

<sup>20</sup> For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. <sup>23</sup> I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, <sup>24</sup> and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

<sup>25</sup> I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, <sup>26</sup> for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. <sup>27</sup> Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. <sup>28</sup> I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. <sup>29</sup> So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, <sup>30</sup> for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

**SERMON:** Joyful Living: Proven Worth

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

### Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."  
*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord now indeed I find,  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots,

And melt the heart of stone.

*Chorus*

And when before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save,  
My lips shall still repeat.

*Chorus*

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt,  
And raised this life up from the dead. (4x)

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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.



## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light my strength my song.  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease.  
My Comforter my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand,  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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.