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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

Deserves it! I daresay he does. Many that live deserve death. And some that die deserve life. Can you give it to them? Then do not be too eager to deal out death in judgement. For even the very wise cannot see all ends.

— J.R.R. Tolkien  
*The Fellowship of the Ring*

The gift of righteousness demands the obligation of righteousness. Justification as a work of God alone requires justice and mercy for the naked and hungry.

— Harvie M. Conn  
*Bible Studies on World Evangelization & the Simple Lifestyle*

A sensitive social conscience and a life poured out in deeds of mercy to the needy is the inevitable outcome and sign of true faith. By such deeds God can judge true love from lip service.

— Timothy J. Keller  
*Ministries of Mercy*

It's said that people who live together for a long time begin to look like each other. I don't know how true this is of others, but it is true of you and Jesus. When you live with him long enough, you begin to look like him. Because you have been freely given mercy, you share mercy with others. Because you have been pardoned, you know how to pardon others.

— C. John (Jack) Miller  
*Saving Grace*

# Grace Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day*

October 8, 2017

10:30 a.m.

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

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

*Praise*

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**Call to Worship**

**1 Peter 1:3**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

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<sup>1</sup> 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**

*Doxology*

**Private Praise and Adoration**

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

**Scripture Reading**

**Proverbs 28:13**

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

**Confession of Sin**

*Leader &*

*People:*

*Father in heaven, wholeness, healing and flourishing come from what you have done. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, you have reconciled us with you. We come to you this morning forsaking our own efforts to earn your acceptance. We now turn away from them and rest in what you have done instead of trying to build a foundation on what we have done.*

*Father in heaven, wholeness, healing and flourishing come from what you are doing. Through your Spirit, you are spreading the healing reign of Jesus. We come to you this morning owning the fact that we have not believed this. We have lived in despair, thinking that change is not possible. Or, we have lived in a desperate frenzy, trying to bring about healing and wholeness with our own strength. We now turn away and trust in what you have promised to do instead of focusing on what we are capable of doing. We pray in Christ's name!*

## Private Confession and Reflection

### Words of Encouragement

**1 Peter 2:9,10**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Charlie Stone Webster

### Song of Blessing

*The Blessing*

### Song of Thanksgiving

*Tender Mercy*

### 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!*

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*Commitment*

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## **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**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

He said:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **Sermon**

Mr. David Wilcher

*A LIFE OF MERCY*  
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: GOSPEL EXPECTATIONS

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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**

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

### **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. Please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together.

## Song of Commitment

*All to Jesus I Surrender*

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

**Galatians 6:16**

Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule – to the Israel of God.

## 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.

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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.

## Worship Music<sup>3</sup>

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Grace Presbyterian Church.

Brent Allmon, saxophone  
Will Bittick, cello  
T.J. Darst, bass  
David Fox, keyboard  
Damon Henrichs, guitar

David Kang, violin  
Debra Moses, flute  
Rae Moses, piano  
Jennifer Reddick, flute

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### *Sermon Notes*

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#### **Matthew 5:1-12**

*A LIFE OF MERCY*

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: GOSPEL EXPECTATIONS

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*Community Group Questions*

1. What are some of the expectations that people have about Christianity? How are these expectations perpetuated or encouraged?
  
2. Is mercy something that is valued by our culture? How is mercy normally seen or experienced?
  
3. What are some of the counterfeits to mercy that we commonly experience? What are some of the ways in which we think we are being merciful but in reality, are not?
  
4. How is mercy different than grace? Define mercy.
  
5. Is mercy limited? How do we attempt to put boundaries or limits on mercy?
  
6. How often do we look around and think that someone is getting what they deserve? Why is that so problematic and the opposite of the gospel?
  
7. Why are we not merciful people? Who are the people to whom you struggle to show mercy?
  
8. Do you see yourself as someone desperately needing mercy? Why or why not? How does that change you?

**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, Natalie Webster, at [nursery@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:nursery@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.

