

GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

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Welcome to the Lord's day
worship service at Grace Church.

We are truly blessed to be here
this morning as we open God's
Word together, sing His praises,
and enjoy a time of fellowship
in His presence.

Be sure to take advantage of
the many fellowship and ministry
opportunities available to
our church family today and
throughout the week.



8:30 & 10:30* am

Two Antiphons • Dupré • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee • Congregation

Hymn 2 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

We Are God's People • Brahms/Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

I Sing the Mighty Power of God • Trad./Kirkland • Worship Choir

Hymn 58 This Is My Father's World • Congregation

Be Thou My Vision • Trad./Erb-Rice • Men's Quartet

MESSAGE: **FACING THE CROSS**

John MacArthur • John 12:27–34

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Truro • Bingham • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Fairest Lord Jesus • Trad./Gill • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

My Jesus, I Love Thee • Gordon/Erb • Clayton Erb

MESSAGE: **JOHN MACARTHUR Q&A**

with Austin Duncan

O Jesus, I Have Promised • Mann/Sturz • Organ Postlude

* Interpreting for the deaf is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Arabic translation for the 10:30 a.m. service is available at gracechurch.org/live.

Anthem

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed wherever I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne,
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God art present there.
Thou, God, art present there.
I sing the mighty power of God!

Words by Isaac Watts; music from Gesangbuch der Herzogl (1784)

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 175 • Hallelujah, What a Savior!

"Man of Sorrows!" What a name For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday-morning service. Enjoy refreshments and find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also receive one of Pastor MacArthur's books as a thank you for being with us today.

THE MEMBER CENTER has information about membership and baptism. It is located on the north side of the Heritage Building, across from the Welcome Center.

Next Membership Class • January 4
101 • 10:30 a.m. • T66 (basement)

THE PRAYER ROOM is staffed with counselors, ready to offer pastoral care. It is open after every service, and is adjacent to the Worship Center.

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School

The following lesson was taught **today** in Sunday School (Preschool through Juniors)



- MESSAGE **God Promises to Send the Messiah, Part 2**
PASSAGE **Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18–25, 2:1–12; Micah 5:2**
PRINCIPLE **Jesus is the Messiah.**

HYMN OF THE MONTH **"My Hope Is in the Lord"**

ASK YOUR CHILD **Where was the Messiah born?**

APPLY **By trusting that God keeps all His promises.**

THIS WEEK **As a family, read Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18–25, 2:1–12; Micah 5:2**

NEXT WEEK **Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38**

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Grace Books Express**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Christmas Concert Tickets**
- **Spanish Ministries**
(by the Chapel)

Bookstore

The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

HIGHLIGHT

MACARTHUR STUDY BIBLE SALE

ESV, NASB, NKJV, NIV
Calfskin, Genuine Leather,
Tru-Tone, Hardcover

Now available for 40–50% off
retail price

Limited selection available for
express check-out at GraceWalk



Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

Back to Basics

- KKL 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES M–F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
- KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA M–F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am
- SiriusXM CHANNEL 131 M–F 2:00 am & 8:00 pm

TELEVISION gty.org/television

"The Word Became Flesh"

- NRB Network CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gty.org

- Sunday sermons
- Audio archive: John MacArthur's pulpit ministry
- Resource library: books, study guides, videos, Q&As

All audio is available for free listening or downloading.

THE BLESSING OF BELONGING

Justin Harris • Pastor, Membership Ministry

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving has already come and gone and Christmas is less than a month away. But despite the busyness of the season, the holidays present a wonderful opportunity to remember God's blessings poured out on us through Christ (Ephesians 1:3). One of those blessings of our salvation is adoption into God's family (Ephesians 1:5). Because we have been made one with Christ, God is our Father and all those who are also joined to Christ are our brothers and sisters (Mark 10:28–30).

Even though we are made part of the family of God at salvation, we most tangibly benefit and show that we belong through identification with the local church. This is why Paul often refers to the local church as a "household" (Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 3:15) and uses familial terminology—"brother(s)/sister(s),"

"F/father" "inherit"/"inheritance"/"heir," "sons," and "child"—more than 250 times throughout his letters (most of which are written to local churches).

