

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

False hope is the anesthesia of the soul; it numbs the pain of reality today only to multiply the heartbreak tomorrow.

- Brené Brown

The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.

- Tim Keller

The grace of the gospel is not a patch sewn onto old garments... It is a total recreation.

- Herman Bavinck

+ 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 11, 2026

8:30 am & 10:45 am

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship[1]

_____*Praise*_____

Call to Worship — Psalm 96:1-4

Minister: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

People: ***Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.***

Minister: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

All: ***For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.***

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

Song of Praise

Come Thou Almighty King
Felice de Giardini, Nathan Mickle, Sarah Gehri, Tom Yarbrough

Come Thou Almighty King
Help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious
O'er all victorious
Come and reign over us
Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word
Gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and Thy people bless
And give Thy Word success
Spirit of holiness
On us descend

Chorus:
All glory be to the Father
All glory be to the Son
All glory be to the Spirit
The blessed Three in One

To Thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore (chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 61

Minister: Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

People: ***Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than through faith.***

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 2x)

Renewal

Call to Renewal — Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Confession of Sin

Minister
& People;

Holy Father, forgive us.
Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves.
Though you should rule us, we control ourselves.
Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.
For we think your truth too high, your will too hard,
Your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not!

Heal our confused minds with your word, our divided wills with your law, our troubled consciouses with your love and our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loves us and gave himself for us. Amen.

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.

Minister: In Christ, you are forgiven!

People: ***Thanks be to God!***

Song of Thanksgiving

Your Love Defends Me
Hannah Kerr and Matt Maher

You are my joy You are my song
You are the well the One I'm drawing from
You are my refuge my whole life long
Where else would I go

Chorus:
Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me
Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me
Your love defends me

Day after day night after night
I will remember You're with me in this fight
Although the battle it rages on
The war's already won
I know the war is already won (chorus 2x)

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, children4 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 5:1-23**

Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.'" 2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go."

3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword." 4 But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!" 5 Then Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working."

6 That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and overseers in charge of the people: 7 "You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. 8 But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don't reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.' 9 Make the work

harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies."

10 Then the slave drivers and the overseers went out and said to the people, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not give you any more straw. 11 Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.'" 12 So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw. 13 The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, "Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw." 14 And Pharaoh's slave drivers beat the Israelite overseers they had appointed, demanding, "Why haven't you met your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?"

15 Then the Israelite overseers went and appealed to Pharaoh: "Why have you treated your servants this way? 16 Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, 'Make bricks!' Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people." 17 Pharaoh said, "Lazy, that's what you are—lazy! That is why you keep saying, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD' 18 Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks."

19 The Israelite overseers realized they were in trouble when they were told, "You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day." 20 When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, 21 and they said, "May the LORD look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us."

22 Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? 23 Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all."

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: ***Thanks be to God!***

Sermon **Pastor Brad Wright**

The Failure Paradox
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

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken
Henry Lyte & Bill Moore

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Go then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In thy service pain is pleasure

With thy favor loss is gain
I have called thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within me
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
Child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

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

King of Saints
Joseph Hart & Clint Wells

Chorus:
Souls redeemed, your voices raise,
Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;
Worthy thou of love and laud,
King of saints, incarnate God. (2x)

Benediction[2] Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

[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!***

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

Fang Daniels, cello
Jennifer Reddick, flute
Jose Sandoval, drums
Stephanie Taylor, vocalist
Timothy Taylor, guitar and vocals
Kristin Wychopen, piano

_____ 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.*

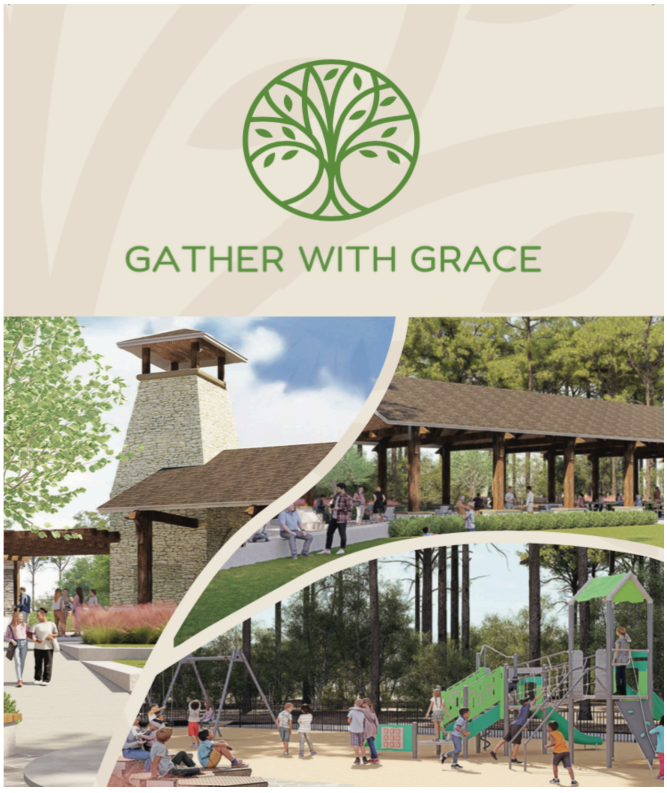
Stewardship Update: Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for 2026.

Sept. 2026 GF Budget	$108,333	
Actual Sept. 2026 GF Receipts	$93,488	
Variance	($14,845)	*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.