



*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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*Reflections*

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This is often the way God loves us: with gifts we thought we didn't need, which transform us into people we don't necessarily want to be.

— William Willimon  
*The God We Hardly Knew*

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!

— Dr. Seuss

Was there a moment, known only to God, when all the stars held their breath, when the galaxies paused in their dance for a fraction of a second, and the Word, who had called it all into being, went with all his love into the womb of a young girl, and the universe started to breathe again, and the ancient harmonies resumed their song, and the angels clapped their hands for joy?

— Madeleine L'Engle  
*A Sky Full of Children*

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

December 16, 2018

10:30 a.m.

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

## Preparation for Worship<sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ *Praise* \_\_\_\_\_

## Call to Worship

- based on **Psalm 50**

Minister: The mighty God summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

*People: Our God comes and will not be silent.  
God calls, and we respond to his love.*

Minister: The heavens declare God's righteousness.

*People: We tell out God's glories!*

Minister: Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

*ALL: And our God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever.*

## Children's Advent Program

*This year's Advent Program focuses on the story of the nativity from the Jesus Storybook Bible. In this story, we hear God promise to Mary, and to us, that His Son would come to rescue us all. During this season, we join Mary in wonder and awe as we consider Gabriel's words, "Is anything too wonderful for God?" Our program features two songs that focus on the most wonderful thing that has ever happened: God kept his promise to us and sent His Son to live with us. Who would have dreamed or ever foreseen, that we could hold God in our hands? But that is the reality of Christmas! God the Father, sent his son, as one of us, to carry our curse of sin and reverse death, so we can be his daughters and sons. Our God kept his promise that he would come, so we can trust and wait with great hope because there is going to be a day when Jesus will return to finish his glorious plan to save the world!*

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<sup>1</sup> As a courtesy, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Thank you!

## Children's Choir

*O Come O Come Emmanuel  
Who Would Have Dreamed?*

## Song of Praise

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

## Prayer of Adoration

## Song of Adoration

*Let All Mortal Flesh (VS. 1 & 2)*

## Private Adoration and Praise

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### *Renewal*

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## Scripture Reading

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

“‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

“‘In those days and at that time  
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;  
he will do what is just and right in the land.  
In those days Judah will be saved  
and Jerusalem will live in safety.  
This is the name by which it will be called:  
The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

## Confession of Sin

*Leader &  
People:*

*In our secret yearnings we wait for your coming, and in our grinding despair we doubt that you will. And in this privileged place we are surrounded by witnesses who yearn more than we do and by those who despair more deeply than do we. Look upon your church and its pastors in this season of hope which runs so quickly to fatigue and this season of yearning which becomes so easily quarrelsome. Give us the grace and the impatience to wait for your coming to the bottom of our toes, to the edges of our finger tips. We do not want our several worlds to end. Come in your power and come in your weakness in any case and make all things new.*

## Private Confession and Reflection

### Words of Encouragement

**Galatians 4:4-5**

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

### Song of Thanksgiving

*What Child Is This?*

### The Peace of God and Announcements

**Minister:** The peace of the Lord be with you!

**People:** *And also with you.*

*If parents prefer, children 4 years old – 2nd grade  
are invited to attend Children's Church in the Education Building at this time.*

### Lighting of the Advent Candle<sup>2</sup>

Angela Kinsey

**Leader:** The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.  
It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

**People:** *Isaiah the prophet calls us to prepare for the coming of Jesus  
by making straight all that is crooked:*

**Leader:** A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**People:** *Then, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

**Leader:** Let us prepare for Jesus, the Christ, who is anointed by God  
to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release the prisoners.

**ALL:** *For a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before the nations.*

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<sup>2</sup> Lighting the Advent wreath originated in Germany in the nineteenth century, based on a Roman custom of the ceremonial entrance of a ruler to a province or city as his 'advent' (from the Latin adventus: 'arrival'). The wreath consists of four candles on the outside of the wreath and one candle in the center. One candle is lit the first Sunday of Advent. Two are lit the 2nd Sunday, and so on. Each of the candles has special significance: The first is the prophecy candle; the second is the Bethlehem candle; the third is the Angel's candle; the 4th is the Shepherd's candle; and the center candle is the Christ candle, lit at Christmas.

## The Prayers of the People *(concluded with 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 for ever. Amen!*

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### Commitment

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## The Offering

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

## Scripture Reading

### Matthew 2:1-18

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

13 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance

with the time he had learned from the Magi. 17 Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18 "A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more."

## Sermon

Mr. David Wilcher

### A KING'S FACE THE FACES OF CHRISTMAS

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#### Communion

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#### *Guidelines for Reception of Communion*

*Communion is a family meal for Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers that follow as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ, and with his people, the church.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: Therefore, lift up your hearts.

