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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

Many of us, along with our churches, are getting fat with meals we still label “fellowship.” But we are not growing. The difference is in whom we invite to the table.

– Harvie M. Conn  
*Evangelism: Doing Justice & Preaching Grace*

Busyness is a hindrance to fellowship with the Lord. But what lies behind our need to fill up every moment with activity? The answer is that we want to be in charge of our lives, and our constant activity gives us the feeling that we are mastering our world.

– C. John (Jack) Miller

[Spiritual renewal will only happen when] local congregations renounce an introverted concern for their own life, and recognize that they exist for the sake of those who are not members, as sign, instrument and foretaste of God's redeeming grace for the whole life of society.

– Lesslie Newbigin

The call of the church has never been to be political analysts. We're called to be cultural catalysts [who will act as] salt and light. But there are dangers. Salt, if you use too much, becomes embittering. If you sprinkle it, it flavors. Light is annoying if it glares in your face. If fact, you try to push it away. But if you let the warm glow of the light show, people will come to it.

I don't think Jesus called us to rub salt in the world's wounds, or to glare the light a foot from their eyes with a million-candlepower spotlight. He called us to be the warm glow of His love, and the flavoring quality of His nature....God has not called me to be morally indignant. He's called me to be spiritually vibrant.

– Jack Hayford  
*in Religion Report*

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day*

October 29, 2017

10:30 a.m.

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

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

*Praise*

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**Call to Worship**

**Hebrews 12:1,2a**

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer, and perfecter of faith.

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

**Song of Praise**

*For All the Saints*

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Song of Adoration**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

**Private Praise and Adoration**

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

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 5:13-16**

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Confession of Sin**

*Leader &  
People:*

*God, you placed us in the world to be its salt.  
We are afraid of committing ourselves,  
afraid of being stained by the world.  
We do not want to hear what "they" might have to say,  
and our salt dissolves as if in water. Forgive us, Jesus.*

*God, you placed us in the world to be its light.  
We are afraid of the shadows, afraid of poverty.  
We do not want to know other people's struggles,  
and our light slowly fades away. Forgive us, Jesus.*

*God, you placed us in the world to live in community.  
Thus you taught us to love, to share in life,  
to struggle for bread and justice,  
your truth incarnate in our life. So be it, Jesus.*

## Private Confession and Reflection

### Words of Encouragement

**1 John 4:19-21**

We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

### Song of Thanksgiving

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### 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

Matthew 5:11-16

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

## Sermon

Mr. David Wilcher

LIVING IN THE WORLD  
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: GOSPEL EXPECTATIONS

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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

*Come Weary Souls*

## 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

*Be Thou My Vision*

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints,  
patterns of holy living and victorious dying,  
strengthen your faith and devotion  
and enable you to bear witness to the truth  
against all adversity. 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  
Will Bittick, cello  
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* —————

**Matthew 5:1-12**

*LIVING IN THE WORLD*

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: GOSPEL EXPECTATIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ *Community Group Questions* \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is Jesus describing in the Sermon on the Mount? How is this different from our natural tendencies or personality?
  
2. List the traits that we should envy or emulate. How will those be received? Will they be warmly welcomed by our culture? Why or why not?
  
3. Why are these traits persecuted? What is our response to persecution? What form does persecution take? Why does this persecution occur? What would it mean to be persecuted because of Jesus?
  
4. What are the ways that we attempt to shelter or protect ourselves from persecution? How does retreat or withdrawal run counter to what Jesus is saying?
  
5. What effect would living in the ways that Jesus describes have on our culture?
  
6. What would salt mean in that culture? What would light mean?
  
7. Do you think that Christianity is a source of joy, safety, and healing in our world? Do you think that most people would describe it that way? Why or why not?
  
8. What is preventing us from being that type of person?

**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.

### 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.

#### **Find & Interact with Members and Online Giving:**

- **Grace Online Directory:** The link for 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. 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](mailto: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.

**Adult Christian Education Classes:** Join us next week as we continue exploring key ideas behind Martin Luther's 95 propositions that ignited the Protestant Reformation. Join us weekly at 9:30 – upstairs in the Education Building.

#### **Five Solas: A Class 500 Years in the Making**

#### **The Session**

On October 31st, 1517, an obscure Augustinian monk nailed a piece of paper to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The paper contained 95 propositions for debate about church practices. This simple act sparked a movement to reform the Church and regain the heart of the Gospel. Five hundred years have passed and here we stand. What was the Protestant Reformation? Why is it important for us today? Was it only an intellectual debate, or was it something else? What were the key ideas? And, how do they apply to us? Please join the elders of Grace over a six-week period beginning October 15th, as we explore these questions together.

