

Announcements

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THIS WEEK @ GRACE KERNERSVILLE, our weekly E-Newsletter, is sent each Thursday morning. You may subscribe on our church website, and you may also sign up for weekly prayer requests, urgent announcements, prayer requests by joining the **Grace Kernersville Google Groups Page**. Send an email to: randy@gracekernersville.org to subscribe.

2022 END OF YEAR GIVING: Tax-deductible contributions to the church for 2022 must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2022. Receipts for any reimbursable expenditure for 2022 should be turned in to the office by Tuesday, December 27, 2022.

GROWING IN GRACE will not meet on December 25 and January 1. Growing in Grace resumes on January 8th with a new series on the historic Creeds of the church.

MEN'S PRAYER AND WOMEN'S PRAYER will not meet on December 30. Meetings will resume January 6, 2023.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY NIGHTS Grace Kids resumes on January 8th with studies on the Lord's Prayer and the Passover Seder meal. Grace Youth and High School D-Group resume on January 8th with Grace Youth and H.S.D-Group on January 15. Grace Kids and Youth gatherings begin at 4:30pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Michael Kuehn (12/26); Paula Carriker (12/28); Hayes Keener (12/28); Holly Ann Wingate (12/30); Debbie Potts (1/1).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Karl & Mary Freeman (12/27); John & Janie Hughes (12/28); Greg & Tami Ellis (12/29); Richard & Gail Kuehn (12/31).

This Week

TODAY, December 25, Christmas Day

- 9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace Sunday School
- 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, TUESDAY, December 26

- Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, December 27

- Church Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY, January 1, New Year's Day

- 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Nursery and Children's Church Schedule

Date	Infant – 3yrs	Children's Church 4yrs-2nd
TODAY	Nursery is not offered today.	Children's Church is not offered today
Jan. 1	Rebekah Brieaddy Ellie Brieaddy	Carla Collins.
Jan. 8	Duncan and Carol Vincent	Krystal Keener
Jan. 15	Lori Dell'Arena Phoebe Dell'Arena	Ted and Amy Mead

Sunday Morning Team Schedule

	TODAY	Jan 1	Jan. 8
Greeters	Linda Mainhart	Tommy & Donna Cox	
Worship Team	Michael Kuehn Karl Freeman	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman	
Tech Team	Cheryl Voss	Cheryl Voss Dennis Kohler	
Elder	Kevin McClain	Don Bechtold	Don Bechtold
Deacon	Karl Freeman	David Collins	Karl Freeman
Visitation	Randi Bechtold	Diane Zobrosky	Diane Zobrosky

Session

Don Bechtold (Session Clerk), Tommy Cox, Larry Clagett, Randy Edwards (Moderator), Kevin McClain, and Jim Plybon (*sabbatical*)

Diaconate

David Collins, Karl Freeman, and John Hughes (*sabbatical*)

Church Staff

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Office Manager: Mona Underhill, extension 1

Director of Worship and Education, Michael Kuehn, extension 2

Pastor/Teaching Elder: Randy Edwards, extension 3

Grace House Preschool Director: Tammy Burrows, extension 4

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GPC Financial Report as of November 30, 2022

ARC	Budgeted for 2022	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	To Meet YTD Budget...
Operations	\$ 277,151	\$ 254,055	\$ 229,534	\$ 261,993	\$ 24,521
Missions	\$ 34,647	\$ 31,760	\$ 25,503	\$ 25,469	\$ 6,257
Year Total	\$ 311,798	\$ 285,815	\$ 255,037	\$ 287,462	\$ 30,778

Monthly Budget as of December 18, 2022

	December Budget	MTD Contributions	To Meet Budget
Total	\$ 25,957	\$ 31,997	(\$ 6,040)

December 18, 2022

	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 2,015	\$ 13,725	\$ 11,076	\$ 5,286
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 1,400	\$ 11,685	\$ 10,681	\$ 3,257
Building Repairs Campaign	\$ 500	\$ 14,200	\$ 21,142	\$ 20,092



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.

