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Grace Presbyterian Church

Midland, Texas

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PRELUDE

Praise the Holy Name - Johnston

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing, dance, and rejoice in the Lord,
for the word of God is among us.

Give thanks to the Holy One, our God,
for in Christ our salvation has come.

*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us take this moment to account for the ways in which we have not embodied what it means to be created in the image of God. Let us pray.

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings.

a time for silent confession

According to the riches of grace, which God has lavished upon us hear this good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia and Amen!.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:14-29

2 Samuel 6:1-5; 12b-19

SERMON

"The Hidden Language"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(written by two fourteen year old boys in a worship workshop in Iona, Scotland)

We believe in God who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky,
who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children,
who made friends with sinner.

He burned brightly and offended many.

His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.

His light continues to shine in the darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures, and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another,
offering a welcome to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice,
brothers and sisters, a light for our world. Amen.

*HYMN "I Danced in the Morning"

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OFFERING OUR GIFTS

God's abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous
by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers.

In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

(please leave your gifts in one of the offering plates by the sanctuary doors)

SPECIAL MUSIC I'll Fly Away – Ralph Truszkowski

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

*HYMN "Seek Ye First"

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "You Shall Go Out with Joy" #80

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

*POSTLUDE Praise Medley - Anson

**please rise in body or spirit*

The flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the members of the Sanctuary Choir and the Celebration!! Handbells.

Artwork: Dance of Grace by Mark Keathley

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Grace Presbyterian Church gather to seek and to worship God, and disperse, sharing and celebrating through love and service, the grace of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to you as you worship with us today! You honor us by your presence and we give thanks for you. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to make your church home with us. For more information about uniting with this church, please contact Pastor Cheryl Homsher through the church office (684-6542) or Assisting Elder, Violet Singh.

ST. ANDREWS MISSION FUNDS

Don't forget to sign up to be part of a research / information-gathering team for the 3 areas of ministry we are considering for use of the St. Andrews Funds: 1) affordable child care, etc; 2) community garden on our grounds; 3) other ways to address food insecurity. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. We hope to have groups start meeting in August.

BURGERS & BLESSINGS

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6PM – JULY 7–AUGUST 11

You are invited to share your favorite side dish or dessert, not required to attend. Grace will provide Burgers & Dogs with the fixings along with tea, lemonade, and water. Volunteers to work in the Kitchen or be a grill master please contact Ralph Truskowski to schedule a Wed. or more that you would be willing to help. Entertainment or Program: Please contact Ralph Truskowski (retski@suddenlink.net or 432-260-1647) if would like to provide short entertainment or a program.

SUMMER KIDS CLUB

Daily Bread Café

All Kids Kinder–6th grade, are invited to join us from 5:00–6:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights, for “Daily Bread Café.” For an hour we will look at Bible stories about food, play some games, and make cool stuff. Afterwards all kids (and their families) are welcome to join the whole church for supper at “Burgers & Blessings” in the Fellowship Hall. (This is our alternative to VBS this summer – if any adults want to help, let Jalyn Fiske or Judy Serpas know.)

UPDATED PROTOCOLS / NEW NORMAL

Those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing.

CALENDAR

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>Adult Sunday School</u>	<u>7/11 9:30 am</u>	<u>Adult Sunday School Room/ZOOM</u>
<u>Children's Sunday School</u>	<u>7/11 10:15 am</u>	<u>Kid's Sunday School Room</u>
<u>Worship</u>	<u>7/11 11:00 am</u>	<u>Sanctuary/ZOOM/Facebook Live</u>
<u>Zoomers</u>	<u>7/12 3:00 pm</u>	<u>ZOOM</u>
<u>Celebration! Handbell Choir Rehearsal</u>	<u>7/13 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Bell Choir Room</u>
<u>Soul Sisters</u>	<u>7/14 2:00 pm</u>	<u>Koinonia Room</u>
<u>Kids Club</u>	<u>7/14 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Kids Club Room</u>
<u>Burgers and Blessings</u>	<u>7/14 6:00 pm</u>	<u>Fellowship Hall</u>
<u>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</u>	<u>7/14 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Choir Room</u>
<u>Bulletin Information Due</u>	<u>7/14</u>	
<u>SYNOD YOUTH WORKSHOP</u>	<u>7/14–7/17</u>	
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