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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

Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next...It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither.

– C.S. Lewis  
*Mere Christianity*

I know I shall die in hope. I know I shall die in hope. I know I shall die in hope. But, hope needs a foundation.

– Jean-Paul Sartre

The triune God accompanies his struggling people. As we walk through life, the Son intercedes for us by pleading the merits of his work. The Spirit intercedes for us by presenting those prayers that are in accordance with the Father's will to the Father. Throughout the New Testament, in fact, we see this close correlation between Son and Spirit as together they work to bring God's people to their appointed end in glory.

– David F. Wells  
*God in the Whirlwind: How the Holy-Love of God Reorients Our World*

Our task, as image-bearing, God-loving, Christ-shaped, Spirit-filled Christians, following Christ and shaping our world, is to announce redemption to the world that has discovered its fallenness, to announce healing to the world that has discovered its fallenness, to announce healing to the world that has discovered its brokenness, to proclaim love and trust to the world that knows only exploitation, fear and suspicion.

– N. T. Wright  
*The Challenge of Easter*

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*Pentecost Sunday*

May 20, 2018

10:30 a.m.

## **Prelude**

## **Words of Welcome**

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

————— *Praise* —————

## **Call to Worship**

**based on Psalm 105:1-2, Romans 5:5, Revelation 4:8**

Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

*People: we dwell in him and he in us.*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

*People: make known his deeds among the peoples.*

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

*People: and speak of all his marvelous works.*

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

*All: who was and is and is to come!*

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



## Confession of Sin

*Minister &  
People:*

*Gracious God, who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
we confess before you and to each other  
that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift.  
We have been satisfied with ordinary things,  
suspicious of unfamiliar things,  
and blind to spiritual things.  
Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire. Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency,  
and open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of your hand.*

## Private Confession and Reflection

### Words of Encouragement

**Romans 5:1-2,5**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Sloane Catherine Hicks

### Song of Baptism

*The Blessing*

### Song of Thanksgiving

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

## Confession of Faith

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: *In his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit, Christ is not absent from us for a moment. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives not earthly things but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.*

*Through the Holy Spirit, Christ pours out his gifts from heaven upon us his members. The Spirit, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. The Spirit has been given to us personally so that by true faith the Spirit makes us share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts us, and remains with us forever.*

## The Peace of God and Announcements

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: *And also with you.*

## Recognition of Graduating Seniors

*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!*

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## Commitment

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## 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

## 2 Kings 8:1-6

Now Elisha had said to the woman whose son he had restored to life, "Go away with your family and stay for a while wherever you can, because the Lord has decreed a famine in the land that will last seven years." 2 The woman proceeded to do as the man of God said. She and her family went away and stayed in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 At the end of the seven years she came back from the land of the Philistines and went to appeal to the king for her house and land. 4 The king was talking to Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, and had said, "Tell me about all the great things Elisha has done." 5 Just as Gehazi was telling the king how Elisha had restored the dead to life, the woman whose son Elisha had brought back to life came to appeal to the king for her house and land.

Gehazi said, "This is the woman, my lord the king, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life." 6 The king asked the woman about it, and she told him.

Then he assigned an official to her case and said to him, "Give back everything that belonged to her, including all the income from her land from the day she left the country until now."

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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**

*The Sands of Time Are Sinking*



## Prayer of Consecration and the Words of Institution

### Prayer for those not communing:

#### Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

#### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

#### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

#### Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

#### Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Grace Presbyterian uses wine in the celebration of Holy Communion. If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please take a cup from the outer circle of the tray. Please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together.

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

**Romans 15:13**

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

May the 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  
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*

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**2 Kings 8:1-6**

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*Community Group Questions*

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1. We've met the Shunammite woman before. First, she's wealthy and living well in her home; then she's miraculously the mother of a child; loses the child; and miraculously gets the child back from the dead. Now, she and her family are driven from their home by famine. Life might be easy for you right now but there is no guarantee that will last. This passage reveals that in the dark times God is still in control; that the hard times are just as much an opportunity for God to display his love and power to you. Do you know that experience of God's love and grace in a bad time?
  
2. Think of the timing of 2 Kings 8:4-5. This seems like a coincidence. It seems like an insignificant event. God uses "insignificant" events like a simple conversation, like bumping into someone to turn the course of people's lives. Do you know that experience of God's providential care in the midst of the normal day to day?
  
3. Are you aware and mindful of the home and land that Jesus has prepared for you? To what extent do you think of yourself as a wanderer on this earth in this present life? Do you realize that everything you have now you can lose? Do you realize that what you will have one day in heaven can never be taken away from you? Is that true? If so, how?
  
4. We spend a great deal of effort figuring out how we want the day and the week and the year and the future to transpire. And all that effort plunges us into worry and then stress and anxiety and fear when things don't work out like we'd hoped. Is it possible to think on and plan for the future of this earthly life UNTIL the moment of stress and fear and worry overtake you and then move on to thinking about what God has put right in front of you? Is it possible to think too much on the future of heaven and new heavens and new earth?

**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, Kate Weimar, 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	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:** 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. If you'd like to learn more community life at Grace, please contact Todd Crusey at [todd@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:todd@gracewoodlands.org).

**Church-Wide Pool Party:** Mark your calendars for the annual Church-Wide Pool Party! Cookout and swimming for the whole church family at Ridgewood Pool, 4192 Interfaith Way, The Woodlands. 6:00-8:00 pm Sunday, June 10, 2018. GraceLife will provide hot dogs, burgers, chips, and drinks. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring finger desserts (cookies, cupcakes, etc.)

