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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

"Cut to the heart, that is, convicted of sin and conscience stricken, Peter's hearers asked anxiously what they should do. Peter replied that they must repent, completely changing their mind about Jesus and their attitude to him, and be baptised in his name, submitting to the humiliation of baptism, which Jews regarded as necessary for Gentile converts only, and submitting to it in the name of the very person they had previously rejected."

-John Stott  
*The Spirit, the Church, and the World*

"Baptism is the standing mark, impressed upon our bodies, that we are not our own: we belong to Another, and we are called to die progressively to sin and rise to active goodness in the power of his Spirit."

-Michael Green  
*Thirty Years That Changed the World*

"What God has promised for the ultimate future has come forward to meet us in Jesus Christ. We should expect signs of that future to appear in the present. And, whenever we are in a mess, of whatever sort and for whatever reason, we should remember this: we are 'turn-back-and-be-rescued' people. We are 'repent-and-be-baptized' people. We have the right, the birthright, to cash in that promise at any place and any time.

No wonder 3,000 people signed up that very day."

- NT Wright  
*Acts for Everyone*

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day*

July 16, 2017

10:30 a.m.

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

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

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

**Call to Worship**

**Matthew 11:28-29**

Leader: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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

**Song of Praise**

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Song of Adoration**

*Still, My Soul Be Still*

**Private Praise and Adoration**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Renewal* \_\_\_\_\_

**Scripture Reading**

**1 John 1:8-10**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

**Confession of Sin**

*Leader:*

*& People:*

*Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, O Lord.*

**Private Confession and Reflection**

## Words of Encouragement

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Theodore William Marrs  
Elyssia Renee Matthews

## Song of Blessing

*The Blessing*

## Song of Thanksgiving

*The Church's One Foundation*

## 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

Acts 2:14-40

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21 And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23

This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

35 until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet."

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

**Sermon**

Mr. Todd Crusey

*HUMILIATION*

WITNESSES AND MISSIONARIES: THE GOSPEL IN BOOKS OF ACTS

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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!*



**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.

## Song of Commitment

*His Love Can Never Fail*

## Benediction<sup>2</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>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*

**Acts 2:14-40**

*HUMILIATION*

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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.

### **New Database, Mobile App and Online Giving Portal:**

- **Database:** The link for the new database can be found on the Church website under the Connect tab. If you were in the old database, new login instructions were emailed to you. If you did not receive them, contact Dianna in the office.
- **Grace Church Mobile App (Elexio Community 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. To log on, replace "Domain" with [gracewoodlands](http://gracewoodlands.org) and use your database username and password for the app.
- **Grace Online Giving Portal.** If you have been giving online or would like to give online, you will need to setup a new account. This link can also be found on our website under the Care/Give tab.
- **If you have questions,** please contact the church office at [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org) or 281-296-0911.

### **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. If you would like to learn more about leading or hosting a group, please contact Todd Crusey at [todd@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:todd@gracewoodlands.org).

**GraceLife - 5th Sunday Fellowship Cookout:** Our next Fifth Sunday Fellowship is scheduled for July 30th. Please join us immediately after worship for a church wide Cookout. GraceLife will provide Burgers, Hot Dogs, and Drinks! Please sign up in the Narthex to bring sides and dessert. Fifth Sunday Fellowship is a church wide luncheon held at the end of every month with five Sundays. All are welcome!

**Adult Christian Education Classes:** Join us next week for part 2 of the two six-week series described below. We invite you to learn more about the Christian faith, find encouragement to grow in character and wisdom, and grow more equipped to engage our neighbors, those nearby and those across the world, with the gospel of grace.

- **From Eden to New Jerusalem: A Thematic Overview of the Bible** Charlton Wimberly  
The Bible contains 66 books written over the course of centuries by dozens of authors. Yet in its entirety it tells a single story about a God who relentlessly pursues his children, and is preparing a home for himself among them. Please join Charlton for 6 weeks of tracing important themes that tie Scripture together from Genesis to Revelation. As we go, we will seek better understanding of God's mission in the world and how it bears on our mission.

- **Gospel Rescue from Secret Shame** Damon Webster  
God promised through Isaiah "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced". If you are like many of us, you often feel ashamed, confounded, and your disgraces run a "Greatest Hits" reel in your mind as soon as you are convinced that you have gotten over them. Join Damon Webster in this 6 week course about how the Gospel sweeps in to lift the pain of worthlessness, giving us tools to speak into the lives of our friends and family, many of whom may feel deeply rejected. We'll talk about the honor culture that can cause us to feel, as the Avett Brothers eloquently sang, boatloads of shame. Whether you are steeped in unspoken pain or just curious as to what the Bible says on the subject, we hope you will join us.

