

This Week at Grace

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

SUNDAY, May 12, Ascension Sunday

9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace in the Fellowship Hall
 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, May 13

6:30-7:30pm Missions Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 14

9:30-10:00am Church Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 14

8:30-9:30am GHP Donuts for Dads

THURSDAY, May 16

8:30-9:30am GHP Donuts for Dads

9:00-9:30am Carryout for Cougars

6:30-7:30pm Worship Rehearsal

FRIDAY, May 17

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

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

SATURDAY, May 18

10:00-11:30am Melissa Mainhart's Bridal Shower

SUNDAY, May 19, Pentecost

9:30-10:15am 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),
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Grace Knersville is a member of the Piedmont
 Triad Presbytery and is a congregation of the
 Presbyterian Church in America.



GPC Financial Report as of May 5, 2024

General Fund Budget	Monthly	Annual
	\$ 29,487	\$ 353,841
General Fund Offerings this Month/Year	\$ 7,083	\$ 142,681
		Received Year to Date
Building Repairs and Improvements		\$ 3,400
Ministry Funds	Account Balance	Received Year to Date
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 6,347	\$ 2,491
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 5,018	\$ 3,171

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.

Ascension Sunday

May 12, 2024

Preparation and Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 104:31-33 (NIV)

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

All: may the Lord rejoice in his works—

Leader: he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,

All: who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord all my life;

All: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
 And to my list'ning ears;
 All nature sings and 'round me rings,
 The music of the spheres.
 This is my Father's world,
 I rest me in the thought,
 Of rocks and trees of skies and seas,
 His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
 The birds their carols raise
 The morning light the li - ly white
 Declare their Maker's praise

This is my Father's world,
 He shines in all that's fair;
 In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass,
 He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world,
 O let me ne'er forget.
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world,
 The battle is not done.
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 And earth and heaven be one.

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Before the Thone of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart,
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within.
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin,
Because the sinless Saviour died,

My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied,
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.
Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness.
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high.
With Christ my Saviour and my God,
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

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Our Common Confession

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read Corporately)

ALL: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Forgive us, O Lord. Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Titus 3:4-7 (NIV)

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Birthdays

15 Mary Freeman
18 Sam Heeman
Sierra Smith
Tim Bieaddy

May Anniversaries

12 Larry and Darlene Clagett
18 Tommy and Donna Cox
20 Mark and Jodi Pardue
24 Kevin and Brea McClain
28 Larry and Tammy Burrows

Month at a Glance

13 th	Missions Committee Meeting	29 th	Worship Rehearsal
14 th	Church Staff Meeting	30 th	Carryout for Cougars
15 th	Worship Rehearsal		GHP Graduation Program
16 th	Carryout for Cougars	31 st	Men & Women's Prayer Groups
17 th	Men & Women's Prayer Groups	1 st	Deacons' Meeting
18 th	Melissa Mainhart Bridal Shower		Wingate Baby Sprinkle
19 th	Pentecost	2 nd	Growing in Grace/Worship Services
	Growing in Grace/Worship Services	3 rd	GHP Camps Begin
20 th	Session Meeting	4 th	Church Staff Meeting
21 st	Church Staff Meeting	5 th	Worship Rehearsal
26 th	Trinity Sunday	7 th	Men & Women's Prayer Groups
	Growing in Grace/Worship Services	9 th	Growing in Grace/Worship Services
	Grace Youth Graduation BBQ	10 th	Missions Committee Meeting
27 th	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed		PCA 51 st General Assembly Begins (Richmond, VA)
28 th	Church Staff Meeting		

Sunday Servants

Date	TODAY	May 19	May 26	June 2
Nursery Infant – 2yrs	Josh and Danielle Elliott	Rebekah Brieaddy Ellie Brieaddy	Brea McClain Corwin McClain	Katie Orlick Daniel Orlick
Kingdom Kids 2-5yrs	Chris and Christine Hollis	Lori Dell'Arena Phoebe Dell'Arena	Danielle Wiebking Anna Wiebking	Debbie Potts Phoebe Dell'Arena
Children's Church 4yrs-2nd	Krystal Keener Diane Zobrosky	Ted and Amy Mead	Darlene Clagett	Mike Lis Liyric Lis
Greeters	John and Janie Hughes	Bonnie Smith	Mark & Terrica Smith	Larry & Tammy Burrows
Visitation	Diane Zobrosky	Diane Zobrosky	Diane Zobrosky	Randi Bechtold
Worship Team	Michael Kuehn Carolyn Clatfelter	John Hughes Michael Kuehn	Karl Freeman John Hughes Kim Lis	Michael Kuehn Patrick Freeman Karl Freeman
Tech Team	Cheryl Voss Dennis Kohler Lucas Galbier	Cheryl Voss Dennis Kohler Natalie Burrows	Natalie Burrows Patrick Freeman Dennis Kohler	Cheryl Voss Dennis Kohler Lucas Galbier

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 21 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next High Point gathering will be May 24 at 11:30am in High Point. See Pastor Randy for more details.

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.

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.

YOUTH GRADUATION BANQUET will honor this year's high school seniors on May 26, at 6:00pm. Seniors and their families are invited to attend.

BABY SPRINKLE BRUNCH for "Baby Boy" Wingate will be held from 10:00-12:00 on June 1st in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us for brunch and help celebrate with Katie as she awaits the arrival of the baby.

We Are a Moment

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages God before time.
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Holy Holy Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises honor and glory,
Be Unto Your name, be unto Your name.

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We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Holy Holy Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory,
Be Unto Your name, be unto Your name.

The Life of the Church

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Juliet Lucille Kuehn daughter of Michael and Hazel Kuehn

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house. (Acts 2:39; Gen.17:7; Acts 16:31)

Questions for the Parents

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his/her) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him/her) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him/her), that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him/her) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

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 – Mark 10:46-52 (ESV)

“And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.”⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.”⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way

SERMON: The Apostle's Creed: “I Believe”

Pastor Randy Edwards

Our Response

I Sought the Lord

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
It was not I that found, O Savior true;
It was not I, no, I was found of thee.

*Not I, but Christ; Not I, but Christ.
Thou art the seeker, And I the found.
Thou art the seeker, And I the found.*

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the stormy sea;
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold;
As thou, dear Lord, had taken hold of me.

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Chorus

And so dear Lord, I find, I walk, I love
But O the whole of love is answering thee
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul
I love you Lord, because you first loved me

Chorus

Glory to God, And to the Son,
And to the Spirit, For I am found.
To God the glory, For I am found.
To God the glory, For I am found.

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.



You're the Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah
The Lamb who was slain,
You ascended to heaven
And ever more will reign.
At the end of the age
When the earth You reclaim,
You will gather the nations before You.
And the eyes of all men
Will be fixed on the Lamb,
Who was crucified
With wisdom and mercy and justice,
You'll reign at Your Father's side.

*And the angels will cry, hail the Lamb!
Who was slain for the world, rule in pow'r.
And the earth will reply, You shall reign!
As the King of all kings, And the Lord of all lords!*

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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.

There's a shield in our hand
And a sword at our side.
There's a fire in our spirits
That cannot be denied.
'Cause the Father has told us
For these You have died,
For the nations who gather before You.
And the ears of all men
Need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified,
Who descended to hell
Yet was raised up to reign
At His Father's side.

Chorus