**People:** *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise!*

## Song of Communion

*Love Has Come!*



## Prayer of Consecration and the Words of Institution

### Prayer for those not communing:

#### Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

#### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

#### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

#### Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

#### Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Grace Presbyterian uses wine in the celebration of Holy Communion. If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please take a cup from the outer circle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are provided in cups in the center of the cup trays. Please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together.

**Benediction<sup>3</sup>**

**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.

**Dismissal**

Minister: Now, let us go forth to serve this community and the world as those who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

*ALL: Thanks be to God!*

The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Grace Church.

**Worship Music<sup>4</sup>**

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Grace Presbyterian Church.

Brent Allmon, saxophone  
David Fox, keyboard  
Damon Henrichs, guitar

Debra Moses, flute  
Rae Moses, piano  
Jennifer Reddick, flute

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<sup>3</sup> The benediction is much more than a wish or even a prayer. It is a renewed ordination of the people of God to their service to each other, to their community and the world. God declares his own favor toward his people.

<sup>4</sup> All songs except hymns are copied under CCL # 1214497. The hymns are reprinted from *Trinity Hymnal* (© 1990, Great Commission Publications). Used by permission. All Scripture is quoted from, unless otherwise indicated, the *THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION*®, NIV® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission

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*Sermon Notes*

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**Matthew 2:1-18**

*A KING'S FACE*

**THE FACES OF CHRISTMAS**

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*Grace Presbyterian Bulletin Board*

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**Welcome, Guests!** We are excited you're here with us today. We hope that you were warmly welcomed and would love for you to be a part of Grace. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information on the back of the bulletin, tear it off and drop it in the offering plate or give it on to an usher.

**Parents of Infants - Three-Yr Olds:** Our nursery and early-childhood classes provide a warm, nurturing, and well-supervised environment. Our workers welcome the opportunity to love your child! When using the nursery, please check in and label all items (bags, cups, etc.) with your child's name. If you need assistance or have any questions about the Nursery, please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Kate Weimar, at [mothersdayout@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:mothersdayout@gracewoodlands.org).

**Cry Room:** A cry room is available for the comfort of our new parents in order to ensure that everyone enjoys our services. It is located in the back of the sanctuary and it is well equipped (comfortable rockers, changing table, etc.) but if you are in need of anything, one of our ushers will be glad to assist.

**Sunday Mornings at Grace**

8:30 am Prayer

9:30 am Christian Education Classes

10:15 am Coffee Break

10:30 am Worship

11:45 am Intercession

**Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry:** To clasp hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world. We would like to invite you to be a part of this uprising at 8:30 each Sunday morning in the Prayer Room (114). Join us as we pray for the expansion of God's Kingdom.

**Lessons and Carols:** Join us at 5 pm for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Based on a Service of Lessons and Carols, first crafted by Anglican Bishop William Benson in 1880, this service joins biblical texts about the birth of Christ with carols that highlight the themes of those texts. Universally beloved, this service is used with some variation all over the world. The nursery will be available during this service.

**All Christian Education Classes are on holiday break and will resume in the New Year.**

**Community Groups:** To be part of the church is to be part of a community. Community is where we connect, build relationships, study, and serve together. Groups consisting of 8-15 people meet regularly on Sundays and through out the week. If you are interested in joining a group or need more information, please email the church office at [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org). Community Groups are currently on a Holiday Hiatus, but will resume in early January.

**Women's Ministry Events and More!** Please join the Women's Ministry on E-Connect to get involved.

- **Women's Bible Study** is on holiday break and will resume in the New Year.
- **Rain Walks** is a grief support group for women who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, either recently or in the past. Please come to listen (and share if you like) as we discuss our journeys and ways to "walk" through our loss. Rain Walks meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:30 am at Black Walnut Cafe in The Woodlands. Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.
- **Girls' Night Out:** Join us at the Black Walnut Café (9000 New Trails), Thursday, Jan 3rd we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.

**Men's Fraternal:** John Weimar is leading our Men's Ministry Team..

- **Men's Discipleship Breakfast Bible Study** is on break and will pick back up again on Tuesday Jan. 8th. For more information please contact Steve Wilmoth.
- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Thursday, Dec. 20th for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Join us at Wings 'N More (16580 I-45 South) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm.

- **Men's Clay Shooting Event.** - Saturday, January 19th at Creekwood Shooting Sports. Please come join us for a clay shooting event to start off 2019. Please email John Weimar if you would like to attend (or just show up). Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact John Weimar.

