

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

I Know that My Redeemer Lives • Hatton/Sturz • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 307 Christ Arose • Congregation

Hymn 310 Resurrection Hymn

Thine Is the Glory • Handel/Zimmerman-Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

Victory • Ness Beck/Gassman • Worship Choir

Hymn 315 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise • Congregation

Crown Him with Many Crowns • Elvey/Erb-Rice • Men's Quartet

MESSAGE: **A STORY YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE**
Michael Mahoney • John 20:11–18

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners • Prichard/Willan • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Jay Lennington

Hymn 48 Holy, Holy, Holy • Offertory

MESSAGE: **OUR GOD REIGNS: A REMINDER FOR ELECTION DAY**
Nathan Busenitz • Daniel 1–7

Postlude

* 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.

Anthem

Victory

Thine is the victory, Alleluia!
Death is vanquished, Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won.
The song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

Thine is the victory, Alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, Amen!

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Lyrics published in Cologne (1695); translated by Francis Pott (1861)
Music by G.P. Sante da Palestrina (1588); arranged by John Ness Beck

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
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 **God Makes a Promise to Abram**

PASSAGE **Genesis 11:27–12:9**

PRINCIPLE God keeps His promises.

FEATURED HYMN "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 89)

ASK YOUR CHILD What did God promise Abram?

APPLY By believing in God's Word, like Abram.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Genesis 11:27–12:9.

NEXT WEEK Genesis 16, 17, 18

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Hands for Hope**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Short-Term Ministries**
- **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.

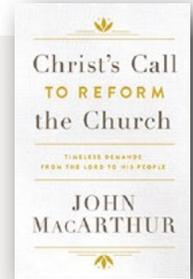
NEW RELEASE

CHRIST'S CALL TO REFORM THE CHURCH

by John MacArthur

This new book from John MacArthur is a clarion call to all believers to repent of spiritual blindness. It shines a light on problems we didn't know we had. May it be embraced by Christians everywhere, spurring us toward the God-honoring, grace-driven work of continued reformation.

Available today for 30% off retail



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RADIO gty.org/radio

The Test of True Repentance

- 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

"Getting the Gospel Right"

- 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.

A Picture of God's Love

LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

As our church recognizes National Adoption Awareness Month throughout November, we are reminded of how we have been granted the immeasurable honor of being chosen and adopted by our heavenly Father (Ephesians 1:4–6, Romans 8:15–17). Adoption is a wonderful, tangible way to demonstrate this gospel truth, and to that end our church works with several organizations involved with international and domestic adoption. A number of Grace Church families have adopted children, and many others serve little ones in need through foster care.

We are so encouraged by the work the Lord is doing in this area. It is our great pleasure to share this testimony from the Tolopilo family, who adopted a son in 2016 and his younger half-brother this last September.

How did the Lord lead you toward adoption?

Adoption is something that has been a desire of my wife's heart since she was a little girl. As we discussed adoption early in our marriage, we

felt that it was something we would like to pursue in the future. In the Lord's providence, He put families in our life who had been blessed by adoption which served as a helpful model and encouragement to us as we prayerfully considered adoption in our family. These families helped answer many questions and dispelled concerns that were holding us back from taking tangible steps forward. After having three biological children, we were prayerfully considering adding to our family through adoption. It was in this season that we heard through a friend about a pregnant woman in Florida who was looking for an adoptive family for her baby. By God's grace, He gently led us through the process knowing that ultimately all the details were ordained, from the baby's health, the finances, and even the possibility that our son's birthmother could change her mind. We knew that if this baby was meant to be our son, nothing would stand in the way of God's plan. We had the privilege of being at the hospital for our son's birth in June 2016. This past spring, nearly two years later, we were contacted by our attorney. She informed

us that our son's birthmother was again pregnant and unable to raise the baby (our son's half-brother,) and asked if we would be willing to bring him into our family as well. This led to the adoption of our youngest, born in September of 2018. We would have never guessed what blessings the Lord had in store for our family after taking that first step to say, "yes."

How has this shaped your understanding of the doctrine of adoption?

For us, adoption has reinforced how we understand our position of being adopted into Christ's family. Being able to call God *Abba Father* is truly an immeasurable blessing. By God's mercy and grace, He saved us from sin and cleansed us from unrighteousness. But He didn't stop there. He chose to go even further and brought us into His family, making us heirs with Christ.

What's been most helpful to your family as you've walked through this process?

We are so thankful for the many friendships that have gone before us through the journey of adoption—for the people who have been supporting us every step of the way. Seeing the church body come alongside our family through prayer and tangible support has been such an encouragement.

How would you encourage someone who's considering adoption?

