

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.

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.

SYNERGY AND YOUTH GROUP are meeting weekly on Sundays. Synergy meets via Zoom at 5 pm, and youth group meets from 6 pm – 7 pm. See Ms. Lori for Synergy details and Darin and Melanie Stone for youth group details.

ORDINARY PRAYER continues for Ordinary Time on Tuesday and Wednesdays from 7:00-7:30pm through February 10 via Zoom.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Kenzie Douthit is leading a discussion on Pauline epistles at her home from 9:30-11 on Weds mornings (children are welcome). Janie Hughes will begin a Weds morning Study on Elijah at 10am beginning Feb 3. This study will be Zoom only and last seven weeks. An evening study is being considered if there is interest. Please speak with Janie about participating and where you may get your study materials.

LUNCH WITH LEWIS continues each Thursday from Noon to 1pm via Zoom, and we are reading *The Screwtape Letters*. See Pastor Randy for more details.

NEW GROW IN GRACE begins TODAY with an eight week study called Rooted in Grace on the basics of the Christian life and the Reformed tradition. **Rooted in Christ also serves as Grace Kernersville's new members class. If you are interested in becoming a member, please let Pastor Randy know.**

JOEL MCCLAIN MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE will be held February 27 from 9:00-1:30pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Schedule your appointment online or speak with Brea McClain.

CELEBRATIONS! Happy Birthday to: Matt Lievens (1/31), Katie Orlick (2/1), Chris Thatcher (2/2), Krystal Keener (2/4), Mike Lis (2/4), and Kevin McClain (2/5). **Happy Anniversary to:** Earl and Lisa Swope (2/3).

THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 9:30-10:30am Grow in Grace: Rooted in Grace
- 11:00-12:00pm Worship Service and Livestream (RSVP on Church Center)
- 4:00-5:00pm Great O Antiphons Virtual Artist Reception
- 5:00pm -Synergy via Zoom. See Ms. Lori for details.
- 6:00 -7:00pm Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.
- 6:00-7:00pm Cox-Plybon Small Group
- 6:30-7:30pm Bechtold Small Group

TUESDAY, February 2, Candlemas

- 7:00-7:30pm Ordinary Prayer hosted by Pastor Randy via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, February 3

- 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study hosted by Kenzie Douthit
- 10:00-11:30am Women's Bible Study on Elijah led by Janie Hughes via Zoom
- 6:00-7:00pm Douthit and Stone Small Group
- 7:00-7:30pm Ordinary Prayer hosted by Pastor Randy via Zoom

THURSDAY, February 4

- Noon-1:00pm Lunch with Lewis: *The Screwtape Letters* led by Pastor Randy via Zoom

FRIDAY, February 5

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

SATURDAY, February 6

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

SUNDAY, February 7

- 9:30-10:30am NEW Grow in Grace: Rooted in Grace
- 11:00-12:00pm Worship Service and Livestream (RSVP on Church Center)
- 5:00pm -Synergy via Zoom. See Ms. Lori for details.
- 6:00 -7:00pm Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.
- 6:00-7:00pm Cox-Plybon Small Group
- 6:30-7:30pm Bechtold Small Group

OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

WORSHIP TEAM

TODAY Randy Edwards and Carolyn Clatfelter

February 7 John Hughes, Karl Freeman, Patrick Freeman

February 14 John Hughes

GREETERS, OPEN AND CLOSING

	TODAY	February 7	Feb 14
Greeters			
Elder	Don Bechtold Gregory Bay	Jim Plybon Gregory Bay	Gregory Bay Jim Plybon
Deacon on Call	Jim Dougherty	John Hughes	John Hughes
Closing Lead	Karl Freeman	Jim Plybon	Lorrie Brumley
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 DECEMBER 31, 2020

