

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN NEED OF PRAYER? Elders are available to pray with you after the service or if you desire in your home. Please see the pastor to make arrangements.

SIGN UP for Grace Kernersville's googlegroups page and GPC's weekly email newsletter, This Week @GraceKville, by emailing info@gracekernersville.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHERS NEEDED: Teachers are needed for 3 yr. – K in July, and in 1st – 3rd grade in March/July. See Lori Dell'Arena if you are interested in teaching.

THE JESSE TREE EXHIBIT Take a moment to view the work and creativity of our church members who are inviting us to use our imagination as we celebrate the coming of Christ.

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP resumes tonight from 6:00-7:30pm but is off next week because of the Supper Bowl...or something.

CONGREGATION MEETING GPC's annual congregational meeting is TODAY immediately following the worship service. A sandwich lunch will follow the meeting.

MISSIONS 20/20 Grace Kernersville's annual missions conference is February 7-9.

BUILDING EXTERIOR WORKDAY on February 15 from 8am-Noon. We will be working outside.

JOEL MCCLAIN MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE will be at the church building on February 22 from 9am-1pm. Sign up online or see Brea McClain

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

THIS WEEK

www.gracekernersville.org/calendar.

SUNDAY, January 26

- Noon: Congregational Meeting. Please stay for a sandwich lunch following.
- 6:00pm Sunday Night Fellowship

MONDAY, January 27

- 6:30pm GPC Missions Committee Meeting in the church office
- 6:30pm GriefShare in the Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, January 28

- 9:30am Ladies Bible Study at the home of Randi Bechtold on 1st Peter

WEDNESDAY, January 29

- 9:30pm Ladies Bible Study at the home of Janie Hughes on Seeing Jesus in Genesis
- 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study at the home of Carla Collins on the Gospel of Mark

THURSDAY, January 30

- 7:30am High School Bible Study at the Edwards' home.
- 9:15am Carryout for Cougars at Cash Elementary

SATURDAY, January 31

- 6:30am Men's Prayer in the church office

SUNDAY, February 2, Candlemas

- 9:30am Grow in Grace Sunday School
- 10:30am Worship Service from 10:30-Noon
- No Sunday Night Fellowship so we may enjoy not watching the Patriots.

GPC Financial Report as of December 31, 2019

Grace Pres General Fund	Budgeted for 2019	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	How Much to Meet YTD Budget
Operations	\$ 309,876	\$ 309,876	\$ 308,635	\$ 311,585	\$ 1,241
Missions	\$ 34,431	\$ 34,431	\$ 34,431	\$ 34,424	\$ 0
Year Total	\$344,307	\$ 344,307	\$ 343,066	\$ 346,009	\$ 1,241

Monthly Budget as of December 31, 2019

	December Budget	MTD Contributions	Needed to Meet Budget
Total	\$ 28,692	\$ 47,913	\$ (19,221)

Designated Funds as of December 31, 2019

	MTD Offerings	YTD Offerings	YTD Disbursements	Account Balance
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 2,915	\$ 10,480	\$ 13,519	\$ 2,679
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 1,060	\$ 18,141	\$ 11,417	\$ 8,268
Designated Mortgage Reduction	\$ 3,303	\$ 42,403	\$ 42,403	\$ 418,234

OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nursery Scheduler: Lori Dell'Arena

Date	Birth – 2 yr.	Children's Church
TODAY	Keener Family	January Nursery Coordinator: Mary Freeman 3yr - K: Brea and Sigourney McClain 1st – 3rd: John and Janie Hughes
Feb 2	Dell'Arena Family Rheanne Burkett	February Nursery Coordinator: Mary Freeman 3yr - K: Carla Collins and Hannah Lis 1st – 3rd: Ted and Amy Mead
Feb 9	Carolyn Clatfelter Melanie Stone	
Feb 16	Sapp Family	

Deacon on Call

January: Karl Freeman
February: Jim Dougherty

Greeters

January: David and Carla Collins
February: John and Janie Hughes

Elder Prayer Rotation

January: Jim Plybon
February: Don Bechtold

Rapid Visitation

January: Claudia Plybon
February: Amy Mead

Closing

Today	Feb 2	Feb 9
John Hughes	Randy Edwards	David Collins

Worship Team

John Hughes, Aaron Johnson, Jonathan Collins, Lisa Swope, Anna Norman, Rick Young

Our Church Officers and Staff

Session: Gregory Bay, Don Bechtold, Jim Plybon, Kevin McClain, and Randy Edwards

Diaconate: David Collins, Jim Dougherty, Karl Freeman, John Hughes, Doug Jewell (*emeritus*)

The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9am until 1:00pm.