Together, as members of this local church family, we are an organic unity—Christ's supreme representation of himself in this world (Romans 12:4–5). Currently, there are approximately 4,700 members of the Grace Church family; yet there are so many more who regularly attend. We are thrilled to receive the 69 new members listed at right into our church family, and pray that those of you have yet to partner with us in this way will begin the process even today. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member, register for a membership class today at the member center.

NEW MEMBERS

Grace Church welcomed another group of new members with the **Right Hand of Fellowship**. Each of these individuals completed the membership class in fulfillment of Grace Church's membership requirements.

The following new members received the Right Hand of Fellowship in **NOVEMBER**.

Alonzo Aguayo
Matthew Bane
Melanie Chan
Millie Chang
Psalm Chang
Davina Chatkeon
Lydia Chin
Emily Chois
Erica Clark
Angie Covarrubias
David & Kim Cummings
Pat Cummings
Karin Dahmen
Terrence & Carson Daugherty
Andy & Brittany de Ganahl
Jennifer Diwakar
Heidi Engler
Nicolas Espinoza
Abbey Floyd
David Tomas & Gloria Fuentes

Marco Tulio Fuentes
John & Angela Gittisarn
Bryce Go Thong
Maria Guerrero
Todd Hawkins
Kirk & Dazy Johnson
Jenny Keith
Abigail Kirkland
Deborah Kirkland
Taylor Lang
Channing Lou
Christine Martin
Alyson McGrew
Kelsey McVicker
Griselda Merino
Vladimir & Nataly Mitsuk
James & Nancy Mook
Kerry Murphy
John Park
Winston Provost

Fred & Judy Rose
Jessica Rosenbaum
Rachel Rush
Juan Carlos Sanchez
Megan Schuk
Belinda Silva
Buzz & Kathy Smith
Stephen Smith
Naela Soto
Amanda Stout
Jerry Taylor
Jay Vincent
Ryan Voong
Matthew Wai
Albert Weng
Rebecca Yang
Jeremy Yoder
Annie Zeng



Christmas Concert

December 18–21

Thursday & Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

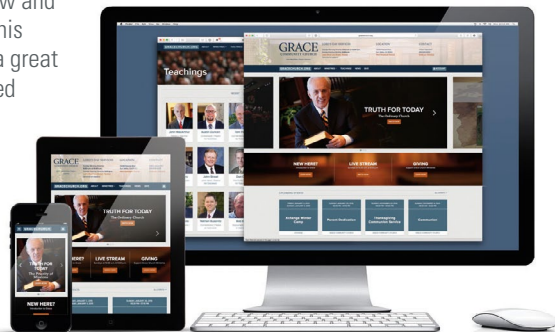
Worship Choir • Symphonic Orchestra
Vocal Solos & Ensembles • Handbell Choir
Children's Choir

Call 818-909-5670 or go to gracechurch.org/concert for more information. Tickets are available at the patio table on Sunday mornings and from the church receptionist during the week.

Child care is available for children five years old and younger.

GRACECHURCH.ORG

Come explore our new and improved website. This exciting resource is a great way to stay connected to life at Grace.



Faith Promise Fruit

Our church is committed to training pastors and church leaders both at home and abroad in expository preaching and biblical theology. For example, Grace Church missionary Bruce Alvord trains pastors in Ukraine at Irpin Biblical Seminary, which is supported in part by your Faith Promise giving. Bruce recently reported that “about sixty students from the war-torn east are no longer able to contribute financially to their studies.” Yet he gives the Lord credit and gratitude for all of the new pastors-in-training that He has brought to Irpin Seminary despite the turmoil this year. Bruce continues, “We now have 380 students—the most the Lord has ever blessed us with—and 1,447 graduates. That’s a lot of ‘Special Operations’ workers for the harvest who are spreading the true, life-saving gospel! How He continues to accomplish this despite what seems like perpetual financial crises is amazing to witness.”

To learn more about Faith Promise or our ministry efforts in Ukraine, call 818-909-5728.

Grace Around the World

The Pidal Family

Gus & Melissa, Cael, Coen

Serving in **Spain** Since 2011

Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for the discipling opportunities at our church in León. There seems to be a great interest in the Word of God!
- Pray for the Berea Seminary classes that recently started. There are more than 30 students from many different churches from across Spain enrolled.



Faith Promise

Remember, your Faith Promise giving is a great way to support our mission-aries throughout the year.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Children's Hunger Fund

CHF is an excellent local church-based relief organization that provides food and school and hygiene supplies to impoverished children, both here in our own city and around the world. They aim to equip local churches to meet the physical needs of their communities as a platform for meeting spiritual needs through the gospel. CHF can always use motivated volunteers! For more information call 818-909-5721.

