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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

Sonata V: First Movement • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 35 O Great God • Congregation

Whiter Than Snow • Fischer/Rice • String Quartet, Woodwinds, Piano

God So Loved the World • Stainer/Bock-Rice • Worship Choir

Hymn 304 He Was Wounded • Congregation

A Place Called Mt. Calvary • Goodman/Rice • Christian Ebner

MESSAGE: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE SUPREMELY EXALTED SON

Michael Mahoney • Hebrews 1:1–4

Communion

Finale from Symphony II • Widor • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty • Trad. • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Chris Gee

Hymn 359 My Soul Finds Rest • Offertory

MESSAGE: THE PERFECT ENDING

Austin Duncan • Ruth 4:1-22

Postlude

Instrumental Praise

Whiter Than Snow

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever to live in my soul. Break down every idol, cast out every foe; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, let nothing unholy remain, Apply Thine own blood and extract every stain; To get this blest cleansing, I all things forego— Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Thy throne in the skies, Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat, I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet. By faith, for my cleansing, I see Thy blood flow, Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow. Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Words by James L. Nicholson (1872); music by William G. Fischer (c. 1870s)

To maintain a worshipful atmosphere in the services, please do not applaud after musical numbers.

^{*} 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.

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.

Today's Membership Class 102 ● 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. ● T375

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.

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.

AS FEATURED AT SHEPHERDS' CONFERENCE

THE PERSON OF JESUS RADIO ADDRESSES ON THE DEITY OF THE SAVIOR

by J. Gresham Machen

"Machen was a clear and consistent voice for Christian orthodoxy and evangelical truth in the face of liberalism. Machen's works are as relevant now as they were when they were first written."

—Albert Mohler



Available today for 40% off retail price

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School

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



MESSAGE God's Gracious Promise to David

PASSAGE 2 Samuel 7

PRINCIPLE We can rejoice and trust in God's gracious promises.

HYMN OF THE MONTH "Redeemed"

ASK YOUR CHILD What promise did God make to David and his family?

APPLY By trusting that God keeps His promises.

THIS WEEK As a family, read selected portions of 2 Samuel 7.

NEXT WEEK 2 Samuel 11–12

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

The Pillars of Christian Character

• KKLA 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

TELEVISION gty.org/television

"An Introduction to the Sovereign Gospel"

• NRBTV 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.

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

Fellow Workers with the Truth

At Grace Community Church we take a special delight in our missionaries. These men and women leave everything familiar to proclaim the Good News, and it is their joy to spend and be spent so that every tribe, tongue, people, and nation of the world may worship the King of kings. They have intentionally fixed their eyes on the One who deserves all praise and worship, cast off concerns for lesser things, and moved to a foreign land to proclaim the Savior to lost and dying people.

Because these faithful servants have gone out into the world "for the sake of the Name," it is our joy to care for them. Our hearts long to participate in gospel ministry in as many ways as the Lord allows us, and by supporting our missionary families we become "fellow workers with the truth." At our church there are several ways this can happen; take a moment and consider the following avenues of support.

PRAYER

The most important and accessible way to support our missionaries and participate in gospel ministry with them is by praying for their families and ministries. As Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church, "Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith" (2 Thessalonians 3:1–2). A great way to remember to pray for our missionaries is to use your copy of our Missionary Calendar as a daily reminder.

ECHO & MINDSET FOR MISSIONS

Missionaries regularly speak at ECHO (Elders' Council Handling Outreach) meetings, held on the **first Tuesday of most months at 7 p.m. in the T260s.** These meetings also include a time of small group prayer for our missionaries' current prayer requests. Another missionary support meeting—Mindset for Missions—follows Every Woman's Grace every Wednesday at noon in the T260s. Women in attendance hear ministry updates from missionaries and have the opportunity to ask them questions and pray for them.

"Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth."