#### **Find & Interact with Members and Online Giving:**

- **Grace Online Directory:** The link for member login can be found on the church website under the Connect tab. In addition to accessing the church directory, you can join groups and review your giving history. If you did not receive login instructions or would like to be added to the church directory, contact Dianna in the office at [admin@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:admin@gracewoodlands.org) or 281-296-0911.
- **Grace Church Mobile App (Elexio Community by Elexio)** is available for iPhone and Android and can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. In addition to giving users access to the church directory and events, the mobile app also offers a mobile check-in option for the Nursery. To log on, replace "Domain" with [gracewoodlands](http://gracewoodlands.org) and use your directory username and password for the app.
- **Grace Online Giving Portal.** If you would like to give online, you will need to setup an account. The link can be found on our website under the Care/Give tab.

**GraceLife Fall Festival: TODAY, 4:30-7:30 pm.** Join us tonight for food, fellowship, and outreach to our neighbors. It's not too late to sign up in the church lobby to bring finger desserts (cookies, cupcakes, etc.) or an item for the Cake Walk. *At this year's festival, we will also be accepting donations to Grace's Harvey Relief Fund.* Invite your friends and neighbors to participate in this family friendly event. If you have questions about the Fall Festival, please contact Todd Crusey at [todd@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:todd@gracewoodlands.org).

#### **Community Service Opportunities:**

- **Serving Our Seniors: October 21st** from 7:30 am to early afternoon. Serving Our Seniors is a day of service to assist seniors through a variety of projects in Interfaith's service area. Projects include yard work, painting, cleaning, gardening, crafts and light home repair. To sign up, contact Laurel Stevens or visit [woodlandsinterfaith.org](http://woodlandsinterfaith.org) All volunteers must fill out a registration form, available in the narthex. Forms should be turned in to Laurel by today. This is a wonderful family service event. All ages are welcome—children 13 and under must serve with a parent. Contact Laurel Stevens with any questions, or if you are interested but don't have the form ready.

- **CASA** is seeing an increase in the number of children who need CPS intervention. CPS and the Child Protection Courts are overwhelmed yet these are children who need someone who is not overwhelmed. Someone who will be on their side, listen to them, and see all aspects of their situation until they again have a permanent parent who will love and protect them. The website for CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County describes the work we do on the first page: <https://casaspeaks4kids.com/>. Contact Dave Moncla for more information at dbmon5152@att.net.
- **Tamina Community Center:** Contact Laurel Stevens if you are interested in joining our tutoring team. We tutor on Tuesdays from 4-5 pm. A background check is required. Contact Laurel Stevens.

**New Adult Christian Education Classes** being next week. In celebration of the 500th anniversary of an act that ignited the Protestant Reformation, join us in exploring how its key ideas continue to apply to us today. Join us weekly at 9:30 – upstairs in the Education Building

• **Five Solas: A Class 500 Years in the Making**

**The Session**

On October 31st, 1517, an obscure Augustinian monk nailed a piece of paper to the doors of the Wittenberg Castle Church in Germany. The piece of paper contained 95 propositions for debate about church practices. This simple act was a spark that would ignite a movement to reform the Church and regain the heart of Gospel. Five hundred years have passed since that moment and here we stand. What was the Protestant Reformation? And, why is it important for us today? Was it only an intellectual debate, or was it something else? What were the key ideas? And, how do they apply to us? Please join the elders of Grace over a six-week period beginning October 15th, as we explore these questions together.

**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 consist of 8-15 people meeting regularly in homes, restaurants, coffee shops, etc. Most groups meet on Sunday nights, but other times are also available. Many groups share a meal, but the desire of all our groups is to share our lives with one another. Descriptions and sign up sheets are available in the narthex. All groups are open and eager for new members. If you'd like to know more, contact Todd Crusey at [todd@gracewoodlands.org](mailto:todd@gracewoodlands.org).

**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. **No SNiCK and 56ers tonight please join us at the Fall Festival,** invite your friends and neighbors!
- **PlayGroup** is an active gathering of moms and dads making space for fun, friendship, and adventure for our young children. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. To get involved, contact Deborah Kovach or Natalie Webster. Since locations and times can change, please join the PlayGroup in E-Connect for updates.

**Student Ministry:**

- **Christian Education:** On Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15, we gather to know more deeply about our Lord and Savior and who are in Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings in Room 206.
- **SNF (Sunday Night Fellowship):** On Sunday evenings we gather to eat together, laugh together, and to see the person and work of Jesus more clearly in our lives together. Jr. High meets from 5-7 pm and Sr. High meets 7-8:30 pm. Friends are always welcome. **No SNF tonight,** join us at the Fall Festival.

