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*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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There comes a moment when people who have been dabbling in religion (“Man’s search for God”!) suddenly draw back. Supposing we really found him? We never meant it to come to that! Worse still, supposing he had found us?

– C.S. Lewis  
*Miracles*

God cannot be tamed. God alone lives in perfect and uninhibited freedom. God is and will be God. There is no other. The witness of all who have had the closest and most personal encounters with God—from Abraham to Peter, from David to Paul, from Sarah to Mary—agree: encountering God means you will never be the same. This is the greatest (and best) danger of worship.

– Mark Labberton  
*The Dangerous Act of Worship*

Looking at Jesus seriously changes things; if we do not want to be changed, it is better not to look too closely or too long.

– Rowan Williams  
*The Dwelling of the Light*

There are only two classes of people in the world: those who have found God, and those who are looking for Him—and everybody is looking, thirsting, hungering, seeking. And the great sinners are closer than the proud intellectuals! Pride swells and inflates the ego; gross sinners are depressed, deflated, and empty. They therefore have room for God. God prefers a loving sinner to a loveless “saint.” Love can be trained; pride cannot!

– Fulton J. Sheen  
*The Life of Christ*, commenting on the woman at the well in John 4

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*Pentecost Sunday*

June 4, 2017

10:30 a.m.

## **Prelude**

## **Words of Welcome**

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

*Praise*

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## **Call to Worship**

— based on **Acts 2:17-21**

Leader: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh,  
and our daughters and sons shall prophesy.  
Our old ones shall dream dreams,  
and our young ones shall see visions;  
and all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.

*All: Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord.*

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

## Song of Praise

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### Prayer of Adoration *(the following prayer in unison)*

*Wind of God, blow far from us  
all dark despair,  
all deep distress,  
all groundless fears,  
all sinful desires,  
all Satan's snares,  
all false values,  
all selfish wishes,  
all wasteful worries.*

*Blow into us  
your holy presence,  
your living love,  
your healing touch,  
your splendid courage,  
your mighty strength,  
your perfect peace,  
your caring concern,  
your divine grace,  
your boundless joy.  
Wind of God, blow strong, blow fresh, blow now.*

## Song of Adoration

*Spirit of the Living God*

## Private Adoration and Praise

Renewal

## Scripture Reading

**John 14:15-18**

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

## Confession of Sin

*Leader  
& People:*

*Come, Holy Spirit!  
Rain upon our dry and dusty lives.  
Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits.  
Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy.  
With your warmth bend our rigidity and guide our wandering feet.*

## Private Confession and Reflection

### Words of Encouragement

*—from A Brief Statement of Faith*

Leader: Christian, who do you trust?

All: *We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.*

*The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the church.*

*The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.*

*In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!*

*With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**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.*

**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!*

Commitment

**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**

**Exodus 19:1-25**

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. 2 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

3 Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

7 So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. 8 The people all responded together, “We will do everything the Lord has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.

9 The Lord said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you.” Then Moses told the Lord what the people had said.

10 And the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes 11 and be ready by the third day, because on that day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. 12 Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, ‘Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever

touches the mountain is to be put to death. 13 They are to be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to be laid on them. No person or animal shall be permitted to live.' Only when the ram's horn sounds a long blast may they approach the mountain."

14 After Moses had gone down the mountain to the people, he consecrated them, and they washed their clothes. 15 Then he said to the people, "Prepare yourselves for the third day. Abstain from sexual relations."

16 On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. 17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18 Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. 19 As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

20 The Lord descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up 21 and the Lord said to him, "Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the Lord and many of them perish. 22 Even the priests, who approach the Lord, must consecrate themselves, or the Lord will break out against them."

23 Moses said to the Lord, "The people cannot come up Mount Sinai, because you yourself warned us, 'Put limits around the mountain and set it apart as holy.'"

24 The Lord replied, "Go down and bring Aaron up with you. But the priests and the people must not force their way through to come up to the Lord, or he will break out against them."

25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.

**Sermon**

Mr. David Wilcher

GETTING CLOSE TO GOD  
EXODUS: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES

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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

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

## 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. Please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together.

**Benediction<sup>2</sup>**

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

*This blessing will be spoken first by the pastor in the common language of the congregation and then by any worshipers who know other languages, to demonstrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so that each might hear the gospel in his or her own tongue.*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

**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>3</sup>**

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

Brent Allmon, saxophone  
T.J. Darst, bass  
David Fox, keyboard  
Damon Henrichs, guitar

David Kang, violin  
Debra Moses, flute  
Rae Moses, piano  
Jennifer Reddick, flute

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<sup>2</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.

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*Sermon Notes*

**Exodus 19:1-25**

*GETTING CLOSE TO GOD*

EXODUS: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES

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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, Natalie Webster, at [nursery@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:nursery@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.

**Grace Church Mobile App** (My Church by Elexio) is available for iPhone and Android and can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. In addition to giving users access to the church directory and events, the mobile app also offers a mobile check-in option for the Nursery. If you have questions, please contact the church office at [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org).

### Sunday Mornings at Grace

8:30 am Prayer	10:30 am Worship
9:30 am Christian Education Classes	11:45 am Intercession
10:15 am Coffee Break	

**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.

**Community Groups** are on Summer break and will return in the fall.

**Sunday Morning Classes:** Our Summer Melange of single-session Sunday morning classes continues next week. A combination of guest speakers and familiar voices are sharing transformational topics that have been working on their souls. Please join us and support our speakers as they encourage our hearts to open to Jesus.

