



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

Peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of Christ in the midst of it.

— John Owen

When you have no peace, it is because you have forgotten who you are and whose you are.

— Martyn Lloyd-Jones

+ 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, August 9, 2026

10:30 am

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

_____ *Praise* _____

Call to Worship

Psalm 95

Minister: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Through him we have obtained access by faith into the grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Minister: Let us worship our God together!

¹ 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

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

Song of Adoration

King of Saints
Joseph Hart & 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)

Renewal

Call to Renewal

Matthew 6:33-34

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Confession of Sin

*Minister
& People;*

Merciful and gracious God, We come before you as people who need to see you with clear eyes. We need to behold your glory in order to feel our smallness; we need to gaze upon your holiness to feel our sinfulness; we need to see your humble self-sacrifice at the cross in order to know how truly loved we are. We love and cling to our brokenness and idols instead of your righteousness and grace. Instead of believing in and resting in you and your gospel, we trust in ourselves and our own efforts. Instead of loving you and one another, we ignore you and we mock, despise, and reject those around us for their weaknesses. Instead of forgiving because we have been forgiven by you, we hold grudges and cling to bitterness and self-preservation. Lord Jesus, thank you for taking our place under the curse that our sin merits. Help us to live lives that abide in Christ and are truly a blessing to those around us.

Private Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Acts 10:43

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. In Christ, you are forgiven!

Song of Thanksgiving

Hail To The Lord's Anointed

Sandra McCracken and James Montgomery

Chorus:

Hail to the Lord's anointed
Great David's greater Son
Hail in the time appointed
His reign on earth begun

He comes to break oppression
To set the captive free
To take away transgression
And rule in equity (chorus)

He comes with comfort speedy
To those who suffer wrong
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong

To give them songs for sighing
Their darkness turn to light
Whose souls condemned and dying
Are precious in His sight (chorus)

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth
Love joy and hope like flowers
Spring in His path to birth

The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove
His Name shall stand forever
That Name to us is Love (chorus)

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.

Announcements

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

Psalm 103

- 1 Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits —
- 3 who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
- 5 who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
- 8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
- 9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
14 for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
15 The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
16 the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
17 But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children —
18 with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.

19 The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Praise the Lord, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.
21 Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.
22 Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the Lord, my soul.

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Brooks Harwood
University of Houston RUF Campus Minister

Praise the Lord
SUMMER PSALMS 2026

Communion

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 Power Of The Cross

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus:

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow (chorus)

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry (chorus)

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

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

Hail To The Lord's Anointed

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Chorus:

Hail to the Lord's anointed
Great David's greater Son
Hail in the time appointed
His reign on earth begun

Benediction²

Ephesians 3:20-21

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

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.

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

Daniel Campbell, piano
Jon Mokarzel, drums
Stephanie Taylor, vocalist
Tim Taylor, guitar & vocalist

_____ **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/>
- **Listening Devices** are available for the hearing impaired in the Narthex. Please feel free to use one of our listening devices and return it to the basket after worship. You may also use your own earphones by connecting through the Listen Everywhere app on your mobile device.



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.

June 2026 GF Budget	\$108,333	
Actual June 2026 GF Receipts	\$59,485	
Variance	(\$48,848)	*2026 GF Budget \$1,300,000

Children's Ministries:

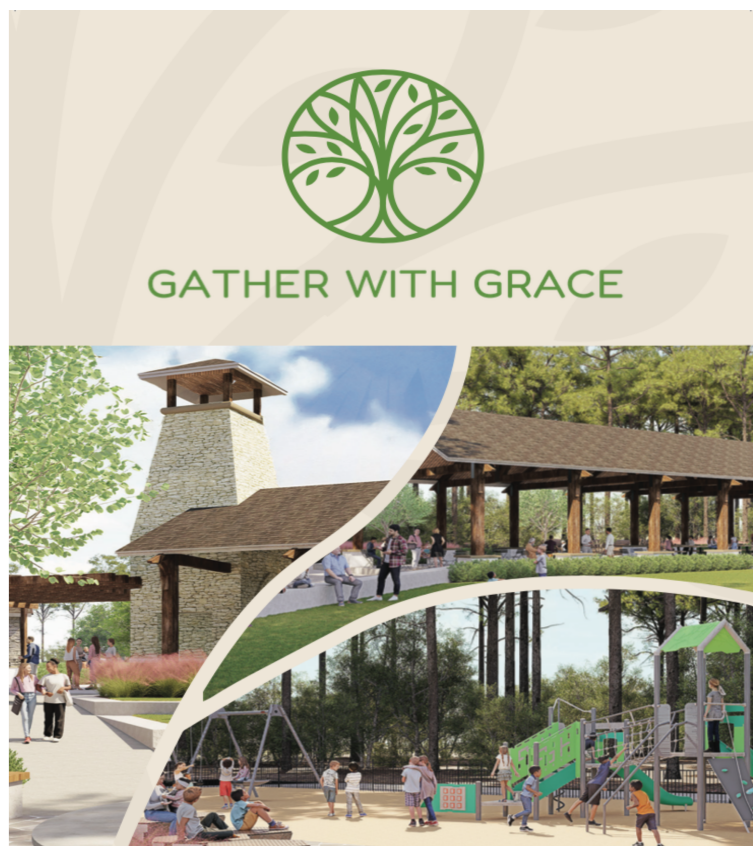
- **Parents of Infants-Three-Yr-Olds:** Our nursery classes (ages 8 weeks thru 3 years) provide a warm, nurturing, and well-supervised environment. Our Staff welcomes the opportunity to love your child! When using the nursery, please check in and label all items (bags, cups, etc.) with your child's name. Contact our Families Pastor, Kyle Bobos, at kyle@gpcwoodlands.org 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.

