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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_____

Apart from God's grace, we all resent the Lord's authority and we all rebel. We don't mind if God gives us advice, but we want the last word. We want to control the vineyard for ourselves.

– Daniel M. Doriani Matthew - Volume 2: Chapters 14-28

Open sin and avowed unbelief no doubt slay their thousands. But profession without practice slays in tens of thousands.

– J.C. Ryle *Expository Thoughts upon the Gospels: St. Luke*

Those who believe they have pleased God by the quality of their devotion and moral goodness naturally feel that they and their group deserve deference and power over others. The God of Jesus and the prophets, however, saves completely by grace. He cannot be manipulated by religious and moral performance--he can only be reached through repentance, through the giving up of power. If we are saved by sheer grace we can only become grateful, willing servants of God and of everyone around us.

- Timothy Keller The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

Jesus came to gather, and to call gatherers, disciples who would gather with him, seeking the poor and helpless from city streets and country roads. Jesus said, 'He who is not with is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters' (Mt. 12:30; Lk. 11:23). Mission is not an optional activity for Christ's disciples. If they are not gatherers, they are scatterers. Some suppose that a church may feature worship and nurture, leaving gathering as a minor role. More often, Christians shrink from affirming such a position, but implement it in practice...Mission expresses the purpose for which Christ came into the world, and the purpose for which he sends us into the world. His purpose is the purpose of the Father. We are called to mission, not only as disciples of Christ, but as children of the Father.

– Edmund P. Clowney *The Church*

Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day

September 2, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

_____Praise_____

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1,21-25,28-29

Leader:	Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
People:	I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
Leader:	The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
People:	the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
Leader:	The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice and be glad.
People:	LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!
Leader:	You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
All:	Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

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

Song of Praise

Come People of the Risen King

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

Private Praise and Adoration

_____Renewal_____

Scripture Reading

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

Confession of Sin

Minister

& People:

God of all grace, we are a weak and forgetful people. We forget your kindness, your kingship, and your gospel, and live as though we have no hope. We labor to build our kingdoms, ignoring your reign and rule over all. Forgive us for the unbelief that clings to our sinful flesh and clouds our minds with hostility and fear. We often seek to justify ourselves before you by our obedience. Sometimes we bind ourselves and others to do things in your name that you never commanded us to do. We think that by pursuing empty rituals or by denying ourselves things you have declared good that you will be more pleased with us. At other times, we obey your Word out of a selfcentered desire for our own glory and to declare our independence from you. We avoid small sins and pursue easy acts of righteousness, while blatantly ignoring more important sins that have a strong grasp on our hearts. Forgive us. Give us faith to trust and rest in Christ's finished work on our behalf. Humble us and equip us to serve others out of the same mercy and grace that we have received from you. Help us to be the light to your world that you have called us to be.

James 1:22-24

Almighty God

Words of Encouragement

"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Song of Thanksgiving

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Matthew 20:28

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

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

35 "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. 37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

38 "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' 39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

41 "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. 46 They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Sermon

The Master of the Vineyard **The Stories of Jesus** Mr. Kyle Bobos

COMMUNION_____

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

In Christ Alone

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 nonalcoholic grape juice, please take a cup from the outer circle of the tray. Gluten free wafers are provided in cups in the center of the cup trays. Please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together.

Song of Commitment

Benediction²

Romans 15:5-6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Music³

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

² 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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Matthew 21:33-46 The Master of the Vineyard The Stories of Jesus

____ Grace Presbyterian Bulletin Board _____

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 mothersdayout@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.

Stated Consistory Meeting: The Consistory is the combination of all the elected officers (deacons and elders) of GPC. On October 11th, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will be having a stated meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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 beginning in September. If you are interested in joining a group or need more information, please email the church office at admin@gracewoodlands.org. **Sign up sheets are on the tables in the Narthex. Groups begin meeting the week of September 9th.**

GraceLife Fall Festival: Sunday, October 7th, 4-7 pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for food, fun, laughter, and an all-around good time for all ages. Come ready to climb, jump, eat, and more! Sign up in the church lobby to bring finger desserts (cookies, cupcakes, etc.) or an item for the Cake Walk. We need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, grilling, and popping pop corn. If you would like to help with the Fall Festival, please contact the Church office at 281-296-0911.

