



**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

## Reflections

It's the hardest thing in the world to do nothing. To truly rest. Because the minute you stop, all the things you've been running away from catch up with you.  
— Thom Yorke (Radiohead)

This spiritual Sabbath is not tied to any certain time or place, but is common to all the faithful at all times and in all places.  
— Heinrich Bullinger

+ ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + EASTER + **PENTECOST** +

### **Pentecost**

Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after his resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem (Lev. 23:15-21; Deut. 16:16). Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling his promise to send “another counselor” (John 14:16); celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission; and grows in awareness of the immensity of its calling to reach the world with the gospel. The traditional color for Pentecost is red, after the flames described in Acts 2:3.

# Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, May 24, 2026

*Pentecost Sunday*

10:30 am

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

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

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*Praise*

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## Call to Worship

**Psalm 105:1-2, Romans 5:5, Revelation 4:8**

Minister: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

*People: We dwell in him and he in us.*

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his name.

*People: Make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.*

Minister: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was and is and is to come!

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<sup>1</sup> as a courtesy please make sure to silence all communication.

## Song of Praise

*O Worship The King*  
Johann Michael Haydn and Robert Grant

O worship the King all glorious above  
And gratefully sing His power and His love  
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite  
It breathes in the air it shines in the light  
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail  
In you do we trust nor find you to fail  
Your mercies how tender how firm to the end  
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

## Prayer of Adoration

## Confession of Faith

## *Apostles Creed*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.*

*From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## **Song of Adoration**

*King of Saints*  
Joseph Hart and Clint Wells

Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb,  
We will laud thy lovely name;  
We were saved by God's decree,  
And all our debt was paid by thee.

Thou has washed us in thy blood,  
Made us kings and priests to God;  
Take this tribute of the poor;  
Less we can't, we can't give more.

Chorus:  
Souls redeemed, your voices raise,  
Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;  
Worthy thou of love and laud,  
King of saints, incarnate God.

Righteous are thy ways and true;  
Endless honors are thy due;  
Grace and glory in thee shine;  
Matchless mercy, love divine.

We for whom thou once was slain,  
We thy ransomed sinner train,  
In this one request agree,  
"Spirit make us more like thee." (chorus x 2)

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<sup>2</sup> that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

## Renewal

### Call to Renewal

based on **John 3:6-8; 16:8**

Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, "You must be born again." What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit, who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness.

### Confession of Sin

*Minister  
& People;*

*Almighty God,  
who sent the promised Holy Spirit to bring life and hope,  
we confess that we do not always trust this promise.*

*Rather than rest in the assurance of our salvation,  
we live in fear,  
striving to uphold a law that is powerless to save.*

*Our striving causes us to boast  
in our own power and righteousness,  
and to live in vain comparison with others.  
We forget that our salvation and our sanctification  
are gifts from you.*

*Forgive us for our pride and lack of trust.  
Help us live in gratitude and peace.*

*We pray this through Christ our Lord,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

### Private Confession and Reflection

## Assurance of Pardon

John 20:19

Minister: "Jesus came and stood among [the disciples] and said, 'Peace be with you.'" Know that you are forgiven by faith in Christ and have his peace.

*People: Alleluia. Amen*

## Song of Thanksgiving

*O Church Arise*

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

O church arise and put your armour on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valour  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle



That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

## **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 forever. Amen!*

## **Passing of the Peace**

Minister:       The peace of Christ 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.*

## **Doxology**

Thomas Ken & Bob Kauflin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
In heaven above and earth below  
Praise God the Father and the Son  
Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one. Amen.

## **Graduation Sunday**

## **Announcements**

## 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**

**Luke 14:1-14**

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. 2 There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. 3 Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" 4 But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. 5 Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" 6 And they had nothing to say.

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. 11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Minister:        This is the Word of the LORD.

*People:        Thanks be to God!*

*An Uncomfortable Dinner Guest*  
**ENGAGING IN A BROKEN WORLD**

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*Communion*

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*Guidelines for Reception of Communion*

*Communion is the 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!*

Minister:       Together we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*All:             Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!*

## Song of Communion

## *The Wonderful Cross*

*Chris Tomlin, J. D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, Lowell Mason, and Isaac Watts*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all

## 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**

Once the stations are ready, please come forward, row by row, to receive the elements. Once everyone has returned to their seat, we will stand together and sing the final verse from our Song of Commitment.

