

This Week at Grace

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

SUNDAY, May 5

9:30-10:15 Growing in Grace in the Fellowship Hall
 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 12:00-1:30pm Congregational Meeting
 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

TUESDAY, May 7

9:30 Church Staff Meeting
 11:30 K'ville Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, May 8

8:30-9:30am GHP Muffins for Moms
 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, May 9

8:30-9:30 GHP Muffins for Moms
 9:00-9:30am Carryout for Cougars

FRIDAY, May 10

7:00-8:00am Men's Prayer
 9:00-10:00am Women's Prayer
 11:30am HP Men's Bible Study
 6:00-8:00am Spring Folly

SATURDAY, May 11

8:30am-1:00pm Piedmont Triad Presbytery Meeting

SUNDAY, May 12, Ascension Sunday

9:30-10:15 Growing in Grace in the Fellowship Hall
 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

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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 April 28, 2024

General Fund Budget	Monthly	Annual
	\$ 29,487	\$ 353,841
General Fund Offerings this Month/Year	\$ 63,404	\$ 135,599
		Received Year to Date
Building Repairs and Improvements		\$ 2,900
Ministry Funds	Account Balance	Received Year to Date
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 6,715	\$ 2,251
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 4,978	\$ 2,711

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

May 5, 2024

Preparation and Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 55:1a, 3a (NIV)

"Come, all you who are thirsty,
 come to the waters;
 and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Give ear and come to me;
 listen, that you may live."

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
 Streams of mercy never ceasing
 Call for songs of loudest praise
 Teach me some melodious sonnet
 Sung by flaming tongues above
 Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
 Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
 Hither by Thy help I'm come
 And I hope by Thy good pleasure
 Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
 Wand'ring from the fold of God
 He to rescue me from danger
 Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be
 Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
 Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
 *Prone to wander Lord I feel it
 Prone to leave the God I love
 Here's my heart O take and seal it
 Seal it for Thy courts above

Mountains of Mercy

Mountains of mercy, Streams of grace,
Flow down to me.
All of my debts, All that I owe,
Has been paid by Thee.
What love is this that flows as blood,
To save a wretch like me?
Though a proper gift I ne'er could give,
Still you give to me.

Maker of Heaven, Creator of earth,
Sent His only Son.
The perfect Lamb has paid it all,
No matter what I've done.
What love is this upon a cross
That stood at Calvary.
Though my works could never save
Still you died for me.

How could you my dark heart know?
And still love and want me so?

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How could I the throne approach?
And be counted above reproach?
Though a sinner I shall ever be
You chase after me
Praise and glory, dance and song
To Jesus I sing.
Savior hear my humble cry,
You're my God and King.
What love is this that has no end
For all eternity?
I can never truly love, Yet you still love me.

What love is this that flows as blood
To save a wretch like me
Though a proper gift I ne'er could give
Still you give to me, Still you give to me
Still you give to me.

Our Common Confession

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read Corporately)

ALL: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Ephesians 1:7-8a (ESV)

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Birthdays		May Anniversaries	
6	Hannah Lis	18	Tim Brieady
11	Randy Edwards	11	Billy and Kelly Pope
	Mark Malinovsky	12	Larry and Darlene Clagett
	Amy Mead	18	Tommy and Donna Cox
15	Mary Freeman	20	Mark and Jodi Pardue
18	Sam Heeman	24	Kevin and Brea McClain
	Sierra Smith	28	Larry and Tammy Burrows

Month at a Glance

5 th	Growing in Grace/Worship Service Congregational Meeting Grace Kids Kuehn Home Fellowship Group Plybon-Cox Fellowship Group	12 th	Ascension Sunday: Growing in Grace/Worship Services
7 th	Church Staff Meeting K'ville Men's Bible Study	13 th	Missions Committee Meeting
8 th	Women's Morning/Evening Bible Study Worship Rehearsal	14 th	Church Staff Meeting
9 th	Carryout for Cougars	15 th	Worship Rehearsal
10 th	Men & Women's Prayer Groups HP Men's Bible Study	16 th	Carryout for Cougars
11 th	Piedmont Triad Presbytery Meeting	17 th	Men & Women's Prayer Group
		18 th	Melissa Mainhart Bridal Shower
		19 th	Pentecost: Growing in Grace/Worship Services
		20 th	Session Meeting
		21 st	Church Staff Meeting
		26 th	Trinity Sunday Grace Youth Graduation BBQ
		27 th	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Sunday Servants

Date	TODAY	May 12	May 19	May 26
Nursery	Jennifer Edwards	Josh and Danielle Elliott	Rebekah Brieady	Brea McClain
Infant – 2yrs	Claudia Plybon		Ellie Brieady	Corwin McClain
Kingdom Kids	Donna Cox	Chris and Christine	Lori Dell'Arena	Danielle Wiebking
2-5yrs	Mary Freeman	Hollis	Phoebe Dell'Arena	Anna Wiebking
Children's Church	Mike Lis	Krystal Keener	Ted and Amy Mead	Darlene Clagett
4yrs-2nd	Lyric Lis	Diane Zobrosky		
Greeters	Mark & Terrica Smith	John and Janie Hughes	Bonnie Smith	Mark & Terrica Smith
Visitation	Diane Zobrosky	Diane Zobrosky	Diane Zobrosky	Diane Zobrosky
Worship Team	Michael Kuehn Patrick Freeman Karl Freeman	Michael Kuehn Carolyn Clatfelter	John Hughes Michael Kuehn	Karl Freeman John Hughes Kim Lis
Tech Team	Lucas Galbier Dennis Kohler	Cheryl Voss Dennis Kohler Lucas Galbier	Cheryl Voss Dennis Kohler Natalie Burrows	Natalie Burrows Patrick Freeman Dennis Kohler

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.

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.

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. 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."

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.

KERNERSVILLE AND HIGH POINT MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES meet every other week in Kernersville and High Point. Our next Kernersville meeting will be May 7 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next High Point gathering will be May 10 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 **TODAY** to vote to affirm the call of Ruling Elder Don Bechtold to the office of elder following his year sabbatical.

WEDDING SHOWER BRUNCH for Melissa Mainhart and her fiancé, Tony Delia, will be held at 10am on Saturday, May 18 at the home of Carla Collins. Melissa and Tony are registered through Amazon, Crate and Barrel, and Target. You may find their wedding info at www.theknot.com. See Carla for more info.

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.*

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Light, that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

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O Joy, that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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-5th 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 4:10-23 (ESV)

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving

and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

SERMON: Joyful Living: Do All Things

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

Abide

For my waking breath,
For my daily bread,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

For the sun to rise,
For my sleep at night,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide*

Where the Spirit leads, As I'm following,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the victories, Still in front of me.
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*You're the way the truth and the life,
You're the well that never runs dry.
I'm the branch and You are the vine,*

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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 Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn

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*Draw me close and teach me to abide.
Be my strength my song in the night,
Be my all my treasure my prize.
I am Yours forever You're mine,
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

When I pass through death, As I enter rest,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For eternal life, To be raised with Christ,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

Chorus

My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus