

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Kenzie Douthit is leading a discussion on Pauline epistles at her home from 9:30-11 on Wednesday mornings (children are welcome).

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, *O Come, O Come....* The exhibit features many artists in our church community. Please take some time to follow along as we continue the installation through the season.

SYNERGY AND YOUTH GROUP are off until after the New Year. See you in 2021.

2020 END OF YEAR GIVING: Tax-deductible contributions to the church for 2020 must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2020. Receipts for any reimbursable expenditure for 2020 should be turned in to the office by Thursday, December 31, 2020.

CELEBRATIONS! Happy Birthday to: Kristin Dougherty (1/1), Maddie Edwards (1/4), and Danielle Gateley (1/18). **Happy Anniversary to:** Tony and Debbie Potts (1/4), Carter and Annie Lievens (1/5).

THIS WEEK

TODAY

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

Wednesday, January 6

- 6:00-7:00pm Douthit and Stone Small Group

FRIDAY, January 8

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

FRIDAY, January 8

- 2:00-4:00pm Out of the Garden Project Fresh Food Mobile Market at Allen Middle School

SUNDAY, January 10

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

OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

WORSHIP TEAM

TODAY	John Hughes
January 10	John Hughes
January 17	John Hughes

GREETERS, OPEN AND CLOSING

	January 3	January 10	January 17
Greeters			
Elder	Jim Plybon Don Bechtold	Don Bechtold Gregory Bay	Gregory Bay Jim Plybon
Deacon on Call	Jim Dougherty	Karl Freeman	John Hughes
Closing Lead	Gregory Bay	Don Bechtold	David Collins
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 NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Grace Pres General Fund	Budgeted for 2020	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	To Meet YTD Budget...
Operations	\$ 308,005	\$ 282,338	\$ 255,577	\$ 269,088	\$ 26,761
Missions	\$ 34,223	\$ 31,371	\$ 28,398	\$ 28,399	\$ 2,973
Year Total	\$342,228	\$313,709	\$ 283,975	\$ 297,487	\$ 29,734
Monthly Budget as of December 20, 2020					
Total	December Budget	MTD Contributions	MTD Needed to Meet Budget		
	\$ 28,519	\$ 19,287	\$ 9,232		
Designated Funds as of December 20, 2020					
	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance	
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 1,065	\$ 8,705	\$ 8,260	\$ 3,535	
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 500	\$ 13,551	\$ 16,734	\$ 5,085	
Designated Mortgage Reduction	\$ 250	\$ 64,141	\$ 63,891	\$ 274,204	



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.

Christmastide

January 3, 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP – 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 (ESV)

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

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OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 1

Q1. *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 14:7-9; 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2; John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11; John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5; Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18; Rom. 8:28; Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14 Rom. 8:1-17

Q2. *What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?*

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Rom.3:9-10; 1 John 1:10; John 17:3; Acts 4:12; 10:43; Matt. 5:16; Rom. 6:13; Eph. 5:8-10; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:9-10

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Heavenly Father, we confess that we fail to believe the gospel. We live as if we are not secure in you. We are afraid that our sins are not covered. We are tied up in knots over a fear of the future, regret about our past, and the resentment we hold onto. And rather

than bring all this to you, we try and work it out in our own strength and by our own means. Please forgive us for our unbelief. Please help us to step into this new year with confidence that in you, we are safe from all that we don't know about this coming year. Please helps us to trust you as our loving Father. Lord Jesus, help us to trust your work on our behalf, and help us to follow you where you lead. Holy Spirit, help us to walk in the assurance of the gospel that we might know how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ so that we might be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT – Romans 8:31-34 (ESV)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

All That I Am

Ev'rything's on the altar now

It's only in surrender that I'm free

No holding back no holding out

It's only in surrender that I'm truly free

In view of Your matchless sacrifice

It's only in surrender that I'm free

Take ev'ry treasure take this life

It's only in surrender that I'm truly free

All that I am for all that You are my Lord

I am free I am free indeed

All that I have for all that You are

I am free I am free indeed

You're the pearl beyond price greater than life

All that I am for all that You are my Lord

All that I am for all that You are

All that I have for all that You are

Selfish ambition and my pride

You're the pearl beyond price greater than life

I'm giving up I'm letting die

All that I am for all that You are

In these empty hands I have it all have it all

The pure joy of knowing You my Lord

All that I am for all that You are my Lord

All that I have for all that You are

You're the pearl beyond price greater than life

All that I am for all that You are

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PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 61:1-4 (ESV)

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

SERMON The Whole Earth is Full of His Glory: The Grace Word

SCRIPTURE READING - 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.

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, 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.

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

All Glory Be To Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand

All glory be to Christ our king

No legacy survive

All glory be to Christ

Unless the Lord does raise the house

His rule and reign we'll ever sing

In vain its builders strive

All glory be to Christ

To you who boast tomorrow's gain

When on the day the great I Am

Tell me what is your life

The faithful and the true

A mist that vanishes at dawn

The Lamb who was for sinners slain

All glory be to Christ

Is making all things new

All glory be to Christ our king

Behold our God shall live with us

All glory be to Christ

And be our steadfast light

His rule and reign we'll ever sing

And we shall e'er his people be

All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come

All glory be to Christ our king

On earth as is above

All glory be to Christ

Who is Himself our daily bread

His rule and reign we'll ever sing

Praise Him the Lord of love

All glory be to Christ

Let living water satisfy

The thirsty without price

We'll take a cup of kindness yet

All glory be to Christ

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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 (ESV)

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.

Rising Sun

Praise Him all you sinners

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior

Sing oh sing you weary

Your Name is higher than the rising sun

Oh praise Him all you children of God

Light of the morning You shine forever

We lift high His glory

Your Name is higher than the rising sun (

Shown throughout our stories

Your Name is higher than the rising sun

We praise Him as the children of God

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior

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Your Name is higher than the rising sun

Hallelujah name above all

Simply to speak Your Name is praise

Hallelujah now and always

Forever we lift Your Name in praise

Hallelujah our God You reign

Simply to speak Your Name is praise oh

Praise His Name forever

Speak it loud and clear now

Oh praise Him all you children of God

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