## **Song of Commitment**

### *The Wonderful Cross*

*Chris Tomlin, J. D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, Lowell Mason, and Isaac Watts*

O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name

## Benediction<sup>3</sup>

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## 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

Joe Beam, drums  
Daniel Campbell, piano  
David Connor, bass

Jennifer Reddick, flute  
Stephanie Taylor, vocalist  
Timothy Taylor, vocalist, guitar

\_\_\_\_\_ **Welcome, Guests!** \_\_\_\_\_



**Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!** If you would like us to keep you in the loop with what's going on at GPC, *please take a moment to fill out the visitor information form by using the QR code.* We would be happy to meet you!

**Ways to Connect at Grace** where you can explore, engage, and get involved throughout the week.

- **Church Center App** (GPC Woodlands), use this QR code for a quick link to the app.
- **Our church website**, <https://www.gracewoodlands.org/>



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<sup>3</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.

## Announcements

**Our Grace Guest** wifi password is *GraceGuest*.

**Stewardship Update:** Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for 2026.

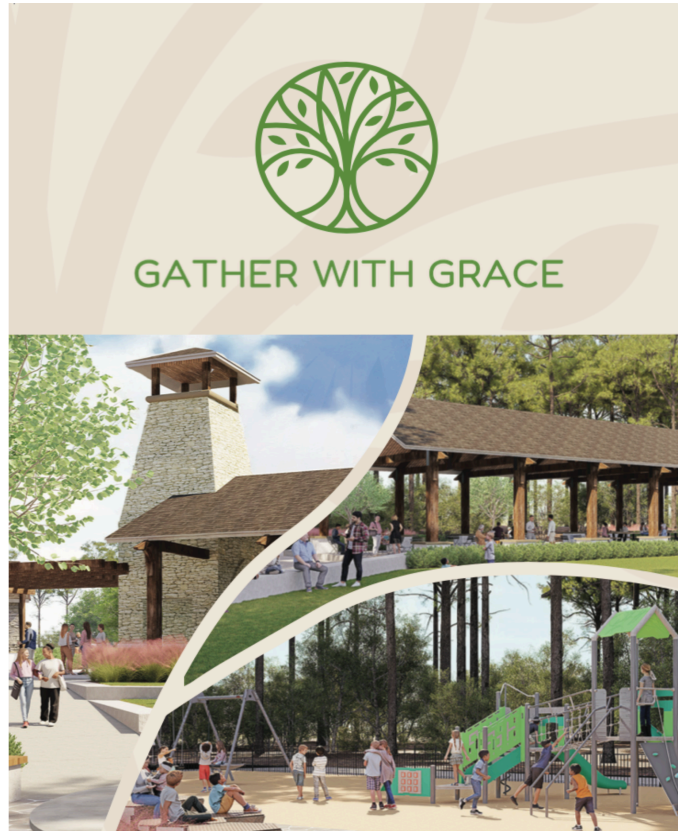
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| April 2026 GF Budget          | \$108,333  |                             |
| Actual April 2026 GF Receipts | \$67,717   |                             |
| Variance                      | (\$40,616) | *2026 GF Budget \$1,300,000 |

### Children's Ministries:

- **Parents of Infants-Three-Yr-Olds:** Our nursery classes (ages 8 weeks thru 3 years) provide a warm, nurturing, and well-supervised environment. Our Staff welcomes 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. Contact our Families Pastor, Kyle Bobos, at [kyle@gpcwoodlands.org](mailto:kyle@gpcwoodlands.org) with any questions about the nursery.
- **Children's Church is for children ages 4 through 2nd grade.** During the passing of the peace, the children line up with their leader at 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 will gather in room 108 in the Education Building to sing songs, pray, and hear a children's sermon.

**Banners Explained:** One of the three great festivals of the Christian year (along with Easter Day & Christmas Day), the Day of Pentecost, symbolized by the color red, celebrates the event of the Risen and Ascended Christ's pouring out his Holy Spirit upon his gathered followers, empowering them for the mission of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus to all the nations. The banner on the right is the traditional representation of the Holy Spirit as a dove.

The banner on the left represents the recreation of our fragmented world through the power of the cross. Pentecost is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world.



**Gather with Grace Campaign**  
**An outdoor space to enhance and multiply ministry.**

We have launched Gather with Grace! Our outdoor campus project aims to allow us to extend our worship, community, and mission to experience and express the grace of Christ. We hope to receive all pledges by Commitment Sunday (Apr. 26), followed by initial donations on First Fruits Sunday (May 17). Pray the Lord opens a door for us to enhance our outdoor space and transform it into a means of ministry to one another and our community.

Scan for more information.



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