—3 John 5–8

CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

During Christmas in September our church family plans ahead to make sure that our missionaries know that even though they are far away from us during the holidays, they are certainly not forgotten. Encourage our missionaries by sending them Christmas cards with a personal note and a financial gift.

SHORT-TERM MINISTRIES (STM)

STM teams are assembled at the beginning of the year based on requests for teams from our missionaries. It's still not too late to join an STM trip this year. If you would like to go and serve our missionaries in this way, visit **gracechurch.org/stm** for more information. If you're not able to serve on a team, you can support team members financially and by praying for them. Throughout STM season, *Grace-Today* highlights teams on the field along with specific prayer requests for those teams.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You can give directly to individual missionaries at **gracechurch.org/outreach**. Your Faith Promise giving (**gracechurch.org/fp**) also plays a significant role in sending new missionaries to the field, supporting the ministries of our missionaries, meeting missionary budget shortfalls, and funding the gospel ministry efforts of these members of our Grace Church family around the globe.

We rejoice as we see how the Lord provides and uses us to advance His work, and pray that our opportunities to support the gospel ministries of our missionaries as fellow workers with the truth will only increase.



SHEPHERDS' CONFERENCE

THANK YOU

We want to thank you for your ministry and labor of love during this year's Shepherds' Conference. As profound an impact as the sessions have been in the lives of our guests, our greatest influence as a church flows from the example all of you set as we worship the Lord and serve one another. We are more grateful than ever for this wonderful church and its servant-driven philosophy. Your love for the Lord and His Word and your selfless service was a benediction to our guests; thank you for going the extra mile!

The Elders and the Conference Staff

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

—Hebrews 4:14–16

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave \$20,293. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Neighborhood Outreach

Sundays • 12:30 p.m. • T265

This ministry brings the good news of God's grace to our local community on Sunday afternoons. After a potluck meal, participants go out into the neighborhood to present the gospel, invite our neighbors to church, and learn about any needs our church may be able to meet. The ministry also does street evangelism at the North Hollywood Metro Station. For more information call 818-909-5721.

The Master's Kids Informational Meeting

Tuesday, April 4 • 10 a.m.-Noon • T270s

Attendance gives you priority for the 2017–2018 class. To sign up for childcare, contact Beth Voorheis, program director, by March 21 at bvoor@sbcglobal.net.

TMK is a Bible-based kindergarten-prep program for moms and kids starting kindergarten in fall 2018.

Hope Bible Study

Mondays • 7:00 p.m. • T274-275

Hope Bible Study is a transitional ministry that labors to encourage those who have been beset by life-dominating sin, such as drugs and alcohol, with the hope of Christ, the changing power of His Word, and the fellowship of His Church. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, please email hopegcc@gmail.com or call the 818-909-5721.

Titus 2 Tuesday This month's topic: "Martin Luther's Katie"

March 14 • 7:00 p.m.

Studies meet in Canyon Country, Encino, Glendale, Northridge, Shadow Hills, Simi Valley, and Valencia. Women of all ages are invited for a time of discussion and fellowship. For specific meeting locations and RSVP information, visit gracechurch.org/women.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, March 13 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • Speakers: Debra Rea & Alex Tahmisian All women are welcome.

Elders Meeting

Thursday, March 16 • 7 p.m. • T262

Open to our church family

Job Opportunity

Grace Grill. Grace Church is looking for part-time (10–24 hours per week) team members for Grace Grill. Anyone interested in food and customer service is encouraged to apply. Prior experience is not necessary, just a heart to serve and a desire to learn new skills and grow. Must be able to bend, push, and pull while lifting up to 50 lbs. for some positions. 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.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, March 16 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s • Speaker: Marge Stamper

All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information or to make a nursery reservation.

With the Lord

Alexandra Hendrickson recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, March 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. —Psalm 116:15

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 Mahonev

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 T385

6:00 p.m.

Discovery (Grades 1–6) Family Center

Discovery Kids (Ages 3–5) CC134-136

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 = TowerH = HeritageCC = Children's Center

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