

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 Brieady 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. See Pastor Randy for more information.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Kinsley Arnold (5/17), Sierra Smith (5/18), Tim Brieady (5/18), Julie Morgan (5/19).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Tommy and Donna Cox (5/18), Mark and Jodi Pardue (5/20).

Sunday Servants



	Today	May 24	May 31	June 7
Nursery	Jennifer Edwards	Matthew Burton	Ellie Brieady	Chris Hollis
Infant - 2yrs	Claudia Plybon	Stephanie Burton	Diane Zobrosky	Christine Hollis
Little Lambs	Jodi Pardue	Abby Galbier	Josh Elliott	Brea McClain
2-3 yrs	Hazel Kuehn	Karen Idol	Danielle Elliott	Corwin McClain
Kingdom Kids	Mary Freeman	Grace Norman	Carol Vincent	Krystal Keener
4yrs-K	Alli Underhill	David Collins	Duncan Vincent	Brandon Keener
Children's Church	Amy Mead	Darlene Clagett	Matt Norman	Michael Kuehn
1-3 Grade	Ted Mead	Angelica Steelman	Anna Norman	
Greeters	Mark & Terrica Smith	Larry & Tammy Burrows	John & Janie Hughes	John & Janie Hughes
Visitation	Randi Bechtold	Randi Bechtold	Randi Bechtold	Katie Wingate
	Larry Burrows	Larry Burrows	David Collins	David Collins
Ushers	Matthew Burton	Dick Clatfelter	Ryan Avery	Matthew Burton
	Dave Wiebking	Mark Malinovsky	Mike Orlick	Dave Wiebking
	Joshua Elliott	Daniel Orlick	Les Cranfill	Matt Norman
Worship Team	Michael Kuehn	Michael Kuehn	Michael Kuehn	Michael Kuehn
	Carolyn Clatfelter	Karl Freeman	John Hughes	Carolyn Clatfelter
	Karl Freeman	Patrick Freeman	Karl Freeman	Karl Freeman
	Kim Lis	Anna Norman	Jodi Pardue	
Tech Team	Dennis Kohler	Lucas Galbier	Lucas Galbier	Patrick Freeman
	Lytic Lis	Dennis Kohler	Dennis Kohler	Dennis Kohler
	Kevin McClain	Cheryl Voss	Cheryl Voss	

This Week at Grace

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

SUNDAY, May 17, Ascension Sunday	SUNDAY, May 24
9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace, Fellowship Hall	9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace, Fellowship Hall
10:30-11:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary	10:30-11:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00-1:00pm Facilities Team Meeting	
TUESDAY, May 19	
12:00-1:00pm Men's Bible Study (High Point)	
WEDNESDAY, May 20	
6:30-7:30pm Worship Rehearsal	
FRIDAY, May 22	
7:00-8:00am Men's Prayer, Church Library	
9:00-10:00am Women's Prayer, Church Library	

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: Larry Burrows Larry Burrows, David Collins, John Hughes, and Karl Freeman	
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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.

Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP – Revelation 7:10b, 12 (ESV)

Leader: *"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*

All: **"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

Revelation Song

Worthy is the
Lamb Who was slain,
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song
To Him Who sits on,
Heaven's mercy seat.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing,
Praise to the King of kings,
You are my everything,
And I will adore You.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning,
Rolls of thunder.

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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,
Whoever 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.

Blessing and honor,
Strength, and glory,
And power be
To You the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name.
Jesus, Your name is power,
Breath and living water,
Such a marvelous mystery.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing,
Praise to the King of kings,
You are my everything,
And I will adore You.*

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 Savior 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 Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God,

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Our Common Confession

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, 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 Psalm 118:1, 4-5 (responsive reading)

Leader: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let those who fear the Lord say,*

All: **“His steadfast love endures forever.” Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.**

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.

** He descended into Hades (the grave) and remained for three days . ** The church through all time and every age.*

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
In my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.
Arise... Arise...
Arise, arise my soul, arise (repeat)
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise... Arise...
Arise, arise my soul, arise (repeat)
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me
“Forgive him, O forgive” they cry
“Forgive him, O forgive” they cry
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”
Arise... Arise...
Arise, arise my soul, arise (repeat)
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

My God is reconciled;
His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;

With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

Arise... Arise...
Arise, arise my soul, arise (repeat)
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

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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

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 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 – Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

SERMON – In Hostile Country: He Was Lifted Up

Pastor Randy Edwards

Our Response

Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth...
From the depths of the sea...
From the heights of the heavens...
Your name be praised
From the hearts of the weak...
From the shouts of the strong...
From the lips of all people...
This song we raise Lord

Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises
Lord Most High
Exalted in every nation
Sovereign of all creation
Lord Most High be magnified

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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.

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns
The Lamb upon his throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown him the Lord of love
Behold his hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright

Crown him the Lord of peace
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole that wars may cease
Absorbed in prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail
For thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity

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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.