



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

God is not anxious. God isn't depressed. But God's fatherhood is pictured for us as a tumultuous, fighting kind of fatherhood - the kind that rips open the seas and drowns armies.

— Russell Moore, *Adoption*

We're often led to believe that embracing Jesus changes everything, makes you forget your past, and leads you into the "peace that passes all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). We're not often told that once we've been delivered into freedom, the hardest times may still be ahead...freedom is truly difficult to embrace. Living into God's liberating story for our life comes at a price. A wilderness awaits. But the wilderness is also where our lives begin to be redefined.

— Chuck DeGroat, *Leaving Egypt: Finding God in the Wilderness*

What defines us as Christians is not most profoundly that we have come to know Him, but that He took note of us and made us His own.

— John Piper, *Think: The Life of the Mind and the Love of God*

The Bible takes us beyond secondary causes to the great first cause, the Creator God, who rules all things in heaven and earth. Our fundamental position as the Lord's people is not to know how to work the system, the secondary causes, but how to walk with God, how to mobilize his power on our side, how to enjoy his unbroken favour and how to face life in faith.

— J.A. Motyer, *The Message of Exodus*

+ 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, October 4, 2026

8:30 am & 10:45 am

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

Praise

Call to Worship

I Timothy 1:17

Minister: Let us praise our God and King!

People: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¹ as a courtesy please make sure to silence all communication.

Song of Praise

Here In This Place

Chris Davis

Lay your burden down, every care you carry;
And come to the table of grace, for there is mercy.
We come just as we are, though we're all unworthy
To enter your presence, O Lord, for You are holy.

Chorus:

We lift our hearts, we lift our hands,
We fall on our knees and pray to the King of kings,
For the love You bring is here in this place.
We raise our voices, Raise our song, we offer You our praise.
You're the King of kings and the joy You bring is here
You are here in this place.

Fill our lives with grace, show us Your forgiveness;
And give us the faith to believe that You've redeemed us.
You are Lord of all, and we give You glory,
All honor and power and praise, for You are worthy. (chorus)

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 catholic² church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Song of Adoration

Across The Lands
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

Chorus:

You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of the cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You calmed the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free (chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your way

² that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home (chorus 2x)

Renewal

Call to Renewal

Matthew 16:13-16

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

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

from **Hebrews 8:10-13**

Minister: Hear these words from the Letter to the Hebrews: This is the covenant I will establish... declares the LORD. I will put my laws in

their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. Brothers and sisters, receive and trust this good news – In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song of Thanksgiving

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Christopher Miner

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess:
The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss;
My sinful self my only shame my glory all the cross.

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 (10:30 service only).*

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

_____ *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

Exodus 4:18-31

Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me return to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well."

19 Now the LORD had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you are dead." 20 So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand. 21 The LORD said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. 22 Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, 23 and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.'"

24 At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met Moses and was about to kill him. 25

But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. 26 So the LORD let him alone. (At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to circumcision.)

27 The LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he met Moses at the mountain of God and kissed him. 28 Then Moses told Aaron everything the LORD had sent him to say, and also about all the signs he had commanded him to perform.

29 Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, 30 and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, 31 and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Kyle Bobos

God's Relentless Pursuit
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES

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

Behold The Lamb

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

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

Behold The Lamb

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Benediction³

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you.

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!

Following the service, our pastoral staff and church leaders are available to pray with you, answer questions about the Christian faith, or help you learn more about Grace Church. If you would like to speak with someone, please meet us at the right side of the stage near the door.

Worship Music

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

Fang Daniels, cello
Jennifer Reddick, flute
Stephanie Taylor, vocalist

³ 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.

_____ 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*.

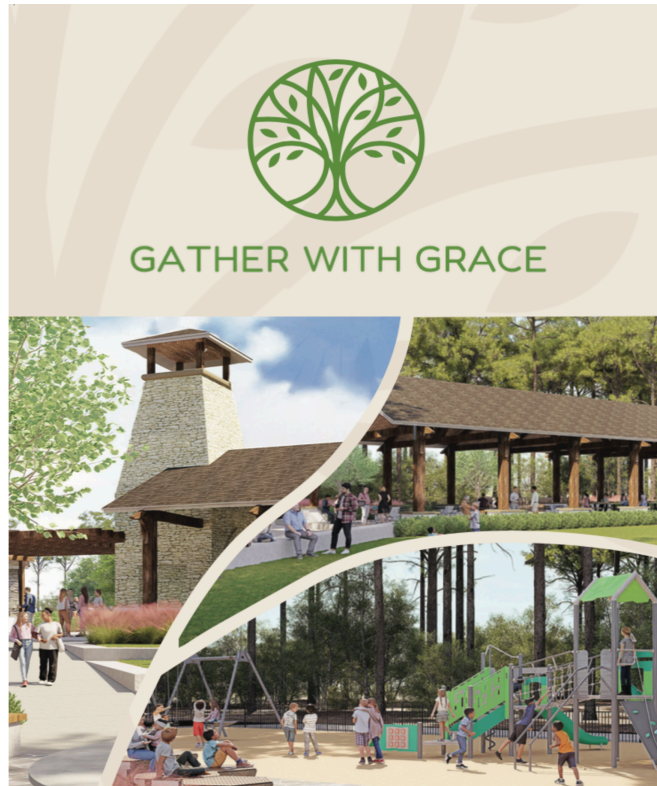
Stewardship Update: Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for 2026.

Aug. 2026 GF Budget	\$108,333	
Actual Aug. 2026 GF Receipts	\$107,745	
Variance	(\$588)	*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: The banners hanging today are textile renderings of watercolor originals by Kirsten Malcolm Berry. The banner on the right is her interpretation of Hebrews 6:18,19 "...seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul". The one on the left depicts 1 Timothy 2:5 "Jesus Our Bridge: There is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human". The Greek text links viewers to the original form of the text and its unfamiliar script hints at God's global grace to "every tribe and language." The designs were reproduced with the artist's permission. You can view more of Ms. Berry's work at www.kirstenmalcolmberry.com.



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

We have launched [Gather with Grace!](#) Our outdoor campus project seeks to allow us to extend our mission to experience and express the grace of Christ. We continue to accept pledges and gifts toward the campaign. Pray that the Lord provides and opens a door for us to enhance our campus and use it to serve one another and our community.

- Goal: \$2,200,000
- Pledged Amount: \$920,734
- Received Amount: \$389,722 as of 08.31.26

Scan for more information.

