

# GRACE TODAY

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**March 11, 2018**

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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**

**Tu Es Petra** • Mulet • Stephen Sturz, Organist

**Hymn 187 *Before the Throne of God Above*** • Congregation  
**Hymn 180 *And Can It Be?***

***The King of Love My Shepherd Is*** • Trad./Forrest • Worship Choir

***It Is Well with My Soul*** • Bliss/Krogstad • Philip Webb

**Hymn 60 *Be Still, My Soul*** • Congregation

MESSAGE: **UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN FREEDOM, PART 2**  
 John MacArthur • Galatians 5:13–16

**Doxology Hymn** • Congregation

***Fugue in G Minor*** • Dupré • Organ Postlude

**Doxology Hymn**

**Hymn 176 *Be Thou My Vision***

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

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

**Anthem**

**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
 Whose goodness faileth never;  
 I nothing lack if I am His  
 And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
 My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
 And where the verdant pastures grow,  
 With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
 But yet in love He sought me  
 And on His shoulder gently laid,  
 And home, rejoicing brought me.

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
 My Shepherd is the King of love;  
 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever.

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*Lyrics by Henry W. Baker (1868); music from an ancient Irish melody*

\* 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](http://gracechurch.org/live). A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

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

## 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.

## Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School

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



MESSAGE **The Trial and Denial of Jesus**

PASSAGE **Mark 14:53–15:15**

PRINCIPLE Everyone is accountable for their response to Jesus Christ.

FEATURED HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 274)

ASK YOUR CHILD How did people respond to Jesus differently?

APPLY By thanking God for His sovereignty.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Mark 14:53–15:15.

NEXT WEEK Review Sunday

## On GraceWalk

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

## On the Patio

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

## Bookstore

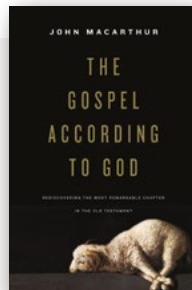
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

### GRACE BOOKS HIGHLIGHT

#### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GOD

BY JOHN MACARTHUR

Often hailed as one of the greatest chapters in the Bible, the prophecy of the suffering servant in Isaiah 53 foretells the crucifixion of Jesus, the central event in God's ultimate plan to redeem the world.



**Available today only for 40% off retail price**

## Grace to You

**RADIO** [gtv.org/radio](http://gtv.org/radio)

### *The Gospel According to God*

- 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** [gtv.org/television](http://gtv.org/television)

### *"The Beauty and Blessing of Forgiveness, Part 3"*

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

**ONLINE** [gtv.org](http://gtv.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.*

# INSTITUTE *for* CHURCH LEADERSHIP *by* THE MASTER'S SEMINARY

## *What is a theologian?*

The term can conjure images of elite educators and the hallowed halls of academia. It's a name often applied to learned men of letters—those who spend their lives in libraries, publishing great tomes on doctrinal fine points. Within the church, there is a tendency to see theologians as separate and elevated—the all-stars of the Body of Christ. They're the Christian upper-class who publish articles, write books, teach in seminaries, and frequent the lecture circuit.

But while many of those things are common to those who travel in theological circles, none of them make someone a theologian.

Instead, the distinguishing characteristic of theologians is that they know God, and pursue a deeper knowledge of Him and His Word. In spite of how we often use the term *theologian*, it is not a profession, but a way of life—and one that should be common to everyone who claims to believe in Christ.

In John's gospel, the Lord Himself said, "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and



Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3). That is not an optional endeavor; it’s a mandate for the church. If Christ has called you to repentance and faith, He has called you to be a theologian.

And that’s not a calling anyone can fulfill by merely sitting in a pew for an hour or two every week. True theologians are not content to be spoon fed their doctrine—they actively seek out the rich meat of God’s Word. They understand the practical value of their theology, and how it touches all aspects of their everyday lives—their work, their families, and their usefulness to God’s kingdom.

However, none of us have been called to do it alone. God has given His people the Body of Christ to sharpen and train one another. It would be foolish—and even dangerous—to assume any of us could become sound theologians in a vacuum. Left to our own devices, we would struggle to develop biblical hermeneutics, orthodox theology, and practical doctrine that leads to spiritual growth and personal holiness.

To address those needs and help God’s people attain to this lofty calling, The Master’s Seminary is proud to announce The Institute for Church Leadership.

The Institute is designed to bring all the vital areas of Bible training, theological instruction, and practical ministry into the pew. We want to make these indispensable tools accessible to laymen at all levels of church leadership and spiritual maturity. This program will be an aid to new believers as well as seasoned saints.

Each class is broken into one-hour weekly lessons with short quizzes, reading assignments, and group discussion guides. And those hours are broken down into shorter segments for the convenience of working professionals and busy parents.

Best of all, these lessons are taught by the professors of The Master’s Seminary and other distinguished guest lecturers. In that sense, The Institute for Church Leadership brings the quality of a seminary education into your living room.

Every believer needs to be a theologian. We want to help you fulfill this high and holy calling to the glory of God.

*For more information about the Institute for Church Leadership, visit [tms.edu/institute](https://tms.edu/institute).*

# Glorifying the Risen Savior

## Good Friday Communion Service

**March 30 • 7:30 p.m.**

Special music by the Worship Choir, Orchestra, and Vocalists. Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available.

## Resurrection Sunday Worship Services

**April 1 • 7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available for all services; Sunday School will meet at the regular times.

*There will be no Sunday evening service on April 1.*

## Elders Meeting Thursday, March 15 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

## 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, March 23, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, March 24, 9:00 a.m.–noon**

**Part 2 Friday, April 6, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, April 7, 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](http://gracechurch.org/premarital) or call 818-909-5537.

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$19,315**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Visitor Outreach

Every Sunday, our church is honored to welcome first-time visitors. During the following week, our visitor outreach team connects with each visitor who submitted a registration card. They thank our guests for visiting, attempt to answer any questions they may have, and offer to help them get plugged into Grace Church. These calls can be a great opportunity to proclaim the gospel. Team members also invite the visitors back to church, offering to host them during the services, with the goal of building discipleship relationships with them. For more information call 818-909-5721.

## Evening Service Schedule

Tonight's evening service has been canceled to allow for a time of rest following the Shepherds' Conference.

## The Master's Kids Informational Meeting

**Tuesday, April 10 • 10 a.m.–Noon • T270s**

Attendance gives you priority for the 2018–2019 class. To sign up for childcare (five years and younger), contact Beth Voorheis, program director, by March 27 at [bvoor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bvoor@sbcglobal.net). Please include your child's name and birthdate.

TMK is a Bible-based kindergarten-prep program for moms and kids starting kindergarten in fall 2019.

## Job Opportunities

**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, and 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](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.

## Sojourners Women's Fellowship

**Thursday, March 15 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s • Guest Speaker: Phyllis Carlson**  
**Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation.**

All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information.



Open today for lunch; come see what's on the menu!

**Breakfast** Tuesday–Thursday • 7:00–9:30 a.m.

**Lunch** Monday–Friday • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Sunday • Noon–2:00 p.m.

## Titus 2 Tuesday

**March 13 • 7:00 p.m.**

**This month's topic: The Life of Corrie Ten Boom**

Studies meet in 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](http://gracechurch.org/women).

## Joint Heirs Ladies TEA

Teaching, Edification, Application

**Monday, March 12 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • Speaker: Kathy Stalnaker**

All women are welcome.

## With the Lord

**Jose Ugalde** recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember his family in your prayers. There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, at Grace Church.

*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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