**Church-Wide Pool Party:** Mark your calendars for the annual Church-Wide Pool Party! Cookout and swimming for the whole church family at Ridgewood Pool, 4192 Interfaith Way, The Woodlands. 6:00-8:00 pm Sunday, June 18, 2017. GraceLife will provide hot dogs, burgers, chips, and drinks. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring finger desserts (cookies, cupcakes, etc).

**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:** We are on break for the summer! We will resume in September!

- **Vacation Bible School:** Our Mighty Fortress VBS is scheduled for the week of June 12th-16th. VBS is offered free of charge to children ages 4 years through entering 4th grade. Registration is full. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, email [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org).
- **VBS Needs:** Crafts for VBS are in need of your paper towel and toilet paper rolls! The Decoration team is in need of: a mannequin, sandals (old leather, think Birkenstock), old leather belts, set of fireplace tools, and a few copper pots. They will all be returned unharmed after VBS. Thanks!
- **VBS Volunteer Training:** All VBS Volunteers, please come to a VBS Training Session in room 208 after church TODAY! Lunch and drinks will be provided. Training will cover the theme, schedule, and procedures for this year's VBS. All volunteers for regular and Pre-School VBS should plan to attend. If you haven't been through child-protection training, or it's time to renew your training (every 3 years), plan on staying after the meeting to complete the training.
- **VBS Prep Week:** Come join us at Grace from 9 am -12 pm every day this week (June 5th-9th) to help prepare the church for VBS! Any time or help you can offer is greatly appreciated!

#### Student Ministry:

- **Christian Education:** On Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15, we gather to know more deeply about our Lord and Savior and who are in Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings! Jr. High in room 206 and Sr. High in room 205.
- **SNF (Sunday Night Fellowship):** On Sunday evenings we gather to eat together, laugh together, and to see the person and work of Jesus more clearly in our lives together. Jr. High meets from 5-7 pm and Sr. High meets 7-8:30 pm. **SNF is on summer vacation. But join us for some great fellowship opportunities throughout the summer.**
- **Summer Kick-Off:** On June 4th, Glowstick Ninja Black-out Extravaganza 2017 happens. You don't want to miss out. We will be meeting at Grace at 3:30 and pick up is at 7 pm. Dinner will be provided. Bring a friend and good sportsmanship. Dress accordingly (i.e. black clothing, camo, ect) and best dressed wins a prize. Hope to see you there!
- **Summer Intern Contact Information:** We are so excited to have Luke Johnston join us for the summer serving our Student Ministry.

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

- **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. We meet once a month, year round. Dates, times and locations vary each meeting. Our upcoming meeting will be at Black Walnut Café on Thursday, **June 22nd** starting at 8:30am. Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.
- **Girls' Night Out:** Join us at the Black Walnut Cafe (9000 New Trails), Thursday, July 6th we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Kristen Power.

#### Men's Fraternal:

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Tuesday, June 20th. Join us at Wings N More on 242 for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like.

#### GraceCares:

- **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. Children are always welcome.
- **Meals Ministry:** There are many seasons and 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 and other means of support. If you are in need of meals, or would like to help provide meals for others, please contact our Meals Coordinator, Rhonnie Bellin at [rhonniebellin@aol.com](mailto:rhonniebellin@aol.com).
- **Serve and Care for Grace Church members and congregation.** If you would like to know the best way to support and help those who might have financial or physical 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.

- **June Partner Prayer:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of June.

- Rev. David & Mrs. Kelly Richter, Somerville Church Planting Project, Boston, MA
- Francis A. Schaeffer Institute at Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO

- **The PCA Global Missions Conference** is coming to Dallas, November 10th-12th, 2017. God has equipped you with unique gifts for serving the Church. Join us at the PCA Global Missions Conference to discover how you can help expand the reach of the Great Commission. Enlarge your understanding through over 80 seminars led by missions experts from all over the globe. Come early for Welcoming the Refugee, a timely pre-conference (Nov. 9-10) that will lead you to dive deep into this critical global need. For more information or to register with our group, contact Wendy Dempsey.

- **Local Mission Partners**

Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX

Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX

Cornerstone Recovery | The Woodlands, TX

Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX

Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX

Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX

Three Local Refugee Pastors: Pastor Thong Lun & Pastor Mang Tiak -Greater Houston Burmese

Christian Fellowship, Pastor Bhadra Rai & wife, Ruth -Canaan Bhutanese Church of Houston, Pastor

"Andre" Onokoko Shang -International Ministries for the Propagation of the Gospel | Houston, TX

Blake & Ryan Arnoult | RUF | University of Houston

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Grace Presbyterian Diaconate

- **National Mission Partners**

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Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University

Michael & Rachel Novak | RUF | Trinity University

Nathan & Falon Moretto | New City Presbyterian Church | Royal Oak, MI

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Francis A. Schaeffer Institute | Covenant Theological Seminary | Saint Louis, MO

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) | Atlanta, GA

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David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany

Arab Baptist Theological Seminary | Beirut, Lebanon

Mission to The World (MTW) | Atlanta, GA

**Stewardship Update:** Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for May 2017.

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Projected Budget	61,500	307,500
Actual General Fund	47,258	298,849
Variance	(14,242)	(8,651)

**Banners Explained:** One of the three great festivals of the Christian year (along with Easter Day & Christmas Day), the Day of Pentecost, symbolized by the color red, celebrates the event of the Risen and Ascended Christ's pouring out his Holy Spirit upon his gathered followers, empowering them for the mission of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus to all the nations. The banner on the right is the traditional representation of the Holy Spirit as a dove.

The banner on the left represents the recreation of our fragmented world through the power of the cross. Pentecost is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world.

**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 @ 281-296-0911.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Children & 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

Prayer Request:

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

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

*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.*