

**Prayer of Confession:**

**O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more, than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*The Gloria Patri No. 70  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Prayers of the People Pastor  
Leader: We pray to the Lord.  
**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response "Threefold Amen" Chancel Choir

Offertory  
*Please tear out the pew registration pad page and give it to the usher.*

Doxology No. 95  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Consecration Pastor

\*Hymn of Preparation "How Firm a Foundation" No. 130

New Testament Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 Mr. Philip English  
\*Gospel Reading Matthew 21: 33-46 Mr. Philip English

Anthem "Amazing Grace" Chancel Choir

\*Scripture Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9,12-20 Pastor

Sermon "Keeping the Commandments" Pastor

\*Hymn of Invitation "My Hope is Built" No. 368

\*Benediction Pastor

\*Choral Response "The Lord Bless and Keep You" Chancel Choir  
Going Forth in the Light Acolyte

\*Postlude Accompanist

*Please leave any bulletins and inserts that you do not wish to keep in your pew,  
so that we can reuse or recycle them.*  
*\*Stand physically and/or in spirit.*

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Acolyte Mrs. Marty Tuccio  
Usher Mr. Buddy Wade

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If you are visiting with us here at Grace UMC, we hope you will feel welcome, and will encounter God's grace in this service. We ask all guests and church members to sign the registration pad on the end of each pew. Please tear out the page and give it to the usher during the offering.

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

*We at Grace United Methodist Church,  
affirming ourselves to be a part of Christ's Holy Church  
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
do seek to honor and glorify God through sharing our gifts, talents, and service,  
thereby responding to God's command to take His love to all people.*

**ACTIVITIES AT GRACE**  
**October 8 – October 14, 2017**

**Sunday, October 8**

Sunday School Gathering	9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.

**Monday, October 9**

Board of Trustees	5:00 p.m.
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**Tuesday,**

Men's Club	6:00 p.m.
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**Wednesday, October 11**

Birthday Party	3:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Fitzpatrick Circle	6:45 p.m.

**Thursday, October 12**

Ladies Bible Study	2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Prayer Group	3:30 p.m.
Suicide Survivors Support Group	6:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 13**

No Scheduled Activities

**Saturday, October 14**

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You can also give one-time or recurring gifts to the church *electronically!* Scan the QR Code to the left to give via your mobile device, or you can give online at [www.natchezgrace.com](http://www.natchezgrace.com)



James E. Swanson Sr. – Bishop  
 Lindsey Robinson – District Superintendent  
 Linda Fox – Pastor  
 Dale Young – Music Director  
 Darlene Gilbert – Accompanist

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October 8, 2017	18th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 a.m.
A Service of Word		
Prelude		Accompanist
Entering in the Light		Acolyte
*Call to Worship		
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.		
<b>People: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.</b>		
Leader: The hour is coming, and now is, when all the true worshipers will worship him.		
<b>People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!</b>		
*Invocation		Pastor Fox
*Opening Hymn	“The Church’s One Foundation”	No. 546
The Life of the Congregation		Pastor
Stewardship Moment		
*Passing the Peace		

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