

Announcements

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LORD'S SUPPER Grace Kernersville receives the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. Please be preparing your hearts to receive the sacrament.

MEN'S PRAYER meets on Friday mornings from 7:00-8:00am in the Church Library.

WOMEN'S PRAYER meets on Friday mornings from 9:00-10:00am in the Church Library.

GROWING IN GRACE began a new class this morning titled, "Turning Points in Church History." Tim Brieady is leading us through a survey of the history of the church from the Reformation to the present day.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL continues each Sunday from at 9:30-10:15am in room 124.

GRACE KIDS had their final meeting for the school year last week. They will resume after the Fall Kickoff in September.

GRACE YOUTH continues each Sunday from 6:00-7:15pm. See Pastor Michael for more information.

LUNCH TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues semi-monthly gatherings in both High Point (April 28) and Kernersville (May 5) from Noon to 1:00pm.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (YAMS) Grace Men's Ministry continues its nine week study by Third Mill on the Book of Acts each Wednesday at 7:00pm in the church fellowship hall. See Don Bechtold or Kevin McClain for more information.

ROOTED IN GRACE is Grace Kernersville's new members and inquirers class. Come learn about the gospel of grace, our denomination's distinctives, and what is involved in church membership. Rooted in Grace is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 from 9:00am to Noon in the church fellowship hall. Please sign up in Church Center.

BOUNDLESS PRAISE: THE EGYPTIAN HALLEL PSALMS is the latest art exhibit from Almond Tree Artist Collective. Please take time to engage the artwork hanging in the foyer, as well as the poems and song lyrics in the booklets which are available in print on the table or digitally by QR code hanging with the artwork.

CARRYOUT FOR COUGARS continues each week to deliver weekend backpack meals for children at Cash Elementary who are facing food insecurity. Meals are bagged and delivered each Thursday at 9:00am. If you would like to participate or have questions, please see Brea McClain.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, May 24 following the worship service to affirm the call of RE Kevin McClain to the office of ruling elder as he is scheduled to rotate back onto the Session in June.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Grace Kids Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22-25.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Emma Hicks (4/26), David Collins (4/30)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Kevin and Charlene Stalker (4/28). Pepe and Ginger Mesa (4/28)

Sunday Servants

	Today	May 3	May 10	May 17
Nursery	Christine Hollis	Katie Orlick	Katie Wingate	Jennifer Edwards
Infant - 2yrs	Chris Hollis	Daniel Orlick	Rachel Clepper	Claudia Plybon
Little Lambs 2-3 yrs	Danielle Elliott Josh Elliott	Danielle Wiebking Grace Norman	Carol Vincent Duncan Vincent	Jodi Pardue Hazel Kuehn
Kingdom Kids 4yrs-K	Grace Norman David Collins	Krystal Keener Brandon Keener	Jenni Carter A J Carter	Mary Freeman Alli Underhill
Children's Church 1-3 Grade	Darlene Clagett Angelica Steelman	Michael Kuehn	Mike Lis Lyric Lis	Amy Mead Ted Mead
Greeters	Bob & Jean Granger	Bob & Jean Granger	TBD	TBD
Visitation	Diane Zobrosky	Randi Bechtold	Randi Bechtold	Randi Bechtold
Ushers	Larry Burrows Mark Smith Mark Malinovsky Dave Wiebking	David Collins Josh Elliott Dick Clatfelter Matt Norman	David Collins Mike Orlick Les Cranfill Mark Smith	Larry Burrows Matthew Burton Dave Wiebking Joshua Elliott
Worship Team	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman Jodi Pardue	John Hughes Karl Freeman Patrick Freeman	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman Carla Collins	Michael Kuehn Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman Kim Lis
Tech Team	Lucas Galbier Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss	Lucas Galbier Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss	Patrick Freeman	Dennis Kohler Lyric Lis Kevin McClain

This Week at Grace

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

SUNDAY, April 26

9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace
10:30-11:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:30-6:00pm Plybon-Cox Home Fellowship Group
6:00-7:15pm Youth Group

TUESDAY, April 28

12:00-1:00pm Men's Bible Study, High Point
1:30-2:30pm Bechtold Home Fellowship Group

WEDNESDAY, April 29

6:30-7:30pm Worship Rehearsal

FRIDAY, May 1

7:00-8:00am Men's Prayer, Church Library
9:00-10:00am Women's Prayer, Church Library



SATURDAY, May 2

9:00-12:00pm Rooted in Grace

SUNDAY, May 3

9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace
10:30-11:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:30-6:00pm Plybon-Cox Home Fellowship Group

Church Leadership and Contacts

Office Manager	Assistant Pastor of Worship & Education	Pastor and Teaching Elder	Grace House Preschool Director
Mona Underhill, x1	Michael Kuehn, x2	Randy Edwards, x3	Tammy Burrows, x4
Session	Diaconate		
Don Bechtold, Larry Clagett, Tommy Cox, Jim Plybon (Clerk), Adam Wingate, and Randy Edwards (Pastor/Moderator). Kevin McClain (sabbatical)	Deacon of the Month: Karl Freeman Larry Burrows, David Collins, John Hughes, and Karl Freeman		
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GPC Financial Report as of Apr 19, 2026

	Monthly	Annual
General Fund Budget	\$ 31,348	\$ 376,179
General Fund Offerings	\$ 16,921	\$ 103,374
Building Improvements (\$175,000 Goal)	Received towards Goal:	\$ 4,535
Ministry Funds	Account Balance	Received Year to Date
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 2,890	\$ 731
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 4,652	\$ 1,045

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 26, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP – 1 Peter 1:3-6 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest.
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought
By day or by night,
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom
And Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Father,
I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not,
Nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance Now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart,
Whatever befall,
Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

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Our Common Confession

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

THE APOSTLE'S 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, he descended into Hades. ** The church through all time and every age*

His Mercy is More

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea
Without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness
New every morn.
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more*

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender,
Is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest,
The vilest, the poor,
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Chorus

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford,
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more.

Chorus

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

The Life of the Church

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children may be dismissed. Nursery (Infants to 2 years old) is Room 121; Little Lambs (Ages.2-3) Room 123; Kingdom Kids (Ages 4-K) is Room 124; Children's Church (1st-3rd Grade) is 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 – Luke 20:1-18 (ESV)

One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up ² and said to him, “Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority.” ³ He answered them, “I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, ⁴ was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?” ⁵ And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ ⁶ But if we say, ‘From man,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.” ⁷ So they answered that they did not know where it came from. ⁸ And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone?”

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

SERMON – In Hostile Country: But He Looked Directly...

Pastor Randy Edwards

Our Response

Christ is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered,
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure,
And forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer,
Though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
Darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel,
Where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted,
Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,
Pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armor for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war,
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk,
For there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.
Come rejoice now O my soul,
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure,
Christ is mine forevermore.

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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. Use the QR Code to the left to access Grace Kernersville's Church Center Giving page where you may give online Grace Kernersville's Church Center Giving page where you may give online.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ in which we stand.

O sing, hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal.

O sing, hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess,

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

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BENEDICTION — Romans 15:13 (NIV '84)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh,

Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

Chorus

Unto the grave what will we sing?

Christ He lives, Christ He lives!

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore!

Chorus