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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

How much money is enough? Just a little bit more!

– John Paul Getty

...urging us  
To listen to our cravings which is  
To say consume whatever we imagine  
Might fill the hungry ghost of fear  
That dwells in each of us living  
In this land of plenty where more is  
Never quite enough...

– Sarah Rossiter  
*What If*

Greed is a fat demon with a small mouth and whatever you feed it is never enough.

– Janwillem van de Wetering  
*Just a Corpse at Twilight*

You can have a purse full of money, but a person full of nothing.

– the Rev. Willie Morganfield,  
Baptist preacher & blues singer in Clarksdale, Mississippi

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day*

July 29, 2018

10:30 a.m.

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

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

\_\_\_\_\_ *Praise* \_\_\_\_\_

## Call to Worship

**Revelation 5:12,13**

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!

*All: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!*

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

**Song of Praise**

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Song of Adoration**

*Be Still My Soul*

**Private Praise and Adoration**

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

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 12:22-26**

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

**Confession of Sin**

*Minister &  
People:*

*Merciful Father, we are guilty before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues: for deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others, for resentment, coldness, impatience and ill-temper. Forgive us for the sins of our eyes: for impurity in our glances and imagination, for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have given us. Forgive us the sins of our hearts: for hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors, for pride, self-absorption, self-pity and above all for rebelling against you and doubting your love. Holy Father, remove our envy and pride and melt our hearts. Transform us, and let us, by your grace, live wholly for your glory. Take away our mourning and give us music; remove our sackcloth and give us your beauty. In Jesus' name we pray.*

## Private Confession and Reflection

### Words of Encouragement

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us – by me and Silas and Timothy – was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” 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. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 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

*My Worth is Not In What I Own*

### 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

Luke 12:13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."  
14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."  
16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.  
17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'  
18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."  
20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'  
21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

## Sermon

Mr. David Wilcher

### BUILDING AND STORING THE STORIES OF JESUS

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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 King of Love My Shepherd Is*

## 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

*All for Jesus!*

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

**Colossians 3:15-17**

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

## Dismissal

Minister: Now, let us go forth to serve this community and the world as those who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

*ALL: Thanks be to God!*

The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Grace Church.

## 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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**Luke 12:13-21**

*BUILDING AND STORING*

**THE STORIES OF JESUS**

**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

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.

**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.

**GraceLife - 5th Sunday Fellowship TODAY!** All are invited to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall after Worship.

### Sunday Morning Classes

• **Good News for Anxious Christians**

**David Fox**

"Do not be anxious about anything," says Scripture (Phil 4:6), but sometimes trying to live the Christian life seems to add one more layer of anxiety. Theological distortions that are prevalent today insist on techniques and practical ideas that promise greater spirituality, but instead deliver greater anxiety. David Fox invites us to consider how such distortions may be impacting our lives, so that we can refocus on the truth of the gospel.

• **Connecting Your Endeavors to the Gospel**

**Rob McIntosh**

Why is work so hard? The easy answer is: work ... is work. We long for success, to make a difference, to be remembered. Yet in a fallen world, our best efforts often result in the same thorns and thistles Adam was cursed to produce. A better question might be, why do we work? Join Rob in this series about our endeavors and motivations, and what God truly desires and accomplishes from our efforts.

**Join us weekly at 9:30 - upstairs in the Education Building**

**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, August 2nd we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.
- **Women's Bible Study** is on summer break and will begin a new study in September.

### Men's Fraternal:

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Tuesday, August 21st. Join us at Wings 'N More (16580 I-45 South) 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.

**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.
- **Splashtown:** All 56ers and Junior High students and their friends are invited to join us for a day at Splashtown on Monday, August 6th. See Kyle or Grayson to sign up today!
- **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. \* August 24th- Jessica Smith'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 after Labor day.
- **Splashtown:** All 56ers and Junior High students and their friends are invited to join us for a day at Splashtown on Monday, August 6th. See Kyle or Grayson to sign up today!

#### **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.

- **July Prayer Partners:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of July.
  - Karen Gould, Pregnancy Assistance North, The Woodlands, TX
  - Rev. Terry & Mary Rose Dykstra, RUF Int'l @ University of Texas
- **Grace ESL:** Our ESL ministry seeks to serve and love our local community by offering free English language classes to adults. English language skills allow international residents of our community to seek and maintain employment, navigate school and other public institutions, and ultimately hear the message of the gospel. ESL is an opportunity to follow Jesus' command to love and serve our neighbors. ESL has short and long term opportunities including teaching, assistant teaching, and general support. No teaching or foreign language experience is required, only a willing heart. Classes are Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm beginning August 28th. A general information meeting will be held August 5th after the worship service. Contact Bailey Patel for more info at [esl@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:esl@gracewoodlands.org).
- **School Supply Drive for Tamina Community Center- July 29th and August 5th:** The Missions Team invites you to participate in a School Supply Drive for the Tamina Community Center. Contact Laurel Stevens for a list of specific supplies needed or sign up on the church website. All supplies should be brought to the church office by noon on Monday, August 6th.
- **Local Mission Partners**
  - Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX
  - Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX
  - Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling | The Woodlands, TX
  - Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX
  - Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX
  - Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX
  - Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
  - Brooks & Meredith Harwood | RUF | University of Houston
  - William & Katherine Bondurant | RUF | Texas A&M University
  - Oaklawn Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX
  - Leo & Ellen Schuster | City Church | Houston, 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 | TX
  - Grace Presbyterian ESL Ministry
  - Grace Presbyterian Diaconate
- **National Mission Partners**
  - Wil & Mary Nettleton | RUF | Trinity University
  - Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University
  - Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University
  - John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas
  - Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio
  - Robbie & Kelly Mills | New City Fellowship | Dallas, TX
  - 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
  - PCA Southwest Church Planting Network | Dallas, TX
- **International Mission Partners**
  - Titus & Crystal Bagby | RUF International | Texas A&M University
  - Terry & Mary Rose Dykstra | RUF International | University of Texas
  - Charles & Bonita Davidson | MTW | Monterrey, Mexico
  - Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Yokkaichi, Japan
  - Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia
  - David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany
  - Kay Burklin | MTW | Refugee Liaison, Europe
  - Arab Baptist Theological Seminary | Beirut, Lebanon

**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.

**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 on our website.

**Stewardship Update:** Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for June 2018.

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget	70,858	425,148	
Actual General Fund	84,830	402,974	
Variance	13,972	(22,174)	*Based on a 2018 budget of \$850.300

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

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<sup>4</sup> Office Hours 8:30 am-3pm M - F      Phone: 281.296.0911  
 Email: admin@gracewoodlands.org      Website: www.gracewoodlands.org

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.*