

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**BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR***Sonata III: con moto maestoso* • Mendelssohn • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 94 Praise Him! Praise Him!* • Congregation*Hymn 86 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* • Trad./Rice
String Quartet, Woodwinds, Piano*We Will Rejoice in Thy Salvation* • Handel • Worship Choir*Hymn 32 These Great Things* • Congregation*In the Valley* • Kauffin/Rice • Lisa MartinMESSAGE: **TWO COVENANTS, PART 2**

John MacArthur • Galatians 4:21–5:1

Doxology Hymn • Congregation*Grand Triumphal Chorus* • Guilman • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm****Instrumental Prelude****Songs of Praise** • Congregation**Baptism***Hymn 272 The Power of the Cross* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **FOLLOW ME: JESUS' CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

Mark Zhakevich • Selected Scriptures

Postlude

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

Instrumental Praise**The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

Lyrics based on Psalm 23 by William Whittingham, Scottish Psalter (1650)
Music by Jessie S. Irvine (1872)

Doxology Hymn**Hymn 111 We Come, O Christ, to You**

You are the Way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
In You we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
Your love has met Your law's demand.

Words by Margaret Clarkson (1957); music by John Darwall (1770)

* 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
103 • 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 Confronts the Rich Young Ruler**

PASSAGE **Matthew 19:16–26**

PRINCIPLE Believers are called to count the cost of eternal life and follow Christ.

FEATURED HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 129)

ASK YOUR CHILD Why did the rich young ruler go away sad?

APPLY By asking Christ to reveal anything he or she is unwilling to give up for Him.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Matthew 19:16–26.

NEXT WEEK Review Sunday

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Shepherds' Conference Volunteer Information**
- **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.

GRACE BOOKS HIGHLIGHT

FAITH ALONE

BY R.C. SPROUL

"R.C. Leaves a legacy that I trust will endure for many, many years. I will miss my dear friend. There is no one else quite like him. We are all blessed for having known him and heard him teach. I rejoice in the knowledge that he is with the Lord whom he loved and served faithfully." —John MacArthur



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- 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 Benefits of Abiding in Christ, Part 1"

- 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.

DEFENDING *the* DEFENSELESS

Local Outreach Ministries

On January 22, 1973—45 years ago tomorrow—the Supreme Court issued the ruling that a child in the womb is not to be considered a human person. That infamous decision made the murder of one's own unborn child a constitutionally protected right, and it stands as one of the greatest atrocities in our country's history. Since that day, more than 60 million unborn children have been mercilessly slaughtered in the United States alone. To put that in perspective, that's nearly 20 times the number of American lives lost in every war in our nation's history *combined* with all the American lives lost to firearms since 1968. The abortion industry is the most brutal murderer that our country—and the rest of the world—has ever seen.

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which falls each year on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. President Ronald Reagan established this day of remembrance in 1984 as a reminder of that atrocious decision and as an annual rallying point to keep up the fight to end this miscarriage of justice in our nation. Four-and-a-half decades later the battle continues to rage. A few years ago, legislation was

passed in California to extend the range of medical professionals who can provide first-trimester abortions, making infanticide even more accessible in our own communities. Countless innocent lives continue to be sacrificed to this barbaric practice, and we cannot let ourselves grow cold to the ongoing battle to end legalized murder.

Therefore, Christians must be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 2:1) and face this harrowing reality head-on. We need to feel the injustice of abortion and mourn the loss of life so that we might be stirred to action. As ambassadors for Christ in a culture of death, it is vital that we stand against this injustice and defend the defenseless (Proverbs 31:8) and honor the image of God in all people (Genesis 1:27, 9:6).

With what weapons can we engage in this battle? The first is prayer. We must pray that God would eradicate this evil. Our struggle is not merely one of flesh and blood, but is against spiritual forces of wickedness (Ephesians 6:12). As a result, the weapons of our warfare must not be of the flesh, but divinely

powerful (2 Corinthians 10:3–5). And since God alone is sufficient for such a task, we must pray for Him to mercifully change the hearts of those who call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20).

