

GRACE TODAY

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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

O Come, All Ye Faithful • Trad./Purvis-Sturz • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Angels Medley • Congregation

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory
Angels We Have Heard on High
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Christmas Hymn • Grant-Smith/Fettke-Grassi-Mauldin • Worship Choir

Hymn 236 Silent Night, Holy Night • Congregation

What Child Is This? • Trad./Wilberg • Carmella Jones

MESSAGE: **THE KING IS BORN, PART 4**

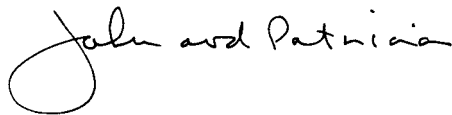
John MacArthur • Selected Scriptures

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Ding Dong, Merrily on High • Trad./Willcocks • Organ Postlude

We are all rejoicing in the celebration of the incomparable gift of the Savior to unworthy sinners such as we are. On top of that gift the Lord has given us our beloved church and the rich fellowship that we all enjoy. I'm sure you are as grateful as we are for these gifts. Have a blessed Christmas!

Love in the Truth,



Please note that there will be no worship service this evening.

* Interpreting for the deaf is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service. Arabic and Korean translation for the 10:30 a.m. service is available at gracechurch.org/live. A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

Anthem

Christmas Hymn

Praise to God whose love was shown, who sent His Son to earth.
Jesus left His rightful throne, became a man by birth.
The virgin's baby Son, all creation praised Him
God Incarnate, come, Come adore Him.

Still a higher call had He, deliverance from our sins.
Come to set all people free, from Satan's hold within.
For by the sin of man, we fell;
By the Son of God He crushed the power of hell,
Death we fear no more!

Now we stand with strength, with power—the sons of God on earth.
Faithful to the final hour, Christ's righteousness our worth.

And now all praise be given,
For the Babe, the Son, the Savior King is risen,
Christ is Lord indeed.
Praise to our God!

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Doxology Hymn

Hymn 254 How Great Our Joy!

There shall be born, so he did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.
How great our joy! (Great our joy!)
Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! (Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!)

There shall the Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all.
How great our joy! (Great our joy!)
Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! (Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!)

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 8
102 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. • T370s

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 **The Son of Man is Born**

PASSAGE **Luke 2:1–20**

PRINCIPLE Jesus was born to save people like us.

HYMN OF THE MONTH "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

ASK YOUR CHILD What did the angel say Jesus came to do?

APPLY Trust in Jesus who came to bring salvation, joy, and peace.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Luke 2:1–20.

NEXT WEEK Ruth 1:1–4:22

Adapted from the Generations of Grace Family Devotional, available at the bookstore.

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)

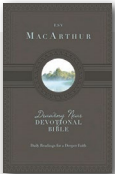
Bookstore

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

DAILY READING FOR THE NEW YEAR

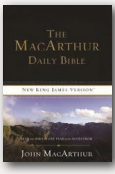
THE MACARTHUR DRAWING NEAR DEVOTIONAL BIBLE

Organized by the calendar year, each daily reading in the *Drawing Near Bible* presents an assigned passage accompanied by a brief devotional.



THE MACARTHUR DAILY BIBLE

The *Daily Bible* covers a portion of the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs for each day of the year, accompanied by guiding and informative comments.



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- KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA M–F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am

TELEVISION gty.org/television

"Testimonies to the Incarnation"

- NRBT 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.

Angels, from the Realms of Glory Hymn 222

Angels, from the realms of glory,
 Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 Ye who sang creation's story,
 Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
 Come and worship, come and worship,
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
 Watching o'er your flocks by night,
 God with man is now residing,
 Yonder shines the infant Light:
 Come and worship, come and worship,
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Words by James Montgomery (1816); music by Henry T. Smart (1867)

Angels We Have Heard on High Hymn 227

Angels we have heard on high,
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply,
 Echo back their joyous strains.
 Glo-ria in excelsis Deo!
 Glo-ria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee
 Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
 Glo-ria in excelsis Deo,
 Glo-ria in excelsis Deo!

