



P R E S B Y T E R I A N  
G R A C E

*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

Charlie Brown to Snoopy, sitting at his typewriter on top of his doghouse: "I hear you're writing a book on theology. I hope you have a good title."

Snoopy's response (thought balloons): "I have the perfect title... 'Has It Ever Occurred to You That You Might Be Wrong?'"

– "Charlie Brown"  
in *Peanuts*, by Charles Schulz

You see, because there is a sovereign God, we have only three choices: We can ignore God, we can fight God, or we can submit to God. To ignore Him is foolish, to fight Him is silly, and to submit to Him is exciting....[Choosing submission] is the wise course, because it is the only game in town.

– Steve Brown  
*If God Is In Charge...*

10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

–Step 10,11 & 12  
Alanon

When our relationship with God is so compelling to us that we invite others to experience the same kind of life-giving relationship, we are in mission. The starting and ending point of mission is relationship, not only at the individual level but also at the level of communities... We serve a generous, lavish God who delights in beauty and diversity, color and aromas.

– Christopher L. Heuertz & Christine D. Pohl  
*Friendship at the Margins*

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day*

September 1, 2019

10:30 a.m.

## **Prelude**

## **Words of Welcome**

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

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*Praise*

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## **Call to Worship**

**Isaiah 44:23**

Sing for joy, you heavens, for the Lord has done this;  
shout aloud, you earth beneath.  
Burst into song, you mountains,  
you forests and all your trees,  
for the Lord has redeemed Jacob,  
he displays his glory in Israel.

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

**Song of Praise**

*Come and Welcome*

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Song of Adoration**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

**Private Praise and Adoration**

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

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 19:12**

But who can discern their own errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.

**Confession of Sin**

*Minister &  
People:*

*Heavenly Father, we confess we dishonor you by our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness we sin; glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch. We turn from you, and desire lasting satisfaction from the things of this world. We pray now, forgive us, cleanse the darkness from our lives, turn our faces toward you. In the name of your most precious Son, Jesus Christ, we pray.*

**Private Confession and Reflection**

## Words of Encouragement

**Colossians 1:13,14**

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## Song of Thanksgiving

*Arise, My Soul Arise*

## 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

John 4:5-30

5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

17 "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

21 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

26 Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

STEPS 10, 11, & 12: COME & SEE  
THE TWELVE STEPS - A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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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**

*Thou Lovely Source of True Delight*

**Prayer of Consecration and the Words of Institution**

*Minister &  
People:*

*Father in heaven, as we come to your table, we come to be filled with the glory of your Son. We come to be filled with the beauty of His sacrificial death on our behalf. We come because we lack glory. We come because we lack beauty.*

*As we come, we forsake all of the other ways we go to achieve glory. We forsake the approval of others. We forsake being successful. We forsake relationships. We forsake financial security. We have corrupted all of these good things by making them the source of our glory. We now come to you and ask that you fill us with true glory—your crucified and resurrected Son.*

*Fill us, O Lord! Fill us we cry! Amen.*



## **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.

## **Song of Commitment**

*Christ for the World We Sing*

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

## Colossians 1:9-12

May God fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

## 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* \_\_\_\_\_

**John 4:5-30**

*STEPS 10, 11, & 12: COME & SEE*

**THE TWELVE STEPS - A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

**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	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.

#### **Adult Christian Education:**

- **Sunday Morning Adult Classes:** Join us next week as Andy Yung and Damon Webster begin new Adult Christian Ed series on the themes of mercy and sanctification. Or learn more about Grace Presbyterian in David Wilcher's intro class. Join us weekly at 9:30 - upstairs in the Education Building.
- **Stories of Mercy, Old and New:** Damon Webster  
Throughout the Bible, many called God merciful. We hear beautiful language such as His mercies are new every morning, and that He is slow to anger. We see clear pictures of Jesus's mercy throughout the gospel. Come explore biblical stories of mercy and modern examples inspired from that mercy. Take these stories that made Jesus more believable and beautiful to the people that experienced them and, hopefully, He will become more believable and beautiful to you as well.
- **The Whole of Our Holiness: A Study in Sanctification** Andy Yung  
Be good. Be like Jesus. Be disciplined. Perhaps you have heard statements like these as a way of encouraging a life of holiness. However, when we try to put these statements into practice, we waver between pride in the things we accomplished for God yesterday, and despair that we didn't measure up to God's standard today. What is the role of grace in our daily lives, and do we truly believe that Jesus is the author and finisher of our salvation? Join us as we explore this topic together.
- **Intro to Grace Presbyterian** David Wilcher  
Whether you are on the fast track toward membership or the walking path toward learning more about us, this introductory class about Grace Presbyterian Church is for you! This is a great chance to better understand the mission and ministry of this church, as well as to interrogate the pastor with any questions you might have.

**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. 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). Sign up sheets are on the tables in the Narthex. Groups begin meeting the week of Sept 8th.

**Women's Ministry Events and More!** If you have any questions about Women's Ministry at nataliekate.webster@gmail.com or join the Women's Ministry on E-Connect to get involved.

