

*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

When our relationship with God is so compelling to us that we invite others to experience the same kind of life-giving relationship, we are in mission. The starting and ending point of mission is relationship, not only at the individual level but also at the level of communities... We serve a generous, lavish God who delights in beauty and diversity, color and aromas.

– Christopher L. Heuertz & Christine D. Pohl
Friendship at the Margins

We love the Holy Spirit within the Trinity, along with God the Father and God the Son. He is the missionary Spirit sent by the missionary Father and the missionary Son, breathing life and power into God's missionary Church. We love and pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit because without the witness of the Spirit of Christ, our own witness is futile. Without the convicting work of the Spirit, our preaching is in vain. Without the gifts, guidance and power of the Spirit, our mission is mere human effort. And without the fruit of the Spirit, our unattractive lives cannot reflect the beauty of the gospel.

– The Cape Town Commitment (2010)

The church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning.

– Emil Brunner

For many people today the purpose of encountering God is their own spiritual journey; for the biblical writers the purpose of encountering God is mission, by which I mean being sent out to do God's will in the world. People who have a lively spiritual life should expect to have a correspondingly lively life of mission in the world; you can't have one without the other. Moses discovered this to his cost. What began as turning aside out of curiosity [to see the burning bush], ended as being sent on the most challenging mission conceivable: to free God's people from slavery.

– Paula Gooder
Everyday God

Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day

August 20, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

Praise

Call to Worship

- based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

Leader: God invites us into his healing presence with these words:
"I am the Lord, who heals you."

*People: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated,
we come hungering for health that only God can provide.*

Leader: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears,
and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.

All: We bow before him in faith and expectancy!

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

Song of Praise

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

Not to Us

Private Praise and Adoration

_____ *Renewal* _____

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Confession of Sin

Leader:

& People:

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.

*Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved,
callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient,
legalistic than loving.*

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

Romans 8:31-34

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Song of Thanksgiving

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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 17:16-34

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. 18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. 19 Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." 21 (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

29 "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

32 When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." 33 At that, Paul left the Council. 34 Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

Sermon

Mr. David Wilcher

THE GOSPEL IN A PLURALISTIC CULTURE
WITNESSES AND MISSIONARIES: THE GOSPEL IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Communion

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

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

Song of Commitment

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Benediction²

Colossians 3:15-17

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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.

² 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.

Worship Music³

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

Sermon Notes

Acts 17:16-34

THE GOSPEL IN A PLURALISTIC CULTURE

WITNESSES AND MISSIONARIES: THE GOSPEL IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN BULLETIN BOARD

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.

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	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.

Find & Interact with Members and Online Giving:

- **Grace Online Directory:** The link for the member login can be found on the church website under the Connect tab. In addition to accessing the church directory, you can join groups and review your giving history. Login instructions were emailed to you if you are listed in our directory. If you did not receive login instructions or would like to be added to the church directory, contact Dianna in the office at admin@gracewoodlands.org or 281-296-0911.
- **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 directory username and password for the app.
- **Grace Online Giving Portal.** If you would like to give online, you will need to setup an account. The link can be found on our website under the Care/Give tab.

Ministry Open House: Join us at 9:30 am on Sunday, **August 27th** for our Annual Ministry Open House in the Fellowship Hall. We will present our vision for Community at Grace and introduce this year's Community Group and Ministry Team leaders. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for Community Groups and Ministry Team Mailing Lists. *In addition, Children's, Youth, and Adult Christian Ed Teachers will be on hand to tell you about classes we offer for all ages on Sunday mornings.* Children 6th grade and under are invited to participate in classroom activities while adults meet with teachers during the Open House.

Adult Christian Education Classes: Today was the last meeting of our current Sunday morning class series. Thanks to all the effort and care devoted to these classes by Damon Webster and Charlton Wimberly. Next week, please join us for the Ministry Open House, Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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 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 in Room 206.
- **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 will resume the Sunday after Labor Day holidays.**
- **Service Opportunity:**
 - **Tamina Tuesday:** We go to the Tamina Community Center from 3:45-5:00 pm to tutor, play with, and love a great group of kids. We would love if you joined us. We will begin tutoring on **September 5th**. For more questions, ask Grayson for more information.

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, September 7th** we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Kristen Power.
- **Women's Bible Studies:** We're excited to offer two options for this Fall! Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm we'll meet at the PACN to study "The Prodigal God" by Tim Keller. Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 am we'll study Matthew using DA Carson's book "God With Us." Childcare is provided on Thursdays. If you have questions, contact Kristen Chandler or Jan Johnston. Sign ups will be in the Fellowship Hall on August 19th & 26th with the studies beginning **Sept. 6th and 7th**.

Men's Fraternal:

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for **Tuesday, September 19th**. Join us at Wings N More (near I-45 South & 242) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like.
- **Men's Discipleship Breakfast:** Our twice monthly men's breakfast will resume on Tuesday, **September 12th** at the Egg & I on Research Forest. A breakfast buffet will be available at \$10 per person. Steve Wilmoth will be teaching a study on the book of James.

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.

- **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.

- **August Partner Prayer:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of August.
 - Kay Burklin, MTW Refugee Liaison, Europe
 - Rev. Joe & Mrs. Felicity Congdon, Toyosu, Tokyo, Japan
- **Prayer and Prep for Tutoring: August 29th, 7-8:30 pm** As we get ready to begin our year of tutoring at the Tamina Community Center on September 5th, you are invited to join tutors--past, present, and interested--for dessert, conversation and prayer at the Stevens' home. This will be an informal opportunity to talk with those who've spent time tutoring already, to ask questions about the tutoring sessions and the needs of the students, and to learn how we can support the work of Shirley Grimes and the Tamina Community Center. Consider attending even if you aren't able to tutor this year, but would like to pray for tutors and students alike. Location: the Stevens home. Contact Laurel Stevens for more info or to RSVP.

• **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
Wil & Mary Nettleton | RUF | Trinity University
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
 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 | Refugee 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 July 2017.

	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Projected Budget*	68,150	477,050
Actual General Fund	72,064	440,524
Variance	3,914	(36,526)

*Based on a 2017 budget of \$817,800

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 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: _____

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.