

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.

CANDLELIGHT LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE will be held on December 24 from 5:00-6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

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 December 23 and 30.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY NIGHTS have concluded for 2022. 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! Lisa Swope (12/20); Randi Bechtold (12/21).

This Week

TODAY, December 18, Third Sunday in Advent: Peace

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

SATURDAY, December 24

- 5:00-6:00pm Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service

NEXT SUNDAY, December 25

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

Nursery and Children's Church Schedule

Date	Infant – 3yrs	Children's Church 4yrs-2nd
TODAY	Donna Cox Mary Freeman	Ted and Amy Mead
Dec. 25	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

Sunday Morning Team Schedule

	TODAY	Dec. 25	Jan. 1
Greeters	Linda Mainhart	Linda Mainhart	Tommy & Donna Cox
Worship Team	Michael Kuehn Ty Keener Karl Freeman	Michael Kuehn Karl Freeman	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman
Tech Team	Gregory Burrows Dennis Kohler Patrick Freeman	Cheryl Voss	Cheryl Voss Dennis Kohler
Elder	Kevin McClain	Kevin McClain	Don Bechtold
Deacon	David Collins	Karl Freeman	David Collins
Visitation	Randi Bechtold	Randi Bechtold	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 11, 2022

	December Budget	MTD Contributions	To Meet Budget
Total	\$ 25,957	\$ 17,208	\$ 8,749

December 11, 2022

	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 1,275	\$ 12,985	\$ 11,076	\$ 4,546
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.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 85:9-13

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Come Lord Jesus to Redeem Us

Come, Lord Jesus, to redeem us
from our foes and from our fears.
We await the hand of mercy
that will wipe away our tears.
We have labored long in darkness,
even now our hearts grow weak.
How we long for your appearing
and your great salvation seek.

Come, Lord Jesus, true and righteous,
bring your pure and piercing light.
For we know when you appear, Lord,
ev'ry wrong shall be made right.
You will vanquish all the proud ones;
you will fill all those who thirst.
O, the first shall be the last, then,
and the last shall be the first.

By Gary A. Parrett (2002) | tune: Nettleton

God With Us

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be Light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Now prepare a path before Him:
in the desert make a way.
Take the gospel to the nations
and proclaim his coming Day.
Ev'ry mountain must be leveled;
ev'ry valley must be raised.
Then all flesh shall see his glory.
God shall be forever praised!

Raise the cry of "Maranatha!"
We shall soon behold our King.
To the Alpha and Omega,
this one prayer and plea we sing:
joining voices with the Spirit
we, the Bride of Christ, say, "Come!"
Come, Lord Jesus, come and free us
from this death and bring us home.

*Our Deliverer You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us
You are God with us*



CONNECT WITH GRACE KERNERSVILLE

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Oh You've come to be Hope to this world
For Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel God with us

You are here
You are holy
We are standing in Your glory (Lord)
Chorus
Oh God with us
You are God with us

*Our Deliverer You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us
You are God with us*

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OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 51

Q126. What does the fifth request mean?

A. "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" means, Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

Ps. 51:1-7; 143:2; Rom. 8:1; 1 John 2:1-2; Matt. 6:14-15; 18:21-35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Silent Night (*Stille Nacht*)

Silent night holy night	Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright	Son of God love's pure light
Round yon virgin mother and Child	Radiant beams from Thy holy face
Holy Infant so tender and mild	With the dawn of redeeming grace
Sleep in heavenly peace	Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Sleep in heavenly peace	Jesus Lord at Thy birth

Silent night holy night	Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight	Wondrous star lend thy light
Glories stream from heaven afar	With the angels let us sing
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia	Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born	Christ the Savior is born
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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.

ADVENT WREATH: The Peace Candle — Isaiah 11:1-3, 6-9

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Hear, O Israel

Nursery is available in Room 121 for Infants and Toddlers, and children 4 years through 2nd Grade may go to Children's Church in Room 135.

MISSIONS MINUTE — Cynthia Ruble serving with Life Hope Network in Nagoya, Japan

SCRIPTURE READING – Deuteronomy 32:48-52 and 34:1-12

That very day the LORD spoke to Moses, “Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel for a possession. And die on the mountain which you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, because you broke faith with me in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel. For you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there, into the land that I am giving to the people of Israel.”...

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

SERMON With All Our Heart: Welcomed from a Distance Pastor Randy Edwards

There is a Land of Pure Delight

There is a land of pure delight,
Where saints, immortal reign.
Infinite day excludes the night
And pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides,
And never withering flowers:
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heav'nly land from ours.

Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal # 1022 words Issac Watts, 1707 • music Brian T. Murphy and Ben Pocta, 2006.

*Could we but climb where Moses stood
And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's streams nor death's cold flood
Should fright us from the shore.*

O could we make our doubts remove,
Those gloomy thoughts that rise,
And see the Canaan that we love
With unobscured eyes!

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.



It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Still thro' the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

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BENEDICTION

Leader: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep.

All: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

Leader: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

All: So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Leader: put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh,

All: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

Leader: 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

All: And he will do it.