**GraceLife - 5th Sunday Fellowship BBQ TODAY.** Please join us immediately after worship for a church wide BBQ. GraceLife will provide drinks and lots of smoked meats! Please sign up in the Narthex to bring sides and dessert. Fifth Sunday Fellowship is a church wide luncheon that takes place at the end of every month that has a fifth Sunday. All are welcome!

**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 consist of 8-15 people meeting regularly in homes, restaurants, coffee shops, etc. Most groups meet on Sunday nights, but other times are also available. Many groups share a meal, but the desire of all our groups is to share our lives with one another. Descriptions and sign up sheets are available in the narthex. All groups are open and eager for new members. If you'd like to know more, contact Todd Crusey at [todd@gracewoodlands.org](mailto: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:** 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. **Costume Party/SNiCK or Treat Tonight!** Kids should come dressed up and ready to party! There will be games and prizes, and of course, SNiCK or Treat (Trunk or Treat)! For SNiCK or Treat, parents should plan to return to GPC and be set up in the parking lot by 6:30 pm. We are asking participating parents to decorate the trunks of their cars in festive Halloween style and stock up on candy and/or other goodies. Parents will line up their cars in the parking lot and costumed kids will come out to Trunk or Treat. SNiCK or Treat is a great time to invite your friends to come to SNiCK & 56ers. There will be a prize for the best decorated trunk!
- **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 in the church directory.
  - Nov 10th- Thanksgiving Playgroup- Location TBD

#### **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. Friends are always welcome.
- **Pumpkin Carving: TONIGHT** we will be doing some pumpkin carving and games during SNF. **Please bring your own pumpkin to carve.** Flex your creative skills! There will be prizes for creativity!

**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, November 2nd we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Kristen Power.
- **Women's Bible Studies:**
- **Wednesday evenings:** Join us at La Madeline from 6-7:30 pm for dinner, dessert, or coffee and discussion. We are reading "Jesus The King" by Tim Keller, questions contact Jan Johnston.
- **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.

#### **Men's Fraternal:**

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Tuesday, November 14th. Join us at Goode Co. (8865 Six Pines Dr, Suite 100, Shenandoah) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like.

- **Men's Discipleship Breakfast:** Our next twice monthly men's breakfast will be at **6:30 am on Tuesday**, November 14th at the Egg & I on Research Forest. A breakfast buffet will be available at \$10 per person. Steve Wilmoth is teaching a study on the book of James.

#### **Community Service Opportunities:**

- **CASA** is seeing an increase in the number of children who need CPS intervention. CPS and the Child Protection Courts are overwhelmed yet these are children who need someone who is not overwhelmed. Someone who will be on their side, listen to them, and see all aspects of their situation until they again have a permanent parent who will love and protect them. The website for CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County describes the work we do on the first page: <https://casaspeaks4kids.com/>. Contact Dave Moncla for more information.
- **Tamina Community Center:** Contact Laurel Stevens at [laurel.stevens37@gmail.com](mailto:laurel.stevens37@gmail.com) or Grayson Baird at [grayson@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:grayson@gracewoodlands.org) if you are interested in joining our Tuesday tutoring team from 4-5 pm. A background check is required.

#### **GraceCares:**

- **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.
- **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:** Contact John Zeigler for more information or to be added to our GraceMissions email list or to connect with a missions team advocate.

- **October Partner Prayer:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of October.
  - Rev. David & Mrs. Eowyn Stoddard, MTW Church Planting Team, Berlin, Germany
  - Elie Haddad, Nabil Costa & Wissam al-Saliby, Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon
- **The Unspoken Epidemic:** *Teen and Young Adult Self Destruction.* Cornerstone will present a panel discussion and Q&A opportunity at Grace Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 4th from 5 to 7 pm. Parents and concerned adults (18 and up) are invited to a discussion geared toward providing not only awareness of drug and alcohol abuse and other forms of self-harm, but also hope in the journey towards recovery. Please invite friends and neighbors and RSVP to Todd Crusey at [todd@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:todd@gracewoodlands.org) or by calling the church office. More information on Cornerstone can be found at <https://www.cornerstoneteamcounseling.com>.
- **Redeemed Ministries:** On October 29th Dennis and Bobbie Mark from Redeemed Ministries will be joining us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Plan to talk with them and learn about about their valuable ministry to victims of human trafficking.
- **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  
 Open position | 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 September 2017.

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget*	68,150	613,350	
Actual General Fund	70,032	554,814	
Variance	1,882	(58,536)	*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](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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.*