- **Junior High Weekend Retreat:** Add Nov. 3rd-5th to your calendars! Local PCA Junior High Youth Groups will be gathering for a weekend retreat at Stoney Creek Camp. It's a great opportunity for a break from our hectic schedules so we can fellowship with God and one another. Cost is \$150 for the retreat. For more information, talk to Grayson. the final day to register is **October 15th**.

**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 Cafe (9000 New Trails), **Thursday, November 2nd** we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Kristen Power.
- **Women's Bible Studies:** Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm we'll meet at PACN to study "The Prodigal God" by Tim Keller. Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 am we'll study Matthew using DA Carson's book "God With Us." Childcare is provided on Thursdays. If you have questions, contact Kristen Chandler or Jan Johnston.

#### **Men's Fraternal:**

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for **Tuesday, October 17th**. Join us at Wings N More (near I-45 South & 242) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like.
- **Men's Discipleship Breakfast:** Our next twice monthly men's breakfast will be at **6:30 am on Tuesday, October 10th** at the Egg & I on Research Forest. A breakfast buffet will be available at \$10 per person. Steve Wilmoth is teaching a study on the book of James.

#### **GraceCares:**

- **Meals Ministry:** There are many seasons and 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 and other means of support. If you are in need of meals, or would like to help provide meals for others, please contact our Meals Coordinator, Rhonnie Bellin.
- **Serve and Care for Grace Church members and congregation.** If you would like to know the best way to support and help those who might have financial or physical 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.

- **October Partner Prayer:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of October.
  - Rev. David & Mrs. Eowyn Stoddard, MTW Church Planting Team, Berlin, Germany
  - Elie Haddad, Nabil Costa & Wissam al-Saliby, Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon
- **The Unspoken Epidemic: Teen and Young Adult Self Destruction:** Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling will present this panel discussion and Q&A opportunity at Grace Presbyterian Church on November 4th from 5 to 7 pm. Parents and concerned adults (18 and up) are invited to a timely discussion geared toward providing not only awareness of drug and alcohol abuse and other forms of self-harm, but also hope in the journey towards recovery. Please invite friends and neighbors and RSVP to Todd Crusey at todd@gracewoodlands.org.
- **Local Mission Partners**
  - Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX
  - Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX

Cornerstone Recovery | The Woodlands, TX  
 Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX  
 Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX  
 Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX  
 Three Local Refugee Pastors: Pastor Thong Lun & Pastor Mang Tiak -Greater Houston Burmese Christian Fellowship, Pastor Bhadra Rai & wife, Ruth -Canaan Bhutanese Church of Houston, Pastor "Andre" Onokoko Shang -International Ministries for the Propagation of the Gospel | Houston, TX  
 Blake & Ryan Arnoult | RUF | University of Houston  
 Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University  
 Open position | RUF | Texas A&M University  
 Dennis & Jane Hermerding | King's Cross Church | Cypress, TX  
 Leo & Ellen Schuster | City Church | Houston, TX  
 Bill Thomas | PCA Southwest Church Planting Network | Dallas, TX  
 Oaklawn Presbyterian Church | Houston, TX  
 Grace Presbyterian Diaconate

• **National Mission Partners**

Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University  
 John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas  
 Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University  
 Wil & Mary Nettleton | RUF | Trinity University  
 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  
 Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) | Atlanta, GA  
 Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio

• **International Mission Partners**

Jason & Sarah Pickard | RUF International | Texas A&M University  
 Open position | RUF International | University of Texas  
 Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Toyosu, Tokyo, Japan  
 Charlie & Bonita Davidson | MTW | Monterrey, Mexico  
 Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia  
 David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany  
 Arab Baptist Theological Seminary | Beirut, Lebanon  
 Kay Burklin | MTW | Refugee Liaison, Europe  
 Mission to The World (MTW) | Atlanta, GA

**Stewardship Update:** Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for September 2017.

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget*	68,150	613,350	
Actual General Fund	70,032	554,814	
Variance	1,882	(58,536)	*Based on a 2017 budget of \$817,800

**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.

**Missed a Recent Sunday Worship?** MP3s of Sunday morning messages are available on the website at [www.gracewoodlands.org](http://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 @ 281-296-0911.

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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:

- 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.*