Randy Edwards, Pastor/Teacher • ext.11

Lori Dell'Arena, Preschool Director/Children's Ministry /Office Manager • ext.12

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WORSHIP • WITNESS • WALK IN LOVE

Ordinary Time January 26, 2019

“But the parables didn't do the work—it put the listener's imagination to work. Parables aren't illustrations that make things easier; they make things harder by requiring the exercise of our imaginations, which if we aren't careful becomes the exercise of our faith.

Parables subversively slip past our defenses. Once they're inside the citadel of self, we might expect a change of method, a sudden brandishing of bayonets resulting in a palace coup. But it doesn't happen. Our integrity is honored and preserved. God does not impose his reality from without; he grows flowers and fruit from within. God's truth is not an alien invasion but a loving courtship in which the details of our common lives are treated as seeds in our conception, growth, and maturity in the kingdom.”

Eugene Peterson

“For if he ever comes to make the distinction, if ever he consciously directs his prayers “Not to what I think thou art but to what thou knowest thyself to be”, our situation is, for the moment, desperate. Once all his thoughts and images have been flung aside or, if retained, retained with a full recognition of their merely subjective nature, and the man trusts himself to the completely real, external, invisible Presence, there with him in the room and never knowable by him as he is known by it—why, then it is that the incalculable may occur. In avoiding this situation—this real nakedness of the soul in prayer—you will be helped by the fact that the humans themselves do not desire it as much as they suppose. There's such a thing as getting more than they bargained for!”

C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

GOOD MORNING!

WELCOME! Thank you for visiting Grace Kernersville. Please let us know how we may be of help by filling out the pew pad as it is passed down your row.

PRAYER CARDS: If the church may pray for you, please fill out a prayer card found in the pew pads and place in the basket on the back table.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD’S DAY 4

The *Heidelberg Catechism* is teaching tool written by two pastors: Zacharias Ursinus and Caspar Olevianus in 1563 and is designed to explain the core of Christian faith over the course of a year. The catechism is divided into three sections: our estate of sin and misery, how one is set free from sin and misery, and how one thanks God for that deliverance. In this section we are learning about humanity’s estate of sin and misery.

Q9. But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?

No, God created humans with the ability to keep the law. They, however, tempted by the devil, in reckless disobedience, robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.

Gen. 1:31; Eph. 4:24; Gen. 3:13; John 8:44; Gen. 3:6; Rom. 5:12, 18, 19

Q10. Will God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

Certainly not. He is terribly angry about the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge he punishes them now and in eternity. He has declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.

Ex. 34:7; Ps. 5:4-6; Nah. 1:2; Rom. 1:18; Eph. 5:6; Heb. 9:27; Gal. 3:10; Deut. 27:26

Q11. But isn't God also merciful?

God is certainly merciful, but he is also just. His justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty: eternal punishment of body and soul.

Ex. 34:6-7; Ps. 103:8-9; Ex. 34:7; Deut. 7:9-11; Ps. 5:4-6; Heb. 10:30-31; Matt. 25:35-46

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25:4-7

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶ Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

GLORIFYING GOD

Your Love O Lord

You Are My King

CONFESSION OF SIN

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 John 2:1-2 (NIV)

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS TO THE LORD

Lord I Need You

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

Children up through 2nd Grade are dismissed to Children’s Church. Primary grades 3rd through 6th are welcome to participate in Rooted in Christ, which meets in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to welcome one another in the name of the Lord.

RENEWAL

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

² He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation. ’ ”

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?

¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

SERMON

Pastor Randy Edwards

Stories that Grow: The Friend

RESPONSE

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.

* By this we mean that Jesus experienced the full condemnation and wrath of God on the cross. The *Heidelberg Catechism* answers: “*Why does the creed add, "He descended to hell"?* To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.

[†] “catholic” or “universal”: the church in every place and time.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

...For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

As the bread and cup are distributed, it is Grace Presbyterian Church’s practice to wait until all are served so that we may partake together.

Behold the Lamb

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26, 1 John 3:1a

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.

And that is what we are!

CONCERNING 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 participate and receive the Lord’s Supper today. If you are unable to receive the Lord’s Supper today, please use this time as a time of reflection.