

Announcements

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SUBSCRIBE TO THESE: This Week @ Grace Kernersville (is Grace's E-Newsletter and is emailed each Thursday morning) and to **Grace's Google Group** (where Grace posts prayer requests and urgent announcements). You may subscribe to each in Church Center or by emailing the church office at officehelper@gracekernersville.org.

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 continues a weekly Sunday morning class titled, "Turning Points in Church History" and is taught by Tim Brieaddy each week at 9:30am.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL is offered from 9:30-10:15am in room 124.

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

LUNCH TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues semi-monthly gatherings in both High Point and Kernersville 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.

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.

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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Amy Mead (5/11), Mark Malinovsky (5/11), Randy Edwards (5/11), Mary Freeman (5/15).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Billy and Kelly Pope (5/11), Larry and Darlene Claggett (5/12).

Sunday Servants

	Today	May 17	May 24	May 31
Nursery	Katie Wingate	Jennifer Edwards	Matthew Burton	Ellie Brieaddy
Infant - 2yrs	Rachel Clepper	Claudia Plybon	Stephanie Burton	Diane Zobrosky
Little Lambs 2-3 yrs	Carol Vincent Duncan Vincent	Jodi Pardue Hazel Kuehn	Abby Galbier Karen Idol	Josh Elliott Danielle Elliott
Kingdom Kids 4yrs-K	Krystal Keener Brandon Keener	Mary Freeman Alli Underhill	Grace Norman David Collins	Carol Vincent Duncan Vincent
Children's Church 1-3 Grade	Mike Lis Lyric Lis	Amy Mead Ted Mead	Darlene Claggett Angelica Steelman	Matt Norman Anna Norman
Greeters	Mark & Terrica Smith	Mark & Terrica Smith	Larry & Tammy Burrows	John & Janie Hughes
Visitation	Randi Bechtold	Randi Bechtold	Randi Bechtold	Randi Bechtold
Ushers	David Collins Mike Orlick Les Cranfill Mark Smith	Larry Burrows Matthew Burton Dave Wiebking Joshua Elliott	Larry Burrows Dick Clatfelter Mark Malinovsky Daniel Orlick	David Collins Ryan Avery Mike Orlick Les Cranfill
Worship Team	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman Carla Collins	Michael Kuehn Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman Kim Lis	Michael Kuehn Karl Freeman Patrick Freeman Anna Norman	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman Jodi Pardue
Tech Team	Patrick Freeman Dennis Kohler	Dennis Kohler Lyric Lis Kevin McClain	Lucas Galbier Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss	Lucas Galbier Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss

This Week at Grace

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

SUNDAY, May 10

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

MONDAY, May 11

1:30-2:30pm Mission Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, May 12

12:00-1:00pm Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, May 13

6:30-7:30pm Worship Rehearsal
7:00-8:00pm YAMS Men's Study

FRIDAY, May 15


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

SUNDAY, May 17, Ascension Sunday

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

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 Claggett, Tommy Cox, Jim Plybon (Clerk), Adam Wingate, and Randy Edwards (Pastor/Moderator). Kevin McClain (sabbatical)	Deacon of the Month: Larry Burrows Larry Burrows, David Collins, John Hughes, and Karl Freeman		
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Piedmont Triad Presbytery
and is a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in America.



GPC Financial Report as of May 3, 2026

	Monthly	Annual
General Fund Budget	\$ 31,348	\$ 376,179
General Fund Offerings	\$ 17,047	\$ 125,512
Building Improvements (\$175,000 Goal)	Received towards Goal:	\$ 5,055
Ministry Funds	Account Balance	Received Year to Date
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 3,165	\$ 1,006
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 4,802	\$ 1,575

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 10, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 63:3-5 (NIV; responsive reading)

Leader: Because your love is better than life,

All: **my lips will glorify you.**

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live,

All: **and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

Leader: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;

All: **with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

Blessed be Your Name

Blessed be Your name,

In the land that is plentiful,

Where Your streams of abundance flow,

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,

When I'm found in the desert place,

Though I walk through the wilderness,

Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out

I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in Lord,

Still, I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name,

When the sun's shining down on me,

When the world's all as it should be,

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,

On the road marked with suffering,

Blessed be Your name,

On the road marked with suffering,

Though there's pain in the offering,

Blessed be Your name.

Chorus

You give and take away,

You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say,

Lord blessed be Your name.

Chorus

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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 lily 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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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.*

The Steadfast Love

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
His mercies never come to an end. Great is Thy faithfulness.
They are new every morning,
New every morning,

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The Life of the Church

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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The Preaching of the Word

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 21:5-38 (ESV).

“And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷ And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰ “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³ Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.

³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

³⁷ And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. ³⁸ And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

SERMON – In Hostile Country: The Days are Coming Pastor Randy Edwards

Our Response

Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow,
There is beauty in our tears.
And You meet us in our mourning,
With a love that casts out fear.
You are working in our waiting,
Sanctifying us.
When beyond our understanding,
You're teaching us to trust.

*Your plans are still to prosper,
You've not forgotten us.
You're with us in the fire and the flood.
Faithful forever, perfect in love,
You are sovereign over us.*

You are wisdom unimagined,
Who could understand Your ways?

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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.

Jesus What A Friend For Sinners

Jesus what a Friend for sinners,

Jesus lover of my soul.

Friends may fail me foes assail me,

He my Savior makes me whole.

Hallelujah what a Savior!

Hallelujah what a friend!

Saving helping keeping loving,

He is with me to the end.

Jesus what a strength in weakness,

Let me hide myself in Him.

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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.

Reigning high above the heavens,
Reaching down in endless grace.

You're the lifter of the lowly,
Compassionate and kind.

You surround and You uphold me,
And Your promises are my delight.

Chorus

Even what the enemy means for evil,

You turn it for our good,

You turn it for our good,

And for Your glory.

Even in the valley You are faithful,

You're working for our good,

You're working for our good,

And for Your glory.