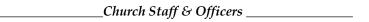


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To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



David J. Wilcher Lead Pastor

Kyle Bobos Children's Ministries

> **Todd Crusey** Community Life

Grayson BairdStudent Ministries

Elders
Dan Brink
Jon Green
Mike Hume
Mark Moore
Andy Yung

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Steve Kovach
Rob McIntosh
Mike Ryan
Sunny Yung

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Reflections

Yes, the Trinity can be presented as a fusty and irrelevant dogma, but the truth is that God is love *because* God is a Trinity...Christianity is not primarily about lifestyle change; it is about knowing God. To know and grow to enjoy him is what we are saved *for...*To know the Trinity is to know God, an eternal and personal God of infinite beauty, interest, and fascination. The Trinity is a God we *can* know, and forever grow to know better.

- Michael Reeves

Delighting in the Trinity: An Introduction to the Christian Faith

All truth is the externalization of the personality of the trinity.

- Cornelius Van Til

Before anything exists; there are no parents, there are no children, there is no family. He [God] names Himself, forever, and ever, and ever - Hallelujah, Amen - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There is an eternal familial fabric to the character of God...Family is at the heart of disclosing the character of God. [So] when family breaks and distorts and gets weird, it's not just, "Aww, that's so sad."...It's screaming heresy! So when parents live inconsistent with the model of the Trinity, they are communicating that the bible is a crock of crud and you shouldn't believe it.

- Joe Novenson

As God sent the Son and as God and the Son sent the Spirit, so the Trinity sends us to invite others into wholeness, into *shalom*.

This is the Story that is proclaimed and enacted each Sunday. This is the Story, unchanging even though divided and unreconciled people like you and me twist it and misrepresent it.

- Chuck DeGroat

Wholeheartedness: Busyness, Exhaustion, and Healing the Divided Self

Grace Presbyterian Church

Trinity Sunday

May 27, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Prelude	
Words of Welco	me
Preparation for	$Worship^1$
	Praise
Call to Worship	
Leader:	Jesus prayed that we, the church, would be one, just as He and the Father are one.
People:	Today we offer our praise and prayer together, as one body, in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.
All:	In harmony, let us glorify God - Father, Son, and Spirit.

 $^{^{\}rm 1}\,\mathrm{As}$ a courtesy, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Thank you!

Song of Praise	Praise to the Lord the Almighty	
Prayer of Adoration		
Song of Adoration	King of Saints	
Private Praise and Adoration		

Scripture Reading

John 17:20-23

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Renewal____

Confession of Sin

Minister & People:

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion and union with you and with each other as we gather around your Word and Table. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord.

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. 21 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22 set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Song of Thanksgiving

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Recognition of New Members

Confession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace of God and Announcements

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

² that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

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!

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 13:10-20

In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash son of Jehoahaz became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned sixteen years. 11 He did evil in the eyes of the Lord and did not turn away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit; he continued in them.

12 As for the other events of the reign of Jehoash, all he did and his achievements, including his war against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel? 13 Jehoash rested with his ancestors, and Jeroboam succeeded him on the throne. Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 Now Elisha had been suffering from the illness from which he died. Jehoash king of Israel went down to see him and wept over him. "My father! My father!" he cried. "The chariots and horsemen of Israel!"

15 Elisha said, "Get a bow and some arrows," and he did so. 16 "Take the bow in your hands," he said to the king of Israel. When he had taken it, Elisha put his hands on the king's hands.

17 "Open the east window," he said, and he opened it. "Shoot!" Elisha said, and he shot. "The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Aram!" Elisha declared. "You will completely destroy the Arameans at Aphek."

18 Then he said, "Take the arrows," and the king took them. Elisha told him, "Strike the ground." He struck it three times and stopped. 19 The man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck the ground five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram and completely destroyed it. But now you will defeat it only three times."

20 Elisha died and was buried.

Now Moabite raiders used to enter the country every spring.

Sermon Mr. David Wilcher

LIVING UNDER PROMISE THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE PROPHETS

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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

Here In This Place

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

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Benediction³

May God, the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. 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.

³ 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 Music⁴

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

_____ Sermon Notes _____

2 Kings 13:10-20
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Welcome, **Guests!** We are excited you're here with us today. We hope that you were warmly welcomed and would love for you to be a part of Grace. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information on the back of the bulletin, tear it off and drop it in the offering plate or give it on to an usher.

Parents of Infants - Three-Yr-Olds: Our nursery and early-childhood classes provide a warm, nurturing, and well-supervised environment. Our workers welcome the opportunity to love your child! When using the nursery, please check in and label all items (bags, cups, etc.) with your child's name. If you need assistance or have any questions about the Nursery, please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Kate Weimar, 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.

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 consisting of 8-15 people meet regularly from September to May. Community Groups take a break for the summer but will resume in the fall.

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. 6–8 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.

- Website: Grace Online directory link, 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 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: Next week begins our Summer Mélange of five new Sunday morning classes. Familiar voices will share transformational topics that have been working on their souls. Join us and support our speakers as they encourage our hearts to open to Jesus.

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. We are on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.
- 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.
- VBS Prep Week! VBS Prep-Up Week will be May 29th June 1st. Childcare will be provided. If you're interested in helping get the church ready for VBS, please contact Kyle at kyle@gracewoodlands.org.
- **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.

*June 22nd- Shenandoah Park & Splashpad

*July 27th-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 we are in Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings in Room 206.
- SNF (Sunday Night Fellowship) On Sunday evenings during the school year 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. We are on hiatus until August.
- Welcome Spencer and Summer Kick-off Lunch: After church and helping with VBS setup on June 3rd, join us for lunch at Deacon Baldy's (5447 Fm 1488 Rd, 77382.) Anyone and everyone are welcome to come and enjoy delicious food and great people.
- Summer Camps: Please be in prayer for those of us going to RYM camps the first two weeks of June. Junior High will be heading to RYM Texas June 4th-8th in Hawkins, TX, and High school travels to Colorado the week of June 11th-16th. We ask for prayer for traveling mercies, fellowship for our groups, and that God may become more real and dear to us through what happens at these camps!

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.
- Rain Walks is a grief support group for women who are dealing with a significant loss in their life, either recently or in the past. Please come to listen (and share if you like) as we discuss our journeys and ways to "walk" through our loss. We meet once a month, year round. Dates and times vary each meeting. Our next meeting will be at Black Walnut Café on Research Forest in The Woodlands on Wednesday, May 30th starting at 8:30 am. Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.

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 takes a break during the summer months. We 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 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.

- 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: The banner on the right is inscribed with the Latin phrase "Ego sum vitis vera" meaning "I am the true vine", an expression Jesus used to describe himself in John 15:1. The grapevines that make up the cross symbolize abundance and fruitfulness; Jesus is the only way to a truly fruitful life. The "IHS" in the center of the cross is an ancient monogram for Jesus.

The banner on the left is inscribed with the Latin phrase "In cruce salus" meaning "In the cross is salvation". Passion flowers symbolize the suffering and death of Christ, and forming a circle in the center is a crown of thorns which Jesus wore on the cross. In the center are the Greek letters alpha and omega, the first and last letters of the alphabet. In Revelation 21:6, Jesus describes himself as the Alpha and the Omega – the Beginning and the End.

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 office⁵.

⁵ Office Hours 8:30 am-3pm M – F Phone: 281.296.0911 Email: admin@gracewoodlands.org Website: www.gracewoodlands.org

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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.

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Children & Grade:			
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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.