

Near The Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross;
There a precious fountain,
Free to all—a healing stream—
Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed its beams around me.

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BENEDICTION — Numbers 6:24-26; 1 John 3:1 (NIV ‘84)

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

All: **And that is what we are!**

Announcements

DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP from your handheld device’s app store and connect to Grace Kernersville. In Church Center, you may register for events, view the church calendar and member directory, as well as make donations.

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 Monday mornings from 9:30-10:30am in the Church Library.

GROWING IN GRACE began today at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Children meet in room 124.

GRACE GALLERY presents, “Pieced Together.” Please take some time and enjoy the handiwork of some of Grace’s quilters.

GRACE KIDS will not meet tonight. Join us next week from 4:30-6:00pm in Room 135.

GRACE YOUTH will not meet tonight. Join us next week from 6:00-7:30pm.

LUNCH TUESDAY MEN’S BIBLE STUDY. The High Point Group meets this Tuesday at Thai Herb on Eastchester at noon.

CONSIGNMENT SALE starts September 17. Sign up to help through the newsletter.

NEW HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUP FORMING and will be using the study, ROOTED. An informational meeting will be held on September 20 following the service in the church library.

YAMS: JOSHUA Another Men’s Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00pm in the church fellowship hall. See Don Bechtold or Kevin McClain for more information.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED is a nine week study about the basic questions: What is wrong with this world? What is God doing about it? And What does it mean for me? Begins Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30pm at the home of Ted and Amy Mead. See Pastor Randy or the Meads for more info.

LADIES FALL BIBLE STUDY continues each Wednesday at 9:30am at the home of Janie Hughes on Paul’s letter to the Philippians co-written by former Grace member, Kim Baum. Study guides are available and are \$7 each. Register in Church Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Adah Freeman (9/11), Seth Freeman (9/11), Charlene Stalker (9/12), and Greg Smith (9/12).

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o’er me.

Chorus

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.

Chorus

Sunday Servants

	Today	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27
Nursery	Ryan Avery	Jennifer Edwards	Karen Idol	Matthew Burton
Infant - 2yrs	Britney Avery	Claudia Plybon	Abby Galbier	Stephanie Burton
Little Lambs	Danielle Wiebking	Tammy Burrows	Chris Hollis	Katie Wingate
2-3 yrs	Meagan Lis	Elaine Norman	Christine Hollis	Rachel Clepper
Kingdom Kids	Krystal Keener	Jenni Carter	Donna Cox	Grace Norman
4yrs-K	Brandon Keener	A J Carter	Mary Freeman	David Collins
Children's Church		Mike Lis	Ted Mead	Darlene Clagett
1-3 Grade	Michael Kuehn	Lyric Lis	Amy Mead	Angelica Steelman
Greeters	Janie Hughes John Hughes	Janie Hughes John Hughes	Bonnie Smith Dennie Kohler	Mary Freeman Dennie Kohler
Visitation	Angelica Steelman	Danielle Elliott	Danielle Elliott	Danielle Elliott
Ushers	David Collins Matthew Burton A J Carter Matt Norman	David Collins Ryan Avery Les Cranfill Mark Malinovsky	Larry Burrows Dick Clatfelter Daniel Orlick Mike Orlick	Larry Burrows Mark Smith A J Carter Dave Wiebking
Worship Team	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Carla Collins	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Anna Norman Will Clifford	Michael Kuehn Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman Kim Lis	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman Jodi Pardue
Tech Team	Cheryl Voss Dennis Kohler Lucas Galbier	Cheryl Voss Dennis Kohler Lucas Galbier	Dennis Kohler Lyric Lis Kevin McClain	Cheryl Voss Dennis Kohler Lucas Galbier

This Week at Grace

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

MONDAY, September 7 The Church Office will be closed for Labor Day	FRIDAY, September 11 7:00-8:00am Men’s Prayer, Library
TUESDAY, September 8 12:00-1:00pm Men’s Bible Study, High Point 1:30-2:30pm Bechtold’s Home Fellowship Group 6:30-7:30pm Christianity Explored	8:30-9:30am 25 th Anniversary 9/11 Memorial SUNDAY, September 13 9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace, Fellowship Hall 10:30-11:45am Worship Service, Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, September 9 9:30-10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm Worship Rehearsal 7:00-8:00pm YAMS: Joshua in the Fellowship Hall	4:30-6:00pm Grace Kids, room 135 4:30-6:00pm Kuehn’s Home Fellowship Group 6:00-7:30pm Grace Youth, Youth Room 6:00-7:30pm 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 (sabbatical), Randy Edwards (Pastor/Moderator), Kevin McClain (Clerk), Jim Plybon (sabbatical), and Adam Wingate	<i>Deacon of the Month: Karl Freeman</i> Larry Burrows (sabbatical), David Collins, John Hughes, Karl Freeman, and Duncan Vincent		
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GPC Financial Report as of August 30, 2026

	Monthly	Annual
General Fund Budget	\$ 31,348	\$ 376,179
General Fund Offerings	\$ 36,703	\$ 246.557
Building Improvements (\$175,000 Goal)	Received towards Goal:	\$ 15,645
Ministry Funds	Account Balance	Received Year to Date
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 2,653	\$ 2,873
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 6,502	\$ 3,850

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.

Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP –Psalm 30:4 (NIV)

Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;
praise his holy name.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears;
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free!
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me

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Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess,
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart.

*Lord I need You, oh I need You,
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God how I need You.*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are Lord I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me.

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He speaks and listening to His voice
New life the dead receive;
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

Chorus

So teach my song to rise to You,
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You,
Jesus You're my hope and stay.

Chorus

Our Common Confession

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and our stubbornness in the face of correction. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – 1 Peter 2:22-24 (ESV)

Christ committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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.*

Laden with Guilt	
Laden with guilt and full of fears, I fly to Thee, my Lord, And not a glimpse of hope appears, But in Thy written Word The volumes of my Father's grace Does all my griefs assuage Here I behold my Savior's face In every page.	To quench my thirst of sin, Here the fair tree of knowledge grows, No danger dwells within.
The pearl of price unknown. That merchant is divinely wise Who makes the pearl his own. Here consecrated water flows	This is the judge that ends the strife, Where wit and reason fail; My guide to everlasting life Through all this gloomy vale. Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God, My roving feet command, Nor I forsake the happy road That leads to Thy right hand.

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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 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.

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 – Joshua 2:1-24 (ESV)

And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ² And it was told to the king of Jericho, “Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.” ³ Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.” ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, “True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. ⁵ And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.” ⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷ So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

⁸ Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹ and said to the men, “I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰ For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹ And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father’s house, and give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.” ¹⁴ And the men said to her, “Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.”

¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. ¹⁶ And she said to them, “Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way.” ¹⁷ The men said to her, “We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. ¹⁸ Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father’s household. ¹⁹ Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. ²⁰ But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear.” ²¹ And she said, “According to your words, so be it.” Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

²² They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing. ²³ Then the two men returned. They came down from the hills and passed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them. ²⁴ And they said to Joshua, “Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us.”

SERMON –All Your Heart: The Faith of Rahab Pastor Randy Edwards

Our Response and the 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 (ESV) – 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 11:27-29 (ESV) – 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 (ESV) – 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.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

1 Corinthians 10:14-17 (ESV) – 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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion	
<i>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.</i>	In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid. For the promised morning, Oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.
<i>Chorus</i>	
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.	Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed. You are the Faithful one. And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom.
<i>Chorus</i>	

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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.