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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

Every time you decide to let your anger smoulder on inside you, you are becoming a little less than fully human. You are deciding to belittle yourself.

– N.T. Wright

People do not murder at random. Whether they have white-hot rage or cool hatred, and whether they hate one person, a race, or all mankind, murderers are angry. If hatred leads to murder, then hatred is culpable too, even if it never leads to action.

– Daniel M. Doriani

Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated.

– Coretta Scott King

I value their hatred. I find it very useful. You see, people are always at their weakest when they're angry.

– Lionel Luthor  
*Smallville*

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day*

November 12, 2017

10:30 a.m.

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

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

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*Praise*

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## Call to Worship

*from Revelation 15:3-4*

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds,  
Lord God Almighty!

*People: Just and true are your ways,  
King of the ages.*

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord,  
and bring glory to your name?

*People: For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come and worship you!*

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



## Words of Encouragement

2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation... God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Song of Thanksgiving

*Jesus, Cast a Look*

## 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 5:21-26

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

25 “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

## Sermon

Mr. Todd Crusey

### OUR MURDEROUS HEARTS 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

*There is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

## 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

*And Can It Be*

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

– Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## 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* —————

**Matthew 5:21-26**

*OUR MURDEROUS HEARTS*

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: GOSPEL EXPECTATIONS

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

1. What is the benefit of a prohibition against murder? How is such a command good for society?
  
2. Is a prohibition against murder sufficient for the good of society? Why or why not?
  
3. Where does murder come from? What will always proceed murderous acts?
  
4. How does hatred destroy a person even if doesn't lead to murder?
  
5. If it isn't enough to simply not murder people, then what must we do? What is the positive impact of this command?
  
6. Why does Jesus stress the urgency of this command? Why is it important to us to settle matters quickly?
  
7. If murder begins in our hearts before it finds expression in our words and actions, what must change before we can keep this command?

**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.

**Advent Choir Singers** are invited to gather to rehearse special music for the Advent season. Anyone who would like to sing please join us! Music reading helpful but not necessary. We meet in room 108 at 9:00 am. For further information contact Debra Moses at [debramoses@me.com](mailto:debramoses@me.com).

**Poinsettias for the Holidays:** Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. As is our tradition, we fill the sanctuary with poinsettias. The poinsettias are \$11.00 each and may be donated in honor or memory of someone. Order forms, are available on tables in the narthex, and may be completed and deposited in the offering plate. Make your checks payable to Grace Presbyterian and note on the memo line "poinsettias".

**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).

**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.

**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 together, and laugh and play. The goal is to have fun at SNiCK through friendship and fellowship. Friends are always welcome! **Movie Night tonight!** Bring a blanket/sleeping back, pillow, stuffed animal, and a friend!
  - **Next Sunday is our Thanksgiving Feast** and will be our last SNiCK/56ers of the year!
- **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.
  - Dec 8th- Christmas Playgroup at Felicity Bodden's House

**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. **The final Sunday Youth CE of the year will be next Sunday, November 19th and we will resume on January 14th.**
- **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. **The final SNF of the Fall will be November 19th.**
- **Friendsgiving Dinner:** On Saturday, November 18th, join us for a Youth Thanksgiving dinner to celebrate friendship and delicious food. Meat will be provided, please sign-up to bring a side or dessert. Join us at Grace for dinner at 6 pm, Glowstick Ninja will follow. Pick-up around 9 pm. Friends are always welcomed!

**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, December 7th 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 if you are interested in joining our Tuesday tutoring team from 4-5 pm. A background check is required. Contact Laurel Stevens for information.

### **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.

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.

- **November Partner Prayer:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of November.
  - Elizabeth Milligan, Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling
  - Missy Herndon, Interfaith Family Services
- **Open House for Shadburnes** on Monday, November 20th, 6-9 PM at the home of John and Laurel Stevens. Andy and Missy Shadburne have been serving with Mission to the World in Perth, Australia since mid 2016. They are visiting the U.S. this month and will be worshiping with us at Grace. Please join us for an Open House & Dinner to meet their daughter Scarlett, hear about Andy's role as Curator of Worship & Culture at Village Fremantle Church and catch up on the news from Down Under. Contact Laurel Stevens for more information.
- **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 October 2017.

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget*	68,150	681,500	
Actual General Fund	53,288	608,102	
Variance	(14,862)	(73,398)	*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 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.*