Grace Pres General Fund	Budgeted for 2020	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	To Meet YTD Budget...
Operations	\$ 308,005	\$ 308,006	\$ 316,584	\$ 300,210	(\$ 8,578)
Missions	\$ 34,223	\$ 34,222	\$ 34,222	\$ 34,222	\$ 0
Year Total	\$ 342,228	\$ 342,228	\$ 350,806	\$ 334,432	(\$ 8,578)
Monthly Budget as of January 24, 2021					
	January Budget	MTD Contributions	MTD	YTD	Needed to Meet Budget
Total	28,873		\$ 14,140		14,733
Designated Funds as of January 17, 2021					
	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance	
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 465	\$ 465	\$ 0	\$ 3,400	
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 4,585	
Designated Mortgage Reduction	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 0	\$ 265,480	



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

January 31, 2021

"The Pulley"

by George Herbert

When God at first made man,
Having a glass of blessings standing by,
"Let us," said he, "pour on him all we can.
Let the world's riches, which dispersèd lie,
Contract into a span."

So strength first made a way;
Then beauty flowed, then wisdom, honour,
pleasure.

When almost all was out, God made a stay,
Perceiving that, alone of all his treasure,
Rest in the bottom lay.

"For if I should," said he,
"Bestow this jewel also on my creature,
He would adore my gifts instead of me,
And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature;
So both should losers be.

"Yet let him keep the rest,
But keep them with repining restlessness;
Let him be rich and weary, that at least,
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness
May toss him to my breast."

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 84:10-12 (ESV)

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Better is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied
within Your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

*Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
than thousands elsewhere*

One thing I ask and I would seek,
to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory
dwells. (repeat)

*Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
than thousands elsewhere*

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the living God.
Your Spirit’s water to my soul.
I’ve tasted and I’ve seen.
Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You

Better is one day (4x)

*Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
than thousands elsewhere*

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OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD’S DAY 5

Q12. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or another.

Ex. 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11; Isa. 53:11; Rom. 8:3-4

Q13. Can we pay this debt ourselves?

Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.

Matt. 6:12; Rom. 2:4-5

Q14. Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?

No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for what a human is guilty of. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.

Ezek. 18:4, 20; Heb. 2:14-18; Ps. 49:7-9; 130:3

Q15. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

One who is truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.

Rom. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17; Isa. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26; Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,

We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against thy holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done.

And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

And there is no health in us:

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;

Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,

Restore thou them that are penitent,

According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord:

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT – 1 John 1:6-9 (ESV)

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

May the Mind of Christ

May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Live in me from day to day

By His love and pow’r controlling

All I do and say

May the word of God dwell richly

In my heart from hour to hour

So that all may see I triumph

Only through His pow’r

May the peace of God my Father

Rule my life in ev’rything

That I may be calm to comfort

Sick and sorrowing

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PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING – James 1:9-18 (ESV)

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

SERMON Remain Faithful: It Doesn’t Take Faith to Believe...

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

Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage sorrow and night

Jesus I come Jesus I come

Into Thy freedom gladness and light

Jesus I come to Thee

May the love of Jesus fill me

As the waters fill the sea

Him exalting self-abasing

This is victory

May His beauty rest upon me

As I seek the lost to win

And may they forget the channel

Seeing only Him

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Out of my shameful failure and loss

Jesus I come Jesus I come

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross

Jesus I come to Thee

Out of earths sorrows into Thy balm

Out of life's storms and into Thy calm

Out of distress into jubilant psalm

Jesus I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride

Jesus I come Jesus I come

Into Thy blessed will to abide

Jesus I come to Thee

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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 – Romans 15:13 and 5:5

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain

An interest in the Savior's blood?

Died he for me, who caused his pain?

For me, who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be

That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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’Tis mystery all! th’Immortal dies!

Who can explore his strange design?

In vain the first-born seraph tries

To sound the depths of love divine!

’Tis mercy all! let earth adore,

Let angel minds inquire no more.

Refrain

He left his Father’s throne above,

(so free, so infinite his grace!)

Humbled himself (so great his love!)

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Out of myself to dwell in Thy love

Out of despair into raptures above

Upward forever on wings like a dove

Jesus I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb

Jesus I come Jesus I come

Into the joy and light of Thy home

Jesus I come to Thee

Out of the depths of ruin untold

Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold

Ever Thy glorious face to behold

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