

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THIS WEEK @ GRACE KERNERSVILLE is our E-Newsletter and emailed to your inbox each Wednesday. Subscribe on our church website.

PRAYER REQUESTS are sent out each Sunday afternoon. If you have a prayer request this morning, please text or email Pastor Randy and let him know how you would like your request shared.

COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING: The Kernersville Christian Minister's Fellowship is holding community prayer meetings—outside and socially distanced—hosted by local congregations. Join together on Saturday, November 28 at 9:00am in the Grace Kernersville Picnic Shelter, Let's pray for Kernersville.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Melanie Stone and Kenzie Douthit are leading a study on Philippians from 9:30-11 on Friday mornings (children are welcome). This study moves next week to Wednesday mornings.

SMALL GROUPS If you are interested in participating in a small group, please speak with Pastor Randy or any of these group leaders. Three groups are currently meeting: Tommy and Donna Cox and Jim and Claudia Plybon; Darin and Melanie Stone and Justin and Kenzie Douthit; and Don and Randi Bechtold.

ADVENT ART EXHIBIT: This year's Advent art exhibit is titled, The Great O Antiphons. The exhibit features many artists in our church community. Please take some time to follow along as we continue the installation through the season.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 9:30-10:30am Grow in Grace: The Epistle to the Hebrews via Zoom
- 11:00-12:00pm Worship (Sign up on Church Center) and Livestream Service

WEDNESDAY, December 2

- 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study on Colossians (Douthit/Stone)
- 6:00-7:00pm Douthit-Stone Small Group

FRIDAY, December 4

- 6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer

SATURDAY, December 5

- 8:00-9:00am Deacon's Meeting via Zoom

SUNDAY, December 6, The Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:30-10:30am Grow in Grace: The Epistle to the Hebrews via Zoom
- 11:00-12:00pm Worship (Sign up on Church Center) and Livestream Service
- 5:00-6:00pm Synergy
- 6:00-7:30pm Cox and Plybon Small Group
- 6:30-7:30pm Bechtold Small Group
- 6:30-7:30pm Youth Group

CELEBRATIONS!

Birthdays
Jeannette Leopold, November 30

OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

WORSHIP TEAM

TODAY

Randy Edwards, Carolyn Clatfelter,
Gregory Burrows, Aaron Johnson, Kevin McClain

December 6

John Hughes
Gregory Burrows, Aaron Johnson, Kevin McClain

December 13

John Hughes, Patrick Freeman, Karl Freeman
Gregory Burrows, Karl Freeman

GREETERS, OPEN AND CLOSING

	TODAY	December 6	Dec 13
Greeters			
Elder	Gregory Bay Kevin McClain	Larry Clagett Jim Plybon	Gregory Bay Kevin McClain
Deacon	David Collins	Jim Dougherty	Karl Freeman
Closing Lead	Don Bechtold	David Collins	Karl Freeman
Close			
Close			

SESSION

Gregory Bay, Don Bechtold, Larry Clagett, Randy Edwards (Moderator),
Kevin McClain (Clerk), and Jim Plybon

DIACONATE

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

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor/Teaching Elder: Randy Edwards, extension 11
Preschool Director, Children's Ministry/Office Manager: Lori Dell'Arena, extension 12

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and Grace House Preschool operations, the availability of staff and access to the church office is dependent upon availability. Please call ahead.

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GPC FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2020

Grace Pres General Fund	Budgeted for 2020	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	To Meet YTD Budget...
Operations	\$ 308,005	\$ 231,004	\$ 212,206	\$ 223,098	\$ 18,798
Missions	\$ 34,223	\$ 25,667	\$ 23,579	\$ 23,654	\$ 2,088
Year Total	\$342,228	\$ 256,671	\$ 235,785	\$ 246,752	\$ 20,886

Monthly Budget as of November 22, 2020

	November Budget	MTD Contributions	Needed to Meet Budget
Total	\$ 28,519	\$ 16,267	\$ 12,252

Designated Funds as of November 22, 2020

	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 625	\$ 7,590	\$ 6,725	\$ 3,655
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 300	\$ 13,051	\$ 16,734	\$ 4,485
Designated Mortgage Reduction	\$ 57,384	\$ 63,991	\$ 6,607	\$ 281,218



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.