Secondly, we must stand with our fellow soldiers. There are numerous ways to support organizations working to encourage anti-abortion decisions. Our church partners with the Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic in Northridge. They offer free services, education, ultrasounds, baby clothing and furnishings, biblically-based pregnancy and parenting classes, and even Bible studies for those grieving past abortions. Most importantly, in all their encounters they seek to engage clients with the gospel of Christ. Members of our church family can get involved in volunteer efforts and even counseling abortion-minded women and men. Aside from this, members of our church have also begun ministering outside a local abortion clinic, pleading with women and men for the lives of their children, offering both physical and spiritual help, and, most importantly, proclaiming the gospel of salvation and eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Finally, we must wield the sword of the Spirit by faithfully and consistently proclaiming the gospel right where God has placed us in our daily routine. James 4:1–2 tells us that the root of murder lies in the sinful desires that enslave the human heart. It follows, then, that victory in the anti-abortion cause will not ultimately come from a change in policy or new legislation. Though we would happily welcome any steps in the right direction, the only true remedy for

the sinful human heart is the gospel of Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins. And the Lord of the Church has commissioned us to be witnesses of that gospel to all with whom we come in contact.

Our earnest desire to protect innocent human life and our passion to see sinners saved from eternal punishment come together in the church's mission to preach the gospel to all creation. May we at Grace Community Church be faithful to this commission.

For information on how to get involved with Open Arms or our local abortion clinic ministry, please contact the Local Outreach office at 818-909-5721 or email outreach@gracechurch.org.

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic Volunteer Opportunities

As a Christ-centered ministry, Open Arms is dependent upon the local church for volunteers. No experience is necessary, just a heart for those in need and the ability to commit to a single, four-hour shift per week.

Volunteer Training

Friday, February 9, 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 10, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Friday, February 16, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 17, 8:30 am–3:00 p.m.

Location to be determined by enrollment.

RSVP is required for volunteer orientation; please email clientservices@opearmspregnancy.com.



Shepherds' Conference

March 7–9

Volunteer Sign-Ups

To sign up to volunteer to serve during the conference, stop by the patio table this morning or visit gracechurch.org/volunteer. The deadline for volunteer sign-ups is today; there is a mandatory volunteer meeting on January 28.

Scholarships

For information about providing a scholarship for the 2018 Shepherds' Conference, visit gracechurch.org/scholarship.

STM 2018

OPEN HOUSE



January 28 • GraceWalk
Immediately following the evening service

Come get to know this year's teams and discover how you can participate in this important international outreach opportunity. Both Grace Grill and Steeple House will be open during this event, and 25% of all sales will be donated to Short-Term Ministries.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$12,006**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Castaic Jail Ministry

Every Sunday, members from Grace Church go to the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic to proclaim the gospel. Inmates are supplied with paperback Bibles, and if they complete a Fundamentals of the Faith class they receive a *MacArthur Study Bible*. For more information, call 818-909-5721 or visit gracechurch.org/local.

Logos Institute Winter Classes

A Study of the Early Church An Overview of Acts and the Pauline Epistles

January 22–February 26 (Mondays) • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Paul Twiss • Cost: \$60

Biblical Doctrine 102: Praise the Father, Praise the Son

An in-depth study of the attributes and nature of God the Father and the Son.

January 23–February 27 (Tuesdays) • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Instructor: Eric Dodson • Cost: \$60

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

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.

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.

Fundamentals of the Faith

Sundays, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. • Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Using discussion and Q&A in a small-group setting, this 22-week course covers the fundamental doctrines and truths of biblical Christianity. To register or for more information, stop by the table on GraceWalk this morning or visit gracechurch.org/fof.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

January 28 • 12:30–2:30 p.m. • H221–222

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, please visit one of our Sunday afternoon meetings. Join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

One with Christ Monday, January 22 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

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

Unequally Yoked Tuesday, January 23

Bible study primarily for women married to unbelieving husbands. For information, call 818-909-5521.

With the Lord

Bill Stewart recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember his 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)

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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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Logos Institute

818-909-5500

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His truth in the world.*

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