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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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Grace Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Reflections___

Not long ago, I was asked by a college student how I could stand to go to church, how I could stand the hypocrisy of Christians. I had one of my rare inspirations, when I know the right thing to say, and I replied, "The only hypocrite I have to worry about on Sunday morning is myself."

- Kathleen Norris The Cloister Walk

Oh no, who is that? Oh no, it's me.

 Terry Scott Taylor singer-songwriter

Over there in the shadows, hangin' out in the corner of my mind Stringing up the gallows, waiting for me to cross that line That man's dangerous as hell, a threat to himself, If he got out there'd be hell to pay. And that's why, my dark side, don't ever see the light of day.

– Eric Church Dark Side

Sometimes the things we want most in life are the things that will kill us.

— Donald Miller Blue Like Jazz

Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day

September 16, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

Praise_____

Call to Worship

- taken from Daniel 2:20-23

Leader:	Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;
	wisdom and power are his.
	He changes times and seasons;
	he deposes kings and raises up others.
	He gives wisdom to the wise
	and knowledge to the discerning.
	He reveals deep and hidden things;
	he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.
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ALL: We will thank and praise you, God of our ancestors!

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

Song of Praise

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

Private Praise and Adoration

_____Renewal_____

Scripture Reading

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

Confession of Sin

Minister & People:

Father in heaven, we celebrate today your power and wonder in creating our world. Your hands formed the oceans, the mountains, the forests and the galaxies.

We now come to you and ask you to perform an even more powerful display of your creative hand. We ask you to re-create us. Re-shape us. Fix our hearts, our minds and our wills. You are the Potter, we are the clay. Astound us with your creative power. Work in our midst. We pray this in Christ's name.

Private Confession and Reflection

Doxology

James 2:10

Words of Encouragement

See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.
I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

Song of Thanksgiving

Arise, My Soul Arise!

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

18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator – who is forever praised. Amen.

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Sermon

Mr. David Wilcher

OUR UNIVERSAL PROBLEM **THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS**

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!

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

Satisfied

Benediction²

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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 _____

Romans 1:18-32 Our Universal Problem The Letter to the Romans

- 1. Do you think that the world is a place of beauty and brokenness? How do we explain the brokenness that we sense?
- 2. In what sense does everyone know God? What are the two qualities that are clearly known?
- 3. What do we do with that knowledge? What are the ways that we suppress that knowledge?
- 4. What happens to us when we reject the worship of the true God? What are some of the people, places, and things that we worship?
- 5. Why does Paul bring up homosexuality? What is challenging about what Paul says in these verses?
- 6. Do we ever encourage our children to make idols of exam results? How do we nod sympathetically at someone's envy?
- 7. What over-desires do we struggle with most? Do any of the lists from 28-32 appear in your mirror?
- 8. In what ways does this passage expose our self-righteousness and satisfaction?
- 9. How does the gospel from 1:16-17 enable us to admit and let go of our smugness?

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.

Officer Nominations: Grace Presbyterian Church is led by Ministers, Elders and Deacons. The lay leadership of the church by Elders and Deacons is as prudent today as it was in the first century. All members are invited during the month of September to prayerfully submit names for nomination. If you did not receive or are in need of a packet explaining this process, please let the office know.

Stated Consistory Meeting: The Consistory is the combination of all the elected officers (deacons and elders) of GPC. On October 11th, at 7pm 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**.

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! We need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, grilling, and popping popcorn. If you would like to help with the Fall Festival, please contact the Church office at 281-296-0911.

- **Sign up** in the church lobby to bring finger desserts (cookies, cupcakes, etc.) to be served at the festival or if you will be making a pot of chili and entering the Chili Cook-Off.
- Fall Festival Annual Cakewalk: "Take the Cake" and show off your culinary skills or patron your favorite local bakery to support the Grace Fall Festival Annual Cake Walk October 7th We need your donations of Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Breads whatever your favorite to keep the music playing, the folks walking and games going! With your donation "Everybody's a Winner" Thank you!

Adult Christian Education: Join us next week as we continue our first Fall series. If you missed last week, there will be a brief review at the beginning of class. Join us weekly at 9:30 – upstairs in the Education Building.

• Lessons in Luke

Come join us as we explore the gospel of Luke. We'll be looking at selected stories in their larger context

Sunny Yung

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

Dan Brink

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, Oct. 4th we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.
- Women's Bible Study: Join us for our series Living the Gift of God- Freedom in the Light of the Gospel.
- Wednesday Evening group will meet at PACN's Woodlands location on Wednesdays at 7 pm, Jan Johnston will be leading.
- **Thursday Morning group** will meet in room 206 from 9:30-11 am, Linda Martinez will be leading. Childcare will be available.
- 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 Sept. 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. Join us at Wings 'N More (16580 I-45 South) 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.

- **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!
- **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.

*Sept 14th: Chick-fil-A at 5905 FM 2920 Rd near Kuykendahl Rd *Sept 28th: Bear Branch park

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 SNF meets today at its new time 3:30-4:30 pm in room 205/206. Jr. High SNF meets today from 5-7 pm in room 205/206.

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. Attendance has been high, and new students continue to apply. We are adding students from the waiting list as space permits. 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 August 2018.

	<u>August</u>	YTD	
Projected Budget	70,858	566,864	
Actual General Fund	60,098	529,107	
Variance	(10,760)	(37,757)	*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 #:				
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:				

 \Box 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.