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain,
and Moab shall be trampled down in his place,
as straw is trampled down in a dunghill.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Hope Candle

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Hark a thrilling voice is sounding
Christ is nigh it seems to say
Cast away the dreams of darkness
O ye children of the day

Waken'd by the solemn warning
Let the earthbound soul arise
Christ her Sun all ill dispelling
Shines upon the morning skies

Refrain

Come Lord Jesus, Emmanuel

Come Lord Jesus, Emmanuel

Lo the Lamb so long expected
Comes with pardon down from Heav'n
Let us haste with tears of sorrow
One and all to be forgiven

That when next he comes with glory
And the world is wrapped in fear
With his mercy He may shield us
And with words of love draw near

Honour glory might and blessing
To the Father and the Son
With the everlasting Spirit
While eternal ages run

OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD’S DAY 48

Q123. What does the second request mean?

A. "Your kingdom come" means, Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Keep your church strong, and add to it. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your Word. Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all.

Ps. 119:5, 105; 143:10; Matt. 6:33; Ps. 122:6-9; Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:42-47 Rom. 16:20; 1 John 3:8; Rom. 8:22-23; 1 Cor. 15:28; Rev. 22:17, 20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we have not lived this week mindful that you are ruling. We have not followed you so as to extend the realm of your reign into our whole lives. When we serve you, it is too often so that we may be satisfied with ourselves and not to please you. Because we don’t trust your love for us, we don’t gladly submit to you. Lord, we need your help. We need you to build your kingdom in us even as we seek to see your kingdom built in this place. Father, help us to believe that you continue to deliver us from our enemies: sin, death, and the Devil. Give the Holy Spirit that we may be renewed in your likeness day by day. And so increase our love for you and one another that you become our all in all. Amen.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT – Matthew 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

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Children grades Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to attend Rooted in Christ in the Fellowship Hall with Pinkney Greene and Jennifer Edwards.

RENEWAL

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult

and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace

there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

SERMON The Whole Earth is Fully of His Glory: A Great Light

RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8 (ESV)

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 (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, ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ 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.” 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

All I Have

Creator Giver of all things

All I have is Yours

Accept my humble offering

All I have is Yours

When I was chained to greed and pride

Tight fist'd destined just to die

You paid my debt and bought my life

All I have is Yours

All I have....All I have is Yours

This offering is a means of grace

All I have is Yours

You show me this to grow my faith

All I have is Yours

The more I give the less I need

I learn that You'll provide for me

'Twas blind to this but now I see

All I have is Yours

All I have...All I have is Yours

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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.

BENEDICTION – 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Hark! Tis the Watchman’s Cry

Hark! ’tis the watchman’s cry,

Wake, brethren, wake!

Jesus our Lord is nigh;

Wake, brethren, wake!

Sleep is for sons of night;

Ye are children of the light,

Yours is the glory bright;

Wake, brethren, wake!

Call to each waking band,

Watch, brethren, watch!

Clear is our Lord’s command;

Watch, brethren, watch!

Be ye as men that wait

Always at the Master’s gate,

E’en though He tarry late;

Watch, brethren, watch!

Heed we the steward’s call,

Work, brethren, work!

There’s room enough for all;

Work, brethren, work!

This vineyard of the Lord

Constant labor will afford;

Yours is a sure reward;

Work, brethren, work!

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Hear we the Shepherd’s voice,

Pray, brethren, pray!

Would ye His heart rejoice?

Pray, brethren, pray!

Sin calls for constant fear,

Weakness needs the Strong One near

Long as ye struggle here;

Pray, brethren, pray!

Now sound the final chord,

Praise, brethren, praise!

Thrice holy is our Lord;

Praise, brethren, praise!

What more befits the tongues

Soon to lead the angels’ songs,

While Heav’n the note prolongs,

Praise, brethren, praise!