Logos Institute

Discipleship Counseling: Level 2

January 14–April 8 • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • T370s

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders • Cost: \$75

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/logos.

Primary Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6 • 9:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. • CC130

All first–third-grade children (and friends of the same age) are invited to celebrate the Savior's birth. Bring a small sack lunch (drinks and dessert will be provided) and canned goods for needy families. Game-appropriate attire, please (no dresses). Call 818-909-5631 for more information.

One with Christ

Monday, December 1 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

Bible study primarily for women who have lost their husbands through death or divorce.

Sunday School Volunteers

Children's Ministry has an immediate need for two couples/four adults to serve in Sunday School (8:30 and 10:30 a.m.). For more information, call 818-909-5631.

"Come ChristmasSing" Concert Series

December 4–6 • The Master's College

For tickets, visit masters.edu/music or call 661-362-2262.

High School Winter Retreat

January 2–4 • Forest Home

For details, visit gracechurch.org/oneighty.

Junior High Winter Retreat

January 2–4 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp

For details, visit gracechurch.org/xchange.

Ethnic Outreach

Here in Los Angeles, the nations truly have come to us. In addition to our thriving Spanish Ministry, Grace Church also has Bible studies that reach out to the Arabic, Filipino, Italian, Korean, Russian, and Thai communities that offer teaching and fellowship in those languages.

For information about the times and locations of our ethnic ministries, please contact the leaders at the email addresses below. If you are interested in an ethnic outreach group that is not listed here, contact the local outreach office at 818-909-5721.

Arabic Outreach • arabicfellowship@gracechurch.org

Filipino Outreach • filipinofellowship@gracechurch.org

Italian Outreach • italianfellowship@gracechurch.org

Korean Outreach • koreanfellowship@gracechurch.org

Russian Outreach • russianfellowship@gracechurch.org

Thai Outreach • thaifellowship@gracechurch.org

8:30 a.m.**Children's Sunday School**

Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Matt White

Cornerstone

(All ages) T371
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Justin Harris, Tom Patton,
Mark Tatlock

Doulos (20s & 30s) T361

Pastor: Carl Hargrove

FaithBuilders (All ages) T261

Pastor: Bill Shannon

GraceLife (All ages)

Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

Junior High (Grades 7–8)

T73 (Basement)
Pastor: Andrew Curry

Mentally Disabled

CC130 (east)
Pastor: Rick McLean

Spanish Adult Sunday School H221-222

Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
Heber Torres

Spanish Worship Service Chapel

Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

10:30 a.m.**Children's Sunday School**

Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Matt White

Crossroads

(College & young adults)
Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

High School (Grades 9–12)

T73 (Basement)
Pastor: Andrew Gutierrez

Joint Heirs (All ages) T261

Pastor: John Street

Mainstream (All ages) T361

Pastor: Rich Gregory

Mentally Disabled

CC130 (east)
Pastor: Rick McLean

Sojourners (All ages) T371

Pastor: William Varner

Spanish Adult Sunday School H221–222

Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
Ruben Pidal, Heber Torres

Spanish Worship Service Chapel

Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

12:30 p.m.**Neighborhood Outreach**

T273

5:00 p.m.**Sunday Night Prayer Group**

Grace Grill
(next to the Children's Center)

6:00 p.m.**Discovery** (Grades 1–6)

Family Center

Discovery Kids (Ages 3–5)

CC134-136

Visit our website at

GRACECHURCH.ORG

Fridays 7:30 p.m.**The Guild** (Single adults)

T361

Pastor: Don Carr

Mondays 9:00 a.m.**Monday Morning Prayer Group**

Welcome Center

Building Abbreviation Key

T = Tower

H = Heritage

CC = Children's Center

MINISTRY DIRECTORY**Administration**

818-909-5500

Men

818-909-5537

Spanish

818-909-5722

Children

818-909-5631

Outreach

818-909-5700

Special Ministries

818-909-5519

Equipping

818-909-5671

Pastoral Care & Counseling

818-909-5537

Student

818-909-5593

Membership

818-909-5644

Prayer

818-909-5519

Women

818-909-5521

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and extend His kingdom by
living and proclaiming
His truth in the world.*

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