Christmas Day December 25, 2022

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 67:1-5

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—
so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Sages leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nation
Ye have seen his natal star
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

All creation join in praising
God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

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Sing

Ev'ry bit of history;
And ev'ry single breath we breathe, Has
led us here and brought us to our knees.
From carrying the curse we bear,
And praying that He's heard our prayers;
To set us free oh set us free
'Cause we could never get back home
With broken hearts; So home has come to
meet us where we are.

(So) (sing) God is with us
Sing He has come to save us
Sing He will never leave us

Glory in the highest
Ev'rybody sing to the One who is our King
He has come to bring redemption to us
God is with us
Glory in the highest ev'rybody sing

We have found our hope again
In the Son of God and Son of Man
This Savior King is changing all we know
By carrying the curse we bear
For ev'rybody ev'rywhere
He lived and died and brought us life
And we will rise to meet Him in the sky

CONNECT WITH GRACE KERNERSVILLE

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.



(So) (sing) God is with us
Sing He has come to save us
Sing He will never leave us
Glory in the highest
Ev'rybody sing to the One who is our King
He has come to bring redemption to us
God is with us
Glory in the highest ev'rybody sing

Jesus Jesus; Our Emmanuel
 God is with us now
 Jesus Jesus Our Emmanuel
 God is with us now
 'Cause we could never get back home
 With broken hearts
 So home has come to us

Chorus

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OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD’S DAY 52

Q127. What does the sixth request mean?

A. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" means:

By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies the devil, the world, and our own flesh never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory. Ps. 103:14-16; John 15:1-5; 2 Cor. 11:14; Eph. 6:10-13; 1 Pet. 5:8; John 15:18-21; Rom. 7:23; Gal. 5:17; Matt. 10:19-20; 26:41; Mark 13:33; Rom. 5:3-5; 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Thess. 3:13; 5:23

Q128. What does your conclusion to this prayer mean?

A. "For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever" means, We have made all these requests of you because, as our all-powerful king, you not only want to, but are able to give us all that is good; and because your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever. Rom. 10:11-13; 2 Pet. 2:9; Ps. 115:1; John 14:13

Q129. What does that little word "Amen" express?

A. "Amen" means, This is sure to be! It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer, than that I really desire what I pray for. Isa. 65:24; 2 Cor. 1:20; 2 Tim. 2:13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Isaiah 25:8-9

Leader: The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say,
 All: Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.
 This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest you merry gentlemen,
 Let nothing you dismay.
 Remember Christ our Saviour
 Was born on Christmas Day.
 To save us all from Satan's pow'r
 When we were gone astray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy;
 O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heavenly Father
 A blessed angel came, And unto certain
 shepherds brought tidings of the same.
 How that in Bethlehem was born
 The Son of God by name.

Chorus

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Fear not then said the angel let nothing
 you affright, This day is born a Saviour
 Of a pure virgin bright
 To free all those who trust in Him
 From Satan's pow'r and might.

Chorus

The shepherds at those tidings
 Rejoiced much in mind
 And left their flocks afeeding
 In tempest storm and wind
 And went to Bethlehem straightway
 The blessed Babe to find

Chorus

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please take a moment and welcome one another in the name of the Lord.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.

SCRIPTURE READING – John 1:1-5 and 9-19.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

SERMON The Word and the World: Jesus and the World Pastor Randy Edwards

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
 You stepped down into darkness
 Opened my eyes let me see
 Beauty that made
 This heart adore You
 Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted.
 Glorious in heaven above.
 Humbly You came to the earth You created;
 All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

And I'll never know how much it cost
 To see my sin upon that cross
 And I'll never know how much it cost
 To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

Here I am to worship

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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. Also, you may text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. First time donors will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie their mobile phone to your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.



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

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

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BENEDICTION – 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

Chorus

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

Chorus