**Children's Christian Education** classes are offered for Preschoolers (2-3yrs old), Pre-K and Kindergarten, 1st-2nd Grade, 3rd-4th Grade, and 5th-6th Grade. Classes meet in the Education Building at 9:30 am 2nd Grade and under are on the 1st floor, 3rd Grade and above meet on the 2nd floor.

- **Children's Church** is offered for children ages 4 years old through 2nd grade. During passing of the peace, the children line up with their leader in the back of the sanctuary to exit worship. During the song of communion, children will rejoin their families to observe communion with the rest of the church body. We gather in room 108 in the Education Building to sing songs, pray, and hear a children's sermon. We also collect a children's offering during the service. This format is designed to model worship for our children and teach them the importance of meeting together as the body of Christ.
- **SNiCK and 56ers** All children, 8 weeks through 6th Grade, are invited to join us on Sunday nights from 5-7 pm. We eat and laugh and play during our time together. The goal is to have fun at SNiCK through friendship and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors! SNiCK is holiday break and will resume in January.
- **56er Christmas Party** will be on December 21st from 3-5 pm at Grace. Come and bring your friends and a gift for our White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$10 limit). We will play games, decorate cookies, and enjoy some festive fellowship! Hope to see you there!
- **Thank you** to all the parents who helped with the Advent Program and practices!
- **PlayGroup** is an active gathering of moms and dads making space for fun, friendship, and adventure for our young children. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. To get involved, contact Natalie Webster. Since locations and times can change, please join the PlayGroup in E-Connect for updates.

**Student Ministry** is designed for students 7th grade through 12th grade. SNF and Sunday School are off for the rest of the month! We will get started back on January 13th. Merry Christmas everyone, and a Happy New Year!

**GraceCares:** Caring for the church and the community: If you are interested in helping with GraceCares and the needs of the church and the community, please contact Joe Tison.

- **Autumn Grove:** Just a few minutes drive from Grace, Autumn Grove Cottage, a sixteen resident assisted living home, provides care to men and women with Alzheimer's. A small group from Grace visits roughly once a month for about 30 minutes or so to sing, pray and visit with the residents. Contact Laurel Stevens or Dan Brink for more information. We will be Christmas Caroling at Autumn Grove on **Dec. 23rd**, following the service at 1:15. We welcome anyone and everyone!
- **Meals Ministry:** There are events in life when we all need the help and encouragement of our community. The Meals Ministry seeks to enter into these times by providing meals. If you are in need of meals, or would like to help provide meals for others, please contact our Meals Coordinator, Rhonnie Bellin.
- **Giving:** If you would like to know the best way to support those who might have needs in our church and community, we would encourage you to consider giving to the Deacon's Fund. It is through the deacons and their ministry that Grace church provides for, supports and comes alongside those who are in need. If you have questions, please contact Matt Bradshaw.
- **Prayer Ministry:** Our desire at Grace is that we take seriously the privilege of prayer and there are several ways you can participate. If you become aware of a prayer need, please communicate this to us in one of the following ways:
  - **In writing:** Fill out the back page of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
  - **By phone:** 281-296-0911 (Church Office)

Your requests will be communicated to our Church Staff, Officers, and our Prayer Team. If you would like to be on our Prayer Team, please let us know.

**Missions Service Opportunities & Events:** Contact John Zeigler for more information or to be added to our GraceMissions email list or to connect with a missions team advocate.

- **December Prayer Partners:**

- Montgomery County Women's, Conroe, TX
- Rev. Curtis & Mrs. Marian Castleberry, RUF, University of Texas at San Antonio
- **Annual Tamina Tree:** If you took any gift tags from the Christmas tree in the narthex, **TODAY** is the last day to bring in gifts and leave them in the church office or on the gift table in the narthex. If you forgot your gift, contact Laurel Stevens to make arrangements. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Local Mission Partners**
  - Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX
  - Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX
  - Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling | The Woodlands, TX
  - Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX
  - Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX
  - Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX
  - Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
  - Brooks & Meredith Harwood | RUF | University of Houston
  - William & Katherine Bondurant | RUF | Texas A&M University
  - Oaklawn Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX
  - Leo & Ellen Schuster | City Church | Houston, TX
  - Pastors Thong Lun & Mang Tiak | Greater Houston Burmese Christian Fellowship | Houston, TX
  - Pastor Bhadra Rai | Canaan Bhutanese Church of Houston | Houston, TX
  - Pastor "Andre" Onokoko Shang | International Ministries for the Propagation of the Gospel | TX
  - Grace Presbyterian ESL Ministry
  - Grace Presbyterian Diaconate
- **National Mission Partners**
  - Wil & Mary Nettleton | RUF | Trinity University
  - Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University
  - Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University
  - John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas
  - Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio
  - Robbie & Kelly Mills | New City Fellowship | Dallas, TX
  - Nathan & Falon Moretto | New City Presbyterian Church | Royal Oak, MI
  - David & Kelly Richter | Christ the King Presbyterian Church | Somerville, MA
  - Francis A. Schaeffer Institute | Covenant Theological Seminary | Saint Louis, MO
  - PCA Southwest Church Planting Network | Dallas, TX
- **International Mission Partners**
  - Titus & Crystal Bagby | RUF International | Texas A&M University
  - Terry & Mary Rose Dykstra | RUF International | University of Texas
  - Charles & Bonita Davidson | MTW | Monterrey, Mexico
  - Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Yokkaichi, Japan
  - Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia
  - David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany
  - Kay Burklin | MTW | Refugee Liaison, Europe
  - Arab Baptist Theological Seminary | Beirut, Lebanon

