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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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David J. Wilcher **Elders Deacons** Lead Pastor Dan Brink Matt Bradshaw Jon Green Mike Bellin Mark Moore Jeff Cranford **Kyle Bobos** Mark Hill Andy Yung Children's Ministries Scott Johnston Rob McIntosh Mike Ryan Sunny Yung

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

Being a Christian isn't for sissies. It takes a real man to live for God—a lot more man than to live for the devil.	ve
– Johnny Cas	sh
In the Christ-life nothing, nothing at all, can be purchased at the do-it-yourself shop.	
— Harry Blamire The <i>Tyranny of Tin</i>	
Nothing worth having comes without some kind of fight; you've got to kick at the darkness 'til it bleeds daylight, when you're lovers in a dangerous time. — Bruce Cockbur Lovers in a Dangerous Tin	
When you think about it, virtually every failure in our Christian lives can be traced back to failure: We forget who God is; or we forget who we are.	
— Sinclair Ferguso Discipleship Journ	
If the love of God does not motivate you, then all the law will never be enough. — David C. Jone	es

_Reflections_____

Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day

January 27, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Prelude		
Words of Welcome		
Preparation for Worship ¹		
	Praise	
Call to Worship		1 Chronicles 16:8-10

People:make known among the nations what he has done.Leader:Sing to him, sing praise to him;

People: tell of all his wonderful acts.

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

Leader:

All: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;

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

Song of Praise	King of the Nations
Prayer of Adoration	
Song of Adoration	Be Still My Soul
Private Praise and Adoration	
Renewa	al
Scripture Reading	Matthew 11:28-30
	ened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon mble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
Song of Confession	Be Merciful to Me, O God
Private Confession and Reflection	
Words of Encouragement	Acts 13:38,39

Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

Song of Thanksgiving

And Can It Be

The Peace of God and Announcements

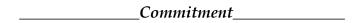
Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!

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!



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 Romans 8:1-13

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

- 5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.
- 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the

dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Sermon Mr. David Wilcher

Learning to Fight 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!

Song of Communion

Jesus, I Come

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.

Benediction²

1 Thessalonians 5:23,24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

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 Debra Moses, flute
David Fox, keyboard Rae Moses, piano
Damon Henrichs, guitar Jennifer Reddick, flute

Sermon Notes

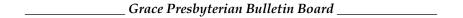
Romans 8:1-13
Learning to Fight
THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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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1. Is change necessary in the Christian life? Why or why not? How does change occur? If we are in a relationship with God by grace through faith, how do we grow in that relationship?
2. Why does Paul begin this section with "therefore"? How would this section follow from Paul talking about our struggle?
3. Why does Paul begin with the assertion that there is no condemnation? What does that mean? Does it refer to the past, the present or the future? Is that easy for us to grasp?
4. What are some of the ways that we forget that there is no condemnation for us? Do we ever feel condemned? What are the causes or circumstances? How can we remember that we are free?
5. What are the things that occupy our thoughts? How can we fix our thoughts on the gospel?
6. How do we forget the things of the Spirit?
7. How do we struggle with sin in our lives? Is it enough to simply tell someone to stop or to give them a list of other things they should do? How is that another gospel?
8. Is there sin that we are playing games with? What are our inadequate strategies to address our sin?
9. What are some of the ways we can preach the mini-sermons to ourselves? How can we encourage each other with the gospel?

_____ Community Group Questions _____



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.

Join us for a Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service TODAY. The congregational meeting will be held to present and discuss the 2019 budget. Please remain for this important meeting. There will be a nursery available to those who wish to use it.

Adult Christian Education: Join us in a Sunday Morning class next week as we seek to better know, love and serve Jesus Christ. Join us weekly at 9:30 – rooms 201 & 209.

• Foundational Christian Doctrines

Anthony Bocciardi

We live what we believe, but how well do our most cherished convictions compare with the foundational tenets of Christianity that form our compass, our rudder? Anthony invites us to better live as the fragrant aroma of Christ, and to present a kingdom that is very different from the culture of our times, even as we struggle to live out our faith.