Words from a traditional French carol, translated by James Chadwick (1862);
 music from a French carol melody; arranged by Edwin S. Barnes (c. 1930)

*A*nd suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

LUKE 2:13-14

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Hymn 238

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Words by Charles Wesley (1739); music by Felix Mendelssohn (1840)

Merry Christmas!

Evangelism Ministries

The Bible describes Christians as ambassadors for Christ—those who were saved to “proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). One of the most joyful duties we have is to proclaim this great gospel to others. To this end, Grace Church members hold evangelistic Bible studies in jails, rehab centers, assisted living facilities, hospitals, and on Skid Row. Groups also go door-to-door right here in our own neighborhood.

- Acton Rehabilitation Center
- Basketball Outreach
- Castaic Jail Ministry
- Downtown Jail Ministry
- Hope Bible Study
- Neighborhood Outreach
- Skid Row Outreach
- Volleyball Outreach

For more information about any of these ministries, call 818-909-5700, or visit gracechurch.org/local.

*But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His goings forth are from long ago,
From the days of eternity.*

—Micah 5:2

Faith Promise

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

Local Outreach Spotlight

Retirement Home Ministry

Sundays, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

On Sunday afternoons teams of volunteers visit two assisted-living facilities in Northridge. They provide a worship service with songs, Scripture reading, exhortation, and a short sermon. This is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and minister to the fainthearted. For more information call 818-909-5721.

Christmas Schedule

Please note that there will be no evening service tonight or January 1.

The Grace Church campus (including the bookstore) will be closed for the holidays December 26–30, 2016, and January 2, 2017. For questions about a specific ministry, please contact your ministry leader.

Joyful Givers 2016 Tax Information

All contributions for calendar year 2016 must be received by the church no later than our December 25 offering or *postmarked* no later than December 31, 2016. The church campus will be closed for the holidays December 26–30, 2016, and January 2, 2017. Contributions received after Sunday, December 25, 2016, or *postmarked* after December 31, 2016, will be recorded in 2017. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

Juniors Winter Camp

January 6–8 • Forest Home

Cost: \$190 (a discount is available for families with multiple children attending)

To register, stop by the tables in front Grace Grill this morning, or visit gracechurch.org/children.

Special Membership Class

January 15 • 1:30–5:00 p.m.

This one-time, extended class will cover all the material from and fulfill the requirements of all three membership classes (101–103). For more information or to register, stop by the Member Center after any Sunday service.

Junior High Winter Camp

January 6–8 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp

For details or to register, visit gracechurch.org/xchange.

High School Winter Camp

January 14–16 • Forest Home

For details or to register, visit gracechurch.org/oneighty.

Logos Institute

Discipleship Counseling 2

January 11–April 5 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Oliver Jones

Cost: \$75

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

Job Opportunity

Custodial. The Grace Church Ministry Facilitation Team has several part-time openings, 24–29 hours per week, for custodians who enjoy working in a team environment and serving the church in practical ways. Successful candidates must be detail-oriented, thrive in a fast-paced environment, and able to lift up to 50 pounds. Job duties include room set-up and break-down, and various cleaning tasks. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact the office of Human Resources at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

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

Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Mike Johnston

Cornerstone

(All ages) T371
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Mark Tatlock, Harry Walls

Doulos (Singles & young families) 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: Jay Lennington

Developmentally Disabled

CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

Spanish Adult Sunday School H221-222

Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
José Soria

Spanish Worship Service

Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

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

Special needs class available
Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Mike Johnston

Crossroads

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

High School (Grades 9–12)

T73 (Basement)
Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages) T261

Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Mainstream (All ages) T361

Pastors: Rich Gregory,
Carlos Chung

Developmentally Disabled

CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

Sojourners (All ages) T371

Pastor: William Varner

Spanish Adult Sunday

School H221–222
Teachers: Rubén Pidal,
Daniel Corral

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**

T375

Building Abbreviation Key

T = Tower

H = Heritage

CC = Children's Center

MINISTRY DIRECTORY**Administration**

818-909-5500

Children

818-909-5631

Logos Institute

818-909-5500

Membership

818-909-5644

Men

818-909-5537

Outreach

818-909-5700

Pastoral Care & Counseling

818-909-5537

Prayer

818-909-5519

Spanish

818-909-5722

Special Ministries

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