**Banners Explained:** Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. The primary color is Purple. This is the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. This color is also the color of suffering and points to an important connection between Jesus' birth and death. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing.

The Banner on left is the first and last letter of the Greek alphabet, the Alpha and the Omega. These letters became a symbol for Christ due to His being called "the First and the Last" and speaks of his eternality. This oldest of symbols has been found in the Catacombs, Christian signet rings, post-Constantine coins, and the frescoes and mosaics of ancient churches.

On the right, the circle of the Celtic Cross is a symbol of eternity as well but emphasizing the endlessness of God's love as shown through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Each of the panels symbolize a different theme of Christ's coming, his Advent.

Both banners are adorned with holly and ivy. They are evergreens and look alive even in the middle of a frigid winter, when other trees and shrubs look dead. For ancient Christians, this symbolized the unchanging nature of our God, and reminds us of the everlasting life that is ours through Christ. Early Christians placed evergreens in their windows to indicate that Christ had entered the home. Holly became widely used in church celebrations, as the bush with its red berries is considered by some as representing the burning bush. The Holly bush reminds others of Mary, aglow with the Holy Spirit. The red berries represent the blood drops from the cruel thorns in the crown of Jesus.

**Grace Online** gives users access to the church directory and event calendar. Users can also join groups, print giving statements and give online. If you need any online instructions contact Dianna in the office at 281-296-0911 or [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org).

- **Website:** Grace Online directory link, [gracewoodlands.org](http://gracewoodlands.org) under the Connect tab.
- **Mobile App (Elexio Community):** can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. To log on, replace "Domain" with [gracewoodlands](http://gracewoodlands.org) and use your directory username and password for the app.
- **Online Giving:** If you would like to give online, you will need to set up an account, the link is under the Care tab on our website.

**Stewardship Update:** Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for November 2018.

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget	70,858	779,438	
Actual General Fund	58,390	697,407	
Variance	(12,468)	(82,031)	*Based on a 2018 budget of \$850,300

As 2018 comes to a close, please be mindful that our General Fund ministry budget goal for 2018 is \$850,300. This year we need to receive \$152,893 in December to make the budget. We also have approximately \$17,500 outstanding on our loan for new flooring in the Education Building. Would you prayerfully consider helping us by making an end of the year gift? If you would like to give securities or need other gift-related assistance, please contact Mike Ryan.

**Missed a Recent Sunday Worship?** MP3s of Sunday morning messages are available on the website at [www.gracewoodlands.org](http://www.gracewoodlands.org) under Media. You can listen online, download them or subscribe to the Podcast. If you need help or are having trouble, please contact the church office<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>5</sup> Office Hours 8:30 am-3 pm M - F Phone: 281.296.0911  
Email: [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org) Website: [www.gracewoodlands.org](http://www.gracewoodlands.org)

We are glad to have you as our guest today. Please use this page to let us know of your visit and to make us aware of any ideas, suggestions or concerns you may have. You may deposit this page in the offering plate as it comes by, or give it to an usher or greeter. Have confidence that no one will call or drop by your home; this is for us to have a record of your visit or your prayer requests.

Name, Email & Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse, Email & Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Children, Age & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if you are:

☐ Visitor                      ☐ Regular Attendee                      ☐ One time visit from out of town

I am interested in learning about:

☐ Community Groups    ☐ Music                      ☐ Usher, Greeter  
☐ Sunday Volunteer    ☐ Children's Ministry    ☐ Women's Ministry  
☐ Student Ministry    ☐ Men's Ministry                      ☐ Membership

Prayer Request

☐ I would like to speak with someone about this prayer request or other spiritual concern; please have someone contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ I would like the prayer team to pray for the following needs or concerns:

*Prayer of Belief...*

*Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more  
sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am  
more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.*

*I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, bearing my  
punishment and offering forgiveness.*

*Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn  
from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*