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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

Philippians's 2 says, "...work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." What that means is don't sit here and say, "I'll do it as soon as I feel the power surge." It says, "Work out, for God is at work." It says, "Go do it. Step out. The power comes in the doing. Don't wait to feel the power. The power comes in the obedience."

- Tim Keller

Since the course of our life is shaped by factors beyond our own plans and ideas, we are to address ourselves to the present hour, to whatever is at hand, to whatever is waiting for me now and belongs to my vocation. What 'your hand finds to do' has not just sprung forth by accident. Since God is at work in the world about us, it is God who gives us the moment together with the relationships with others in our situation which the moment brings; and with these relationships he gives us our definite tasks. To use the moment and the time which God gives is to enter into one's vocation.

- Gustaf Wingren  
*Luther on Vocation*

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day*

November 25, 2018

10:30 a.m.

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

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

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

## Call to Worship

**Psalm 147:1-7a**

Minister: Praise the LORD.  
How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

*People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.  
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Minister: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

*People: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.*

Minister: The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground..

*All: Sing to the Lord with grateful praise!*

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

**Song of Praise**

*Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Song of Adoration**

*My Jesus I Love Thee*

**Private Praise and Adoration**

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*Renewal*

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**Scripture Reading**

**Romans 8:28**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**Confession of Sin**

*Minister &*

*People:*

*Gracious Father, forgive us for our unbelief and pride, which cause us repeatedly to doubt your love, your Word, your grace, and your power to hold onto us and work all things together for our good. We don't trust that you really are good and that you really do love us. Give us growing faith to believe in your relentless love for us and strong minds to discern your truth from the lies we so readily believe. Help us to rest in your proclamation that there is now no condemnation left for us because of the work of your Son, Jesus.*

**Private Confession and Reflection**

**Words of Encouragement**

**Romans 8:31-34**

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

**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**

**Acts 8:26-40**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth.”

34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” [37] 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

**Sermon**

Mr. Terry Dykstra

*GOD IS AT WORK*

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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

*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. 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.



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

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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.

**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

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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**Acts 8:26-40**  
*GOD IS AT WORK*

*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](mailto: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

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 on Sundays and throughout the week. If you are interested in joining a group or need more information, please email the church office at [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org). Community Groups are currently on a Holiday Hiatus, but will resume in early January.

**Advent Choir:** Singers are invited to gather to rehearse special music for the Advent season. Anyone who would like to sing please join us! Music reading helpful but not necessary. We meet in room 108 at 9 am on Sunday mornings. For further information contact Debra Moses.

**Poinsettias for the Holidays:** Advent begins on Sunday, **Dec. 2nd**. As is our tradition, we fill the sanctuary with poinsettias. The poinsettias are \$11.00 each and may be donated in honor or memory of someone. Order forms, are available on tables in the narthex, and may be completed and deposited in the offering plate. Make your checks payable to Grace Presbyterian and note on the memo line "poinsettias".

**GraceLife Decorating Grace:** On the morning of Saturday, **Dec. 1st**, Wendy Fox is hosting a morning of decorating Grace. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. to hang decorations in the Narthex and Sanctuary. All are welcome! For more information, contact Wendy Fox.

**Women's Ministry Events and More!** Please join the Women's Ministry on E-Connect to get involved.

- **Women's Bible Study** is on holiday break and will resume in the New Year.
- **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 **Nov. 28th** Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.
- **Girls' Night Out:** Join us at the Black Walnut Café (9000 New Trails), Thursday, **Dec. 6th** we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.

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

- **Men's Discipleship Breakfast Bible Study:** Our last meeting for the year will be on Tuesday **Nov 27th at the Egg & I**, we will pick back up again on Tuesday **Jan. 8th**. For more information please contact Steve Wilmoth.
- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for **Thursday, Dec. 20th** for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Join us at Wings 'N More (16580 I-45 South) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm.
- **Men's Clay Shooting Event: PUSHED Jan '19** - We are pushing back the clay shooting event to allow for greater participation and scheduling. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact John Weimar.

**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! SNiCK is holiday break and will resume in January.
- **Advent Program:** Please sign up your children (ages 4-6th grade) for our Advent Program. Rehearsals will be on **Dec. 2nd & 9th** at 4:00 pm at Grace. The Advent Program will be on Sunday, **Dec. 16th**. We will need 5th and 6th graders to be readers!
- **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 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.
- **Dec. 9th**, Grace Youth will have a Christmas party at the Whitla's home. See Courtney for more details.

**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. 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.

- **November Prayer Partners:**

- Elizabeth Milligan, Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling, The Woodlands, TX
- Rev. Rev. David & Mrs. Eowyn Stoddard, MTW, Berlin, Germany

- **Coming soon: Annual Tamina Tree!** - Look for the Christmas tree in the narthex decorated with special tags for children from the Tamina Community Center, one of our oldest missions partners. Please take home one or more tags and buy an appropriate gift for each tag (there is more than one tag for each child, so 1 tag = 1 gift). Some tags have specific gifts listed on them. Then, attach the tag to the gift and place the unwrapped gift in the marked bins or in the church office. We will deliver the gifts to TCC and parents will be able to choose items for their children. Your generosity will truly bless these precious children of the Tamina neighborhood. All gifts must be at church no later than **Dec. 16th**. Please contact Laurel Stevens with any questions.

- **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. 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](mailto: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**

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 October 2018.

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget	70,858	708,580	
Actual General Fund	57,258	639,017	
Variance	(13,600)	(69,563)	*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>.

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

Name, Email & Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse, Email & Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Children, Age & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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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         Membership

Prayer Request:

- I would like the prayer team to pray for the following needs or concerns:

I would like to speak with someone about this prayer request or other spiritual concern; please have someone contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_.

*Prayer of Belief...*

*Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more  
sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am  
more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.*

*I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, bearing my  
punishment and offering forgiveness.*

*Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn  
from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*