

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

Away in a Manger • Murray/Dragon • Orchestral Preludes

Adeste Fidelis • Wade/Ormandy

The Master's University Orchestra; Dr. Stephen R. Opfer, Conductor

Joy to the World! • Handel/Clydesdale

The First Noël • Trad./Forrest

The Master's University Singers and Orchestra; Dr. Paul T. Plew, Director

A Christmas Overture • Hess • The Master's University Orchestra

Ten Thousand Joys • Marsh-Dean/Marsh

Prof. Sarah Dixon, soprano; Prof. Landon Shaw, tenor

Hallelujah • Handel • The Master's University Singers and Orchestra

Hymn 227 Angels We Have Heard on High • Congregation

HARRY WALLS PREACHING

Toccata on "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella" • Trad./Hudson • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

What Child Is This? • Trad./Rouse • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Bill Shannon

Hymn 237 Joy Has Dawned • Offertory

MESSAGE: **WHY JESUS CAME, PART 1**

Austin Duncan • Hebrews 2:10–18

Postlude

Welcome The Master's University Singers and Orchestra



The Master's University Singers, under the direction of Dr. Paul T. Plew, is a non-auditioned, campus community choir that performs a wide variety of classical and contemporary sacred music.

The Master's University Orchestra personnel come from a mixture of both talented college students and accomplished instrumentalists from the greater Los Angeles area. Under the direction of Dr. Stephen R. Opfer, they perform concerts with a wide variety of musical literature.

* 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.

Next Membership Class • January 7
101 • 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.

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School

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



MESSAGE **Jesus Feeds the 5,000**

PASSAGE **John 6:1–15**

PRINCIPLE The feeding of the multitude demonstrated Jesus' deity.

FEATURED HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 107)

ASK YOUR CHILD Why did Jesus ask the disciples to give the people food?

APPLY By having compassion on those who need Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

THIS WEEK As a family, read John 6:1–15.

NEXT WEEK Review Sunday

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

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Juniors Winter Camp**
- **Missionary Calendar**
- **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.

HIGHLIGHT

THE WHOLE CHRIST

by Sinclair Ferguson

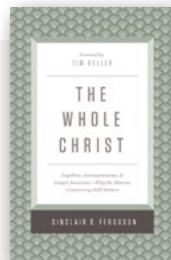
"This outstanding book untangles many a knot about God's law and grace and powerfully reminds us that legalism and antinomianism are not opposites, but evil allies in Satan's bitter war to dishonor the great name of Jesus Christ." —Joel Beeke

Available today only for 70% off retail

CHRISTMAS SALE

Bibles and commentaries 30% off retail

Christian Living, biographies, and John MacArthur titles
25% off retail



Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

Wisdom in Action

- 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

"The Lord's Greatest Prayer, Part 8"

- NRBTv CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gty.org

- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
- Mobile apps: "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons"

HOMEBOUND FOR THE HOLIDAYS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES

It seems that nearly every year when the holiday season rolls around, Norman Rockwell paintings find their way back into the public eye. Whether it's the classic Thanksgiving scene with a gray-haired grandmother presenting a plump turkey to a smiling family, or the Christmas portrait of a mother embracing her visiting daughter under a red-ribbon wreath—there are just some images that find a permanent home in our memories every year. The holidays, to us, are as sweet as cookies fresh from the oven and as exciting as marshmallows over the fire.

However, have you noticed that sometimes our recollection of the holidays doesn't always square with reality? Because we live in Southern California, we prefer to think of nostalgic images of distant carolers singing joyfully in a snow flurry—it's charming in a way that the reality of hanging Christmas lights during a heatwave just isn't. We



would much rather think of sleigh-bells in the snow than traffic jams on the 5 freeway. We'd like to believe that life is like a Norman Rockwell painting; we choose to think that families throughout our church gather together every year with storybook smiles on their faces and hearts overflowing with happiness because that's our ideal experience of the holidays. It's the sentiment of the season that paints our perspectives.