Adult Christian Education: Our Fall classes begin next week, featuring two new five-week courses. Join us weekly at 9:30 – upstairs in the Education Building.

Sunny Yung

Dan Brink

• Encounters with Jesus

Come join us as we explore the gospel of Luke. We'll be looking at selected stories in their larger context to get a better understanding of the theological themes Luke is trying to convey, and the Savior he's anxious for us to know.

• Isaiah

We have a lot in common with Isaiah's 8th century B.C. audience for this Old Testament masterpiece. We too want to place our trust anywhere but in the one true God. Though our stumblings can lead to pain and darkness, it is there that God's light shines. If we will look to Him, His grace will amaze us and prove more than sufficient. Come join Dan on an overview of this timeless message.

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 Café (9000 New Trails), Thursday, September 6th we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.
- Women's Bible Study: Join us this fall for our series *Living the Gift of God- Freedom in the Light of the Gospel*. Sign up on Sunday, September 9th.
- Wednesday Evenings group will meet at PACN's Woodlands location on Wednesdays at 7 pm starting 12th, Jan Johnston will be leading.
- **Thursday Mornings group** will meet in room 206 from 9:30-11 am starting Sept. 13th, Linda Martinez will be leading. Childcare will be available.
- Women For Women is a confidential support group that offers space to speak plainly about struggles and joys in our lives. We are offering an orientation for women who are thinking about joining in and would like to learn more. The orientation will be at 7 pm on September 11th in the home of Joy Zeigler. Please RSVP to Joy Zeigler.
- Rain Walks is a grief support group for women who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, 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. Rain Walks meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:30 am at Black Walnut Cafe in The Woodlands. Our next meeting will be at Black Walnut Café on September 19th. Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.

Men's Fraternal: John Weimar is leading our new Men's Ministry Team.

- Men's Discipleship Breakfast Bible Study: Our twice monthly study will resume on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 am at the Egg and I. We will be continuing/finishing our study called, "Who Do You Say That I Am" which is focused upon the Person and Work of Jesus. For more information please contact Steve Wilmoth.
- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Thursday, September 20th. Location to be decided. Join us on our new night for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm.

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. **Classes resume on September 9th.**

- **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. Next Sunday, September 9th is our 4th Annual Fall Kick-Off Color Party! Please have the children dress in a light colored shirt (preferably white) that you do not mind getting color powder on and bring a towel for the kids to sit on for their ride home. Invite your friends and neighbors!
- **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.

Student Ministry is designed for students 7th grade through 12th grade.

- 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. Sr. High meets 3:30-4:30 pm (NEW TIME) and Jr. High meets from 5-7 pm. SNF will resume on September 9th.

GraceCares - Caring for the church and the community: If you are interested in helping with GraceCares and the needs of the church and the community, please contact Joe Tison.

- 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.
- **Giving:** If you would like to know the best way to support those who might have 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.

- September Prayer Partners:
 - Shirley Grimes, Tamina Community Center: Pray for Shirley and Ranson as they transition the center to a 90-day shelter for homeless families who are referred to them, while continuing to serve local children with before-school care. After-school care will now be provided by the YMCA, so the center's afternoon tutoring program is no longer needed.
 - **Rev. Andy & Missy Shadburne, MTW:** Pray for relationship building as Andy develops deepening friendships within the music community in Perth, both in and out of the church.
- English as a Second Language: Our ESL ministry seeks to serve and love our local community by offering free English language classes to adults. The first night of classes was a great success, with nearly 100 students in attendance and several new students added to the waiting list. Pray for students, teachers and volunteers to be encouraged and strengthened through this opportunity to share God's love for all people. Contact Bailey Patel for more info at esl@gracewoodlands.org.

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

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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 July 2018.

	July	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget	70,858	496,006	
Actual General Fund	66,036	469,010	
Variance	(4,822)	(26,996)	*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 office⁴.

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 #:			
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Children & Grade:			
Please let us know if you are:			
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I am interested in learning abou	ıt:		
Community Groups		🗆 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.