# GRACE TODAY

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# John MacArthur PASTOR-TEACHER

Clayton Erb / Minister of Music

**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

Dorian Toccata • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 129 Crown Him with Many Crowns • Congregation Hymn 224 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

**Blessed Be the Name** • Hudson/Marvin-Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ, Piano

How Firm a Foundation • Trad./Marsh • Worship Choir

Jesus Shall Reign • Hatton/Kirkland • Worship Choir

Hymn 116 Rejoice, the Lord Is King • Congregation

#### JOHN MACARTHUR PREACHING

**Doxology Hymn** • Congregation **Recessional** • Cundick • Organ Postlude

### **Doxology Hymn**

#### Hymn 107 Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

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

#### **Instrumental Praise**

#### **Blessed Be the Name**

All praise to Him who reigns above In majesty supreme, Who gave His Son for man to die, That He might man redeem!

#### Refrain

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name, Blessed be the name of the Lord:
Blessed be the name, blessed be the name, Blessed be the name of the Lord!

His name above all names shall stand, Exalted more and more, At God the Father's own right hand, Where angel hosts adore.

His name shall be the Counselor, The mighty Prince of Peace, Of all earth's kingdoms Conqueror, Whose reign shall never cease.

Lyrics by William H. Clark (c. 1880); music by Ralph E. Hudson (1888) Arranged by Dan Marvin and Mark Rice

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

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

#### 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.

#### **NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL**

#### **VALLEY OF VISION**

A COLLECTION OF PURITAN PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

PAPERBACK EDITION

"[Valley of Vision is] a personal favorite. It is a hymnbook of praise to God, expressed in language more majestic than my feeble tongue is

capable of producing. It has enriched my personal walk with God and helped impel my own prayer life to new levels." —John MacArthur

Available today only for 20% off retail

### **Generations of Grace** Children's Sunday School

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



MESSAGE Jesus Walks on Water PASSAGE Matthew 14:23–33

PRINCIPLE Jesus is God and has authority over nature.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD Why did the disciples worship Jesus?

APPLY By demonstrating his or her trust in Jesus by serving and obeying Him.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Matthew 14:23–33.

NEXT WEEK Mark 8:27-38

**Grace to You** 

RADIO gty.org/radio

Myths About Salvation

• 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

"Bible Questions and Answers, Part 66"

• 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"

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



I do not advise that we end the year on a somber note. The march, not the dirge, has ever been the music of Christianity. If we are good students in the school of life, there is much that the years have to teach us. But the Christian is more than a student, more than a philosopher. He is a believer, and the object of his faith makes the difference, the mighty difference. Of all persons the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. He has dealt with life at its source. In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.

A.W. TOZER

FROM THE WARFARE OF THE SPIRIT. CHICAGO, IL: MOODY PUBLISHERS, 2006.



# LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace; For not with swords' loud clashing, Or roll of stirring drums; With deeds of love and mercy The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

### Logos Institute Discipleship Counseling 2

January 3–March 21 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Johnathan Tucker
Cost: \$75

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

# **Premarital/Marriage Seminar**

A prerequisite for engaged couples desiring to get married at Grace Church, this seminar is also helpful for those who are purposefully dating, as well as married couples interested in God's plan for a successful marriage.

Part 1 Friday, January 12, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, January 13, 9:00 a.m.–noon Part 2 Friday, February 2, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.–noon Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman • T371–372 \$35 for church members or TMS/TMC students; \$65 for non-members

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/premarital or call 818-909-5537.

## **Holiday Schedule**

Please note that there will be no evening service tonight.

The Grace Church campus will be closed January 1, 2018. For questions about a specific ministry, please contact your ministry leader.

Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.

—Isaiah 45:22

# **Grace Around the World**

### The **McConnell** Family

Tom & Kathy, Joshua, Josiah, Jonathan, Joy, Julia Serving in the **England** since **2003** 



#### **Prayer / Praise**

- Praise God for His work at Grace Bible Church
  Rugby in adding several new families, as well as bringing men who desire to be
  trained for ministry.
- Pray that God would provide a like-minded, trained man to assist leadership in the church and in the church-based training center.

### **Faith Promise**

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

### **Local Outreach Spotlight**

#### **Outreach Resource Table**

The Outreach Resource Table, located on GraceWalk, provides evangelistic tools to Grace Church members at no cost. Audio CDs of Pastor John's evangelistic sermons are available in 26 different languages, along with Bibles, New Testaments, evangelism books, and tracts in various languages. For more information call 818-909-5721.

### **Job Opportunities**

**Accounting Manager.** The Grace Church Accounting Department has a full-time opening for an accounting manager. Candidates will manage day-to-day operations of a fast-paced team environment and oversee and review processes related to month-end close, audit, and year-end tax reporting. Position requires ability to research and document tax and accounting issues; excellent organizational, analytical, and multi-tasking skills; experience with accounting software and Microsoft Office; and management experience. Degree in related field preferred.

**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.

**Nursery Workers.** Children's Ministry currently has several part-time openings (10–20 hours/week) for nursery workers. Hours are primarily Sundays and Wednesdays. Must be able to exhibit love to parents, children, staff and desire to serve through humility, patience and joy. Prior work experience in childcare is preferred and must be able to successfully pass a background check.

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.

**Camera Set-Up Coordinator(s).** Dorma Productions is looking for coordinator(s) to set-up cameras in the Grace Church sanctuary each Sunday morning (before 8:00 a.m.), and tear them down each Sunday evening (after 7:30 p.m.). Production experience is a plus but not required. Training will be provided, and there is some pay. Must be punctual, reliable, and easy to work with. For more information, please contact Dorma Productions at info@dormaproductions.com.

### **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 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.

# **Junior High Winter Camp**

January 5-7 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp

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

### **High School Winter Camp**

January 13-15 • Forest Home

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

### **Grace Church Connection**

Keep current with what's new around Grace Church each month. To subscribe to our monthly email update, visit gracechurch.org/news.

## Attend a Home Bible Study

Home Bible studies provide opportunities for discipleship, fellowship, and ministry around time in God's Word. An updated Fellowship Bible Studies list is available at the Welcome Center.

#### 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

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)

#### 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

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GRACECHURCH.ORG

#### **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

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