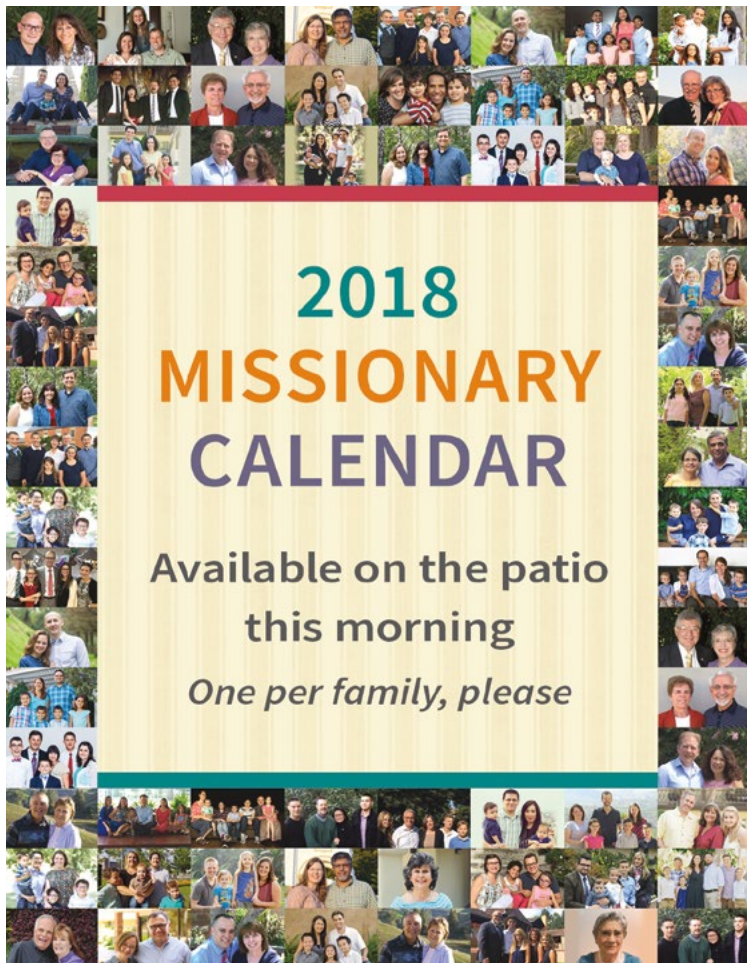
But that's not how it is for our homebound. The Thanksgiving feasts and family affairs that color our holidays so brightly are only a distant memory to them. It's a hard reality, but there are some here at Grace Church who aren't able to enjoy the sweet fellowship of being at a Christmas concert; instead they watch it by themselves via live stream from home. It's not that they desire to celebrate the coming of Christ in isolation; it's just the way it is. Whether because of aging, health concerns, or a myriad of other life-altering circumstances, the Master Artist Himself has chosen to shade their particular season of life with a somewhat different hue. They are homebound for the holidays.

With that in mind, wouldn't it be wonderful for our church family to add a stroke of brightness to these precious folks' holidays? Not all of our homebound saints are able to accept visitors due to the nature of their situations, but all of them can enjoy the warmth of your encouragement in another

very practical way—all you need to do is send one (or all) of our homebound saints on the list below a Christmas card to let them know you're praying for them. Maybe make it a family activity by creating your own special works of art to remind these brothers and sisters of Christ's love for them, and then taking a moment to bow in prayer and ask the Lord to bless them with His joy during this season. Just place your card in an envelope with the name of the saint you want to reach on the front, bring it to the church receptionist Sunday through Friday, and we will take it from there. The holidays might not be a Norman Rockwell painting for everyone in the church, but by taking the time to send even one Christmas card, you can bring a touch of hope to the holidays for these homebound brothers and sisters. ■

Loretta Dedinas
Frances Gregg
Dotty Halby
Suzanne Hitzemann
Gladys Hogins
Bridget Husen
Jessie Jezmajian
Sue Keller
Ann Kerr
Anita Ketchersid

William Mack
Geraldine Mole
Arlene Partie
Margaret Rudy
William & Linda Rust
David Sinclair
Avis Spitz
Rose Stoeppler
Patricia Stoner
Dawn Zuber



2018 MISSIONARY CALENDAR

Available on the patio
this morning

One per family, please

Short-Term Ministries 2018

Informational Meeting

Today • 12:30–1:30 p.m. • Family Center

Join us to learn more about next year's teams and opportunities to serve.

For more information about Short-Term Ministries, visit gracechurch.org/stm.



Grace Around the World

Tomasz & Iwonka Krazek

Serving in **Poland** since **2017**

Prayer / Praise

- Pray for wisdom for our church's elders as they shepherd our congregation and pursue further training.
- Praise God for the opportunity to move near Warsaw next spring to pastor a church and develop a training ministry.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$6,750**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Communion

December 10 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. —1 Corinthians 11:26

Joyful Givers

2017 Tax Information

All contributions for calendar year 2017 must be received by the church no later than our December 31 offering or postmarked no later than December 31, 2017. The church campus will be closed for the holidays December 25–30, 2017, and January 1, 2018. Contributions received or postmarked after Sunday, December 31, 2017, will be recorded in 2018. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

Job Opportunity

Custodial. The Grace Church Ministry Facilitation Team has several part-time openings (24–29 hours/week), for custodians who enjoy working in a team environment and serving the church in practical ways. Position requires the ability to be detail oriented and thrive in a fast paced environment. Job duties include room set-up and break-down, and various cleaning tasks. Applicants must be able to lift up to 50 pounds. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon 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.

One with Christ

Monday, December 4 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

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



Christmas Concert

December 14–17

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.

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

Juniors Winter Camp

January 5–7 • Forest Home

Cost: \$185 (\$225 after December 11; a discount is available for families with multiple children attending). To register, stop by the tables on the patio this morning, or visit gracechurch.org/children.

High School Winter Camp

January 13–15 • Forest Home

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

With the Lord

Josephine Balsz recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers.

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: Ace Davis

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: Ace Davis

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,
David González

Spanish Worship Service

Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

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

H223–224

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

T385

6:00 p.m.**Adventure Club**

Family Center (Grades 4–6)
Chapel (Grades 1–3)
T270s (Ages 3–5)

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

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

818-909-5519

Student

818-909-5593

Women

818-909-5521

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*Our mission is to glorify God
and extend His kingdom by
living and proclaiming
His truth in the world.*

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