- **Girls' Night Out:** NO GNO in Sept, please join us for the Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff at Grace.
- **Sept 5th: Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff** at Grace, 6:30 pm. Join us in the Fellowship Hall, light refreshments will be served.
- **Sept 11th: Women For Women** is a confidential support group that encourages participants to explore the story God is writing with their lives. We meet weekly, review a book chapter and then share our burdens and joys. We practice active listening skills to help each other see Christ in our struggles and to make choices that serve ourselves, our families and our God. This Fall we will be reading the book to be told by Dan Allender. If this resonates with you, please join us for an orientation at 7 pm on Wednesday, Sept 11th, in the home of Joy Zeigler. The orientation is to help you decide if this group is for you. You may RSVP for the orientation. The group includes up to eight women.
- **Sept 12th-Nov 21st: Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study** at 9:30 am. Childcare will be available. If you have not yet registered, please contact Natalie Webster today so she can order your book.
- **Sept 18th: 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.
- **Oct 3rd-Nov. 7th: Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study** at 7 pm. Childcare made available upon request.
- **Oct 25th: Women's Hymn Sing and Dessert at GPC-** more details to come.

**Men's Fraternal:** We are looking for men who would like to support the men's events and planning. Please contact John, with interest and to learn more on the specific needs.

- **Men's Discipleship Bible Study** will begin again on Tuesday, Sept 10th, at the normal time of 6:30 am. Breakfast and coffee will be available for purchase and we will finish by 7:30 am. We have a new location, the IHOP on the I-45 feeder, just north of Sawdust Road on the west side of I-45. We will begin our 2019-20 study series on Paul's letter to the Colossians.
- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Thursday, Sept 19th 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.

#### **Children's Ministries:**

- **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. **Sept 8th is our 5th 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!

**Student Ministries** is designed for students 7th grade through 12th grade. If you would like more information about upcoming youth events or have any questions, contact Caleb McDuffee at caleb@gracewoodlands.org. Connect with us on facebook (our group is called Grace Woodlands Student Ministries) and Instagram (called GPCyouth) to hear about upcoming youth group events!

- **Christian Education:** On Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 am, 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. We are currently working through the book of Daniel!

- **Youth Group** will start up on **Sept 11th (That's a Wednesday!)** and go from **7-8:30 pm**. Youth group will be on Wednesday nights during the school year, and will be a weekly time of youth fellowship, fun and games, and a Gospel focused message. Invite friends from outside the church to join us!
- **Small groups:** If your student is interested in being part of a small group this fall, contact Caleb. Small groups are designed for a few students to get together at a convenient time of the week for them to study God's Word, and to challenge and support one another.
- **Youth Group Kickoff Night** is just one week from this Wednesday! Start clearing your schedules for our GPC Youth program every **Wednesday night from 7-8:30 pm**, starting **Sept 11th!** Have your students bring friends and be prepared to enjoy fellowship and fun with one another, eat a meal, and hear a Biblical message specifically designed for the life of a student in today's world!

**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.

- **September Prayer Partners**
  - Bailey Patel, Grace Presbyterian ESL Ministry
  - Titus Bagby, RUF Int'l @ Texas A&M
- **Volunteer Opportunities with ESL Ministry.** Registration night for free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at Grace was tremendous, with 115 students enrolling, and we expect even more will come for the first night of instruction on Tuesday. Our ESL classes extend the love of God in a meaningful way to neighbors who are often unseen in our communities, encourage non-native English speakers to better engage with their communities and workplaces, and foster better understanding of American culture and customs. There are a variety of short term and long term opportunities for service throughout the semester. No foreign language skills required. If you are interested in helping, please email [esl@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:esl@gracewoodlands.org) or talk to Bailey Patel.
- **Local Missions Partners**
  - Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling | The Woodlands, TX
  - Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX
  - Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX
  - Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX
  - Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX
  - Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX
  - Oaklawn Presbyterian Church | Houston, TX
  - Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University

- Brooks & Meredith Harwood | RUF | University of Houston
- Grace Presbyterian ESL Ministry
- Grace Presbyterian Diaconate
- **National Missions Partners**
  - Robbie & Kelly Mills | New City Fellowship Dallas | Dallas, TX
  - David & Kelly Richter | Somerville Project | Boston, MA
  - Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University
  - William & Katherine Bondurant | RUF | Texas A & M University
  - Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University
  - Wil & Mary Nettleton | RUF | Trinity University
  - John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas
  - Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio
  - Francis A. Schaeffer Institute, Covenant Theological Seminary | St. Louis, MO
  - Southwest Church Planting Network | Dallas, TX
- **International Missions Partners**
  - Arab Baptist Theological Seminary / Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development | Beirut, Lebanon
  - 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
  - Mission to The World | Atlanta, GA

**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 the right 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.

The banner on the left 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.

**Stewardship Update:** Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for July 2019.

	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Projected Budget	62,666	438,662
Actual General Fund	63,220	452,852
Variance	554	14,190

**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.

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 & Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Children, Age & 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         Membership

Prayer Request:

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

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

*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.*