• Finding Hope Joy Zeigler

Have you ever lost hope? In times of loss, crisis, failure or fear, we forget to hope, or worse, we trust in things God never promised, leading to disappointment and despair. What is Biblical hope, and how can something described thousands of years ago apply to us now? This discussion class looks at the realities of true hope through Biblical stories of God's people in their struggles.

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

- Women's Bible Study:
- Thursdays morning group meets at 9:30 am in room 207, Linda Martinez is leading.
- Thursdays evening group meets at 7 pm in room 207, Jan Johnston is leading.
- 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. Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.
- Girls' Night Out: Join us at the Black Walnut Café (9000 New Trails), Thursday, February 7th we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.

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 through out the week. If you are interested in joining a group or need more information, please email the church office at admin@gracewoodlands.org.

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

- Brew Night: Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Thursday, February 21st 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 Discipleship Breakfast Bible Study will pick back up on Tuesday, January 29th at 6:30 am at the Egg and I. For more information please contact Steve Wilmoth.

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! Next week there is NO SNiCK/56ers due to the Super Bowl! Enjoy your time with you family and friends!
- **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.

- **SNF (Sunday Night Fellowship):** On Sundays 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 and Jr. High meets from 5-7 pm.
- Next Sunday we will not be meeting at our regular time, but will head to lunch at Fuddruckers immediately following the service. Both Jr. High and Sr. High are welcome. Questions, contact Courtney Lott.

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. We welcome anyone and everyone!
- 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.

• January Prayer Partners:

- Missy Herndon, Interfaith Family Services, The Woodlands, TX
- Kay Burklin, European Refugee Liaison, MTW, Europe
- ESL Ministry Spring Classes: Our ESL ministry continues to offer free English language classes to adults in our community. We have a need for both short term hospitality and registration volunteers as well as long term teachers' assistants and instructors. We invite you to sign up for a a few nights or a semester. No teaching or foreign language experience is required, only a willing heart. Classes are Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm. Short term helpers can sign up to volunteer for registration and hospitality positions on our volunteer calendar in the foyer. ESL is an opportunity to follow Jesus' command to love and serve our neighbors. Please contact esl@gracewoodlands.org or speak with Bailey Patel for questions or information.

• 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: In Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost, as well as symbolizing the hope of new life in the resurrection. This color indicates ordinary time, which is the time between the major Christian Seasons.

The Banner on right symbolizes the Trinity, the belief that God is three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and yet, one God. No part of the Trinity is ever out of alignment (moving independently) from the other parts of the Trinity. The circle represents eternity. The circle is frequently seen with the Trinitarian symbol, representing the eternal qualities of each part of the Godhead.

On the left, the circle of the Celtic Cross is a symbol of eternity as well but emphasizing the endlessness of God's love as shown through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The IHS in the center is the abbreviated name of Jesus in the greek and is a very old symbol, dating back to the first century. Each panels focuses on a central aspect of His work. The cross is framed with grapes, a symbol of our Lord's blood shed on the cross for us.

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 2018.

	<u>2018</u>
2018 General Fund Budget	850,300
Actual General Fund Receipts	935,648
Variance	85,348

Also, due to your extreme generosity and faithfulness, the flooring loan was also paid off.

Steps to access your complete Giving statement. Step 1- Log on to our church website at http://www.gracewoodlands.org/. **Step 2-** On the home page click on the connect tab/member login. A new window will open. **Step 3-** Click on login **Step 4-** Fill in your username **Step 5-** If you don't know your password click on forgot the password and the computer will send you a temporary password. Once you are on your page, you can reset the password to one that you will remember. Please email Dianna if you have any problems or questions at 281-296-0911/admin@gracewoodlands.org.

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.

4 Office Hours 8:30 am-3 pm 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.

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have s	omeone contact me at:		
	□ I would like the pray	ver team to pray for the f	ollowing needs or concerns:

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.