**Grace Online** gives users access to the church directory and event calendar. Users can also join groups, print giving statements and give online. If you need any online instructions contact Dianna in the office at 281-296-0911 or [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org).

- **Website:** Grace Online directory link, [gracewoodlands.org](http://gracewoodlands.org) under the Connect tab.
- **Mobile App (Elexio Community)** can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. To log on, replace "Domain" with [gracewoodlands](http://gracewoodlands.org) and use your directory username and password for the app.
- **Online Giving:** If you would like to give online, you will need to set up an account, the link is under the Care tab.

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes: NO SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES NEXT WEEK.** Today was the last session for our current six-week series. Please join us on June 3rd as new classes begin!

**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. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please note, there will be no SNiCK/56ers tonight for Mother's Day. Next Sunday, May 20th, we will close out our year with the 8th Annual SNiCK Mudbowl and 56ers Pool Party. Come prepared with clothes that can get wet and dirty. Invite your friends & neighbors! The 56ers pool party will be at the Brink's home. Both events will be 5-7 pm.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Our Splash Canyon VBS is scheduled for the week of June 4th-8th. VBS is offered free of charge to children ages 4 years through entering 4th grade. Space is limited and registration is required, so register today through the church website, [gracewoodlands.org](http://gracewoodlands.org). There are still plenty of spots available right now, so invite your friends and neighbors!
- **VBS Volunteers!** Vacation Bible School is one of our biggest outreach events and we can't do it without your help. We need volunteers to help with Crafts, Music, Storytelling, Games, Snacks, Registration, Decorations, and Preschool VBS. Preschool VBS is for children 3 and under and is only offered to the children of VBS volunteers. We will have a work day this Saturday, May 19th from 9 am - 12 pm. VBS Set-Up Week will be May 29th - June 1st. If you're interested in helping in any area, please contact Kyle Bobos ([kyle@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:kyle@gracewoodlands.org)).
- **VBS Volunteer Training:** All VBS Volunteers, please come to a VBS Training Session in room 208 after church **TODAY!** Lunch and drinks will be provided. Training will cover the theme, schedule, and procedures for this year's VBS. All volunteers for regular and Pre-School VBS should plan to attend. If you haven't been through child-protection training, or it's time to renew your training (every 3 years), plan on staying after the meeting to complete the training.
- **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.

\* May 25th- Jessica Smith's House

\*June 22nd- Shenandoah Park & Splashpad

### 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 we are in Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings in Room 206.
- **SNF (Sunday Night Fellowship)** On Sunday evenings we gather to eat, fellowship, 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. Relationships are at the heart of what it means to be made in the image of God. Join us this semester as we discuss all the different relationships we have in our lives and what it means to usher the love of Christ into all of these places. Final SNF of the year will be **TONIGHT!**
- **Summer Intern:** Spencer Simpson will be joining us for the summer! Spencer hails from Lubbock and graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in History and Religious Studies in 2017. He is currently pursuing Masters of Divinity from RTS Houston. He's excited to hit the ground running and have a great summer!
- **RYM Registration and Payment:** for both RYM conference students need to be registered online. Payment for camps are coming due. Please check in with Grayson for all information you may need.

**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, June 7th we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.

### Men's Fraternal:

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Tuesday, June 19th. Join us at Stadia Sports Grill (89595 Six Pines Dr #1110, The Woodlands) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm.
- **Men's Discipleship Breakfast:** Our twice monthly men's breakfast will hold its final meeting for the spring at 6:30 am on Tuesday, May 22nd at the Egg & I on Research Forest. A breakfast buffet is available at \$10 per person. Steve Wilmoth is teaching a study on the Person and Work of Jesus. The breakfast will take the summer months off and will resume in September.

### 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. We would love to have you join us. Contact Laurel Stevens or Dan Brink for more information.
- **Meals Ministry:** There are 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. 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 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 at 936-494-8631.

- **May Prayer Partners:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of May.
  - Dennis & Bobbie Mark, Redeemed Ministries, Spring, TX
  - Rev. Jason & Mrs. Sarah Pickard RUF Int'l @ Texas A&M
- **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
  - Pastors Thong Lun & Mang Tiak | Greater Houston Burmese Christian Fellowship | Houston, TX
  - Pastor Bhadra Rai | Canaan Bhutanese Church of Houston | Houston, TX
  - Pastor "Andre" Onokoko Shang | International Ministries for the Propagation of the Gospel | Houston
  - Blake & Ryan Arnoult | RUF | University of Houston
  - Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
  - William & Katherin Bondurant | RUF | Texas A&M University
  - 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
  - Robbie & Kelly Mills | New City Fellowship Dallas | Dallas, TX

• **International Mission Partners**

- Jason & Sarah Pickard | RUF International | Texas A&M University
- Terry & Mary Rose Dykstra | RUF International | University of Texas
- Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Yokkaichi, 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 April 2018.

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget	70,858	283,432	
Actual General Fund	85,261	250,297	
Variance	14,403	(33,135)	*Based on a 2018 budget of \$850.300

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

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

**Missed a Recent Sunday Worship?** MP3s of Sunday morning messages are available on the website at [www.gracewoodlands.org](http://www.gracewoodlands.org) under Media. You can listen online, download them or subscribe to the Podcast. If you need help or are having trouble, please contact the church office<sup>4</sup>.

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 Email: [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org)      Website: [www.gracewoodlands.org](http://www.gracewoodlands.org)



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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.*