First, if anyone is interested in adoption, we would encourage them to reach out and connect with families who have adopted. Adoption is born out of brokenness. It is not an easy road, but it is one that is filled with evidence of God's faithfulness and blessing. We can attest personally to the tremendous joy that it brings with it. Stepping outside of our comfort zone and trusting that God is perfectly sovereign over each and every detail of our lives—including the children He places in our family—was a faith-building and heart-stretching experience—one that we are forever grateful for.



November is Adoption Awareness Month

Today–November 18 • Information Tables

Several adoption/foster agencies will have representatives and information on GraceWalk after both morning services.

November 18 • 12:30–2:30 p.m. • Seminar & Lunch

Join us for an informational seminar and lunch on the third floor of the Tower Building. To help us plan effectively, please sign up at the patio table this morning, or email handsforhope@gracechurch.org.

For more information about adoption and foster care, stop by the tables on GraceWalk this morning or visit gracechurch.org/handsforhope.

Thanksgiving

COMMUNION SERVICE

November 18 • 6:00 p.m.

A special evening of praise and proclamation to worship and give thanks to our Lord featuring the Grace Church Orchestra & Worship Choir

Grace Around the World

The **Solano** Family

Alberto & Kathy, Sophia

Serving in **Mexico** since **2017**



Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for our church's one-year anniversary and pray for continued growth in spiritual maturity.
- Pray that God would provide more laborers and missionaries to help with evangelism and biblical training.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$36,105**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

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.

Monthly Missions Meeting

Hosted by the Elders' Council Handling Outreach (ECHO)

Tuesday, November 6 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s

Come hear updates from our missionaries and local outreach ministries, pray for their needs, and learn how you can be involved.

Titus 2 Tuesday

November 13 • 7:00 p.m.

This month's topic: Unity Within the Body of Christ—Putting Off Divisiveness

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/t2t.

Primary Christmas Party

Saturday, December 1 • 9:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. • CC130

All first–third-grade children (and friends of the same age) are invited to celebrate the Savior’s birth. Bring a small sack lunch (drinks and dessert will be provided) and canned goods for needy families. Game-appropriate attire, please (no dresses). Call 818-909-5631 for more information.

Job Opportunities

Custodial. The Grace Church Custodial Department has part-time openings (20–29 hours/week) for custodians who enjoy working in a team environment and serving the church in practical ways. Position requires 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.

Grace Grill. Grace Church is looking for part-time (4–20 hours/week) team members and events staff 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 enjoy interacting with customers in a gracious and friendly manner while working in a fast-paced environment.

Nursery Workers. Children’s Ministry currently has several part-time openings (4–20 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 applicants must be able to successfully pass a background check.

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 HR at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

Attend a Fellowship Group

Adult fellowship groups exist to glorify God by studying His Word, practically applying that truth to daily life, and providing God’s people with opportunities for worship, ministry, and building relationships with each other. Times and locations of fellowship groups are listed on the back page of *Grace Today*.

Sojourners Women’s Fellowship

Fall Potluck Luncheon

Saturday, November 17 • 10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. • T270s

Speaker: Mary Jane Northrup

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

One with Christ

Monday, November 5 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

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

Grace Church Podcasts

Visit gracechurch.org/podcasts for a complete catalog of Grace Church teaching audio available for subscription today.

Baby Rose

The rebud is in honor of **Knox Daniel Tolopilo**, born (and adopted) September 24, 2018, to Katherine and Steve Tolopilo.

8:30 a.m.

Anchored (All ages) T360s
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,
Bill Shannon

Children's Sunday School
Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Ace Davis

Cornerstone (All ages) T370s
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Hohn Cho, Mark Tatlock,
Harry Walls

Developmentally Disabled
CC130E; Pastor: Rick McLean

GraceLife (All ages)
Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

Junior High (Grades 7–8)
T70s (Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

**Spanish Adult Sunday
School** H221-222
Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
José Soria, Santiago Armel,
Eduardo Izquierdo

Spanish Worship Service
Chapel • Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney,
Josiah Grauman

Steadfast (All ages) T260s
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

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

Developmentally Disabled
CC130E; Pastor: Rick McLean

High School (Grades 9–12)
T70s (Basement)
Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages) T260s
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Mainstream (All ages) T360s
Pastors: Rich Gregory,
Carlos Chung

Sojourners (All ages) T370s
Pastors: William Varner,
Joe Zhakevich

**Spanish Adult Sunday
School** H221–222
Teachers: Rubén Pidal,
José Alcívar, José Martínez,
Josué Pineda

Spanish Worship Service
Chapel • Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney, Josiah Grauman

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)
T360s
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

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His truth in the world.*

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