**Join us weekly at 9:30 – upstairs in the Education Building**

**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!
- **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 Deborah Kovach or Natalie Webster. Since locations and times can change, please join the PlayGroup in E-Connect for updates.

#### **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.** Join us for some great fellowship opportunities throughout the summer.
- **Upcoming Events:**
- **July 17-** Joint 56ers/Youth Astros game- We are heading down to Minute Maid Park for an evening game with the Astros playing the Mariners. Tickets have already been purchased, if interested, contact Grayson to check for any available spaces.
- **July 19-** Girls' Crafternoon- Calling all girls who enjoy painting or baking cookies. Join Grayson up at Grace for an afternoon of arts and crafts from 1:00-3:30 PM.
- **July 20-**Dude's Paintball- If you're a guy looking for something fun to do on Thursday, July 20th-join Luke for a paintball game. Cost and location are TBD. Contact Luke for more information.
- **July 28-29-** Middle School Lock-In: For uprising and out-going Middle School students only! Add this fun event to your calendar!
- **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.

- **Girls' Night Out:** Join us at the Black Walnut Cafe (9000 New Trails), **Thursday, August 3rd** 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, July 18th**. Join us 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.
- **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.

- **July Partner Prayer:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of July.
  - Bill Thomas, PCA Southwest Church Planting Network
  - Rev. Jason & Sarah Pickard, RUF Int'l @ Texas A&M University
- **The PCA Global Missions Conference** in Dallas, November 10-12, 2017 - Grow your heart for missions by hearing from experts how to effectively support and encourage missions and missionaries. Learn about some of MTW's more specialized missions as well as where they work in the world. Come early for Welcoming the Refugee, a timely pre-conference that will lead you to dive deep into this critical global need. Nov. 9-10, 2017. Contact Wendy Dempsey to register with our group no later than July 24th!! For more information or to register, contact Wendy.
- **Study Tour to Israel** February 25 - March 6, 2018. Come with Jan Johnston and Revealing Journey Ministries to Israel. 10 Day tour includes flights, lodging, tour and more. \$3695 from LAX. Visit the Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, the Jordan River, Dead Sea, Jerusalem and more. Contact Jan for more info. Seats are going fast.
- **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
  - Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
  - Ben & Beth Hailey | RUF | Texas A&M University
  - Dennis & Jane Hermerding | King's Cross Church | Cypress, TX
  - Leo & Ellen Schuster | City Church | Houston, TX
  - Bill Thomas | PCA Southwest Church Planting Network | Dallas, TX
  - Oaklawn Presbyterian Church | Houston, TX

Grace Presbyterian Diaconate

• **National Mission Partners**

Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University  
John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas  
Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University  
Open position | RUF | Trinity University  
Nathan & Falon Moretto | New City Presbyterian Church | Royal Oak, MI  
David & Kelly Richter | Christ the King Presbyterian Church | Somerville, MA  
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Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) | Atlanta, GA  
Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio

• **International Mission Partners**

Jason & Sarah Pickard | RUF International | Texas A&M University  
Open position | RUF International | University of Texas  
Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Toyosu, Tokyo, Japan  
Charlie & Bonita Davidson | MTW | Monterrey, Mexico  
Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia  
David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany  
Arab Baptist Theological Seminary | Beirut, Lebanon  
Kay Burklin | MTW | Refuge Liaison, Europe  
Mission to The World (MTW) | Atlanta, GA

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

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Projected Budget	61,500	369,000
Actual General Fund	69,611	368,460
Variance	8,111	(540)

**Banners Explained:** In Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost, as well as symbolizing the hope of new life in the resurrection. This color indicates ordinary time, which is the time between the major Christian Seasons.

The Banner on right symbolizes the Trinity, the belief that God is three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and yet, one God. No part of the Trinity is ever out of alignment (moving independently) from the other parts of the Trinity. The circle represents eternity. The circle is frequently seen with the Trinitarian symbol, representing the eternal qualities of each part of the Godhead.

On the left, 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. The IHS in the center is the abbreviated name of Jesus in the greek and is a very old symbol, dating back to the first century. Each panels focuses on a central aspect of His work. The cross is framed with grapes, a symbol of our Lord's blood shed on the cross for us.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Children & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 that 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.*