

GRACE TODAY

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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.

The image shows the exterior of a church building with a light-colored stone wall. The words "grace community church" are mounted on the wall in a modern, sans-serif font. The word "grace" is on the top line, "community" is on the middle line, and "church" is on the bottom line. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and bushes. The sun is shining from the right, creating a lens flare effect. The overall scene is bright and welcoming.

grace
community
church

8:30 & 10:30* am

Prelude in G Major • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 125 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* • Congregation
Hymn 418 *For All the Saints*

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come • Manz • Worship Choir

Highland Hymn • Sproul-Lippencott • Worship Choir

The New Jerusalem • Card/Brasher • John Martin

Hymn 116 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* • Congregation

MESSAGE: **THE NEXT GLOBAL EVENT ON GOD'S PROPHETIC
TIME TABLE**

John MacArthur • 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

O Worship the King • Haydn/Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Great Is Thy Faithfulness • Runyan • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Josh Petras

Hymn 374 *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **Q&A**

John MacArthur

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

Highland Hymn

Above the mists of Highland hills, E'en far above the clear blue skies,
The end of pain and earthly ills When we shall see His eyes.

Lutes will sing, pipers play
When we see Him face to face on that day.

His face now hidden from our sight, Concealed from ev'ry hidden gaze
In hearts made pure from sinful flight Is the bliss that will amaze.

We know not yet what we will be In Heaven's final blessed state,
But know we now that we shall see Our Lord at Heaven's gate.

The beatific glory view That now our souls still long to see
Will make us all at once anew And like Him forever be.

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Doxology Hymn

Hymn 296 • Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished," was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

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 **Abraham and Sarah Doubt God**

PASSAGE **Genesis 16:1–6; 17:15–21; 18:1–15**

PRINCIPLE Nothing can stop God's plans.

FEATURED HYMN "My Hope Is in the Lord" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 213)

ASK YOUR CHILD What did God promise Abraham and Sarah?

APPLY By trusting God's promises, even if they seem impossible.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Genesis 16:1–6; 17:15–21; 18:1–15.

NEXT WEEK Genesis 18:16–19:29

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

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Hands for Hope**
- **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

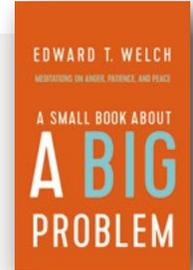
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• KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA M–F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am

TELEVISION gty.org/television

"A Conquering, Courageous Faith, 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"

PURE PRAISE, FOR GOD AND CHRIST

An Interview with Clayton Erb,
Director of Music Ministry

“Looking back from when we started in the 1980s until now, our ministry has seen enormous growth in spiritual maturity. Hearing excellent teaching for decades has produced a profound depth, both in our church’s worship and in how we go about making music with excellence for the glory of God. Theology drives everything we do. Pure praise to God and Christ has always been our church’s focus, and it flows seamlessly into the music ministry we’re blessed to partake in week after week. I’m not interested in performance for performance’s sake. I want our music to be artistic and excellently crafted, but that’s not the motivation. Our main concern is that the music honors God both in beauty and theology. This has consistently been our focus.”

Clayton Erb, our Minister of Music, talks about every aspect of our church’s music ministry in terms of theology. Our worship for God grows from our knowledge of God. What we do—how we worship Him, both through song and in every other area of our lives—is a direct product of what we believe.

“Many times, the service music is tied to the sermon. If not, we build the music around themes such as Christ as Savior, Christ as King, God as Creator, the Holy Spirit, Communion, or the special seasons of the year. Everything our church does comes from the same, biblically grounded theological perspective.

“Because God is at the center, everything we do in our ministry is a joy. Our musicians are the most incredible people to work with. They love the Lord, and they love praying for each other and caring for one another’s needs. At the close of every choir rehearsal, we always spend time together in prayer; it’s a sweet blessing to see God’s hand at work in other believers’ lives as a result of our prayer fellowship, and to come to love Him more as we work to honor and worship Him better as a church.”

Clayton’s faithful leadership in this ministry has been a blessing to our church for decades, and this December will mark his fortieth annual Christmas concert. “I’ve always thought of the concerts as worship services for believers, and as evangelism to our guests. It’s a great way to bring people to the church who would normally not attend. When someone comes to Grace Church, parks their car, and walks into the Worship Center, they’ll feel much more comfortable coming back when they realize their spiritual need. At the concert, I want visitors to experience the same setting as they would if they came to a Sunday service, including getting to know Pastor John through the short presentation of the gospel at the conclusion of the concerts. It also introduces them to the beautiful fellowship of believers here at Grace.

“Our people do a phenomenal job of inviting friends and relatives. Every year, we have more than 15,000 people in attendance, which is just amazing. All I would say is, keep it up. And if you’re a proficient musician, please get in touch with us—we audition both instrumentalists and vocalists, and we are always in need of gifted musicians to add to the team.

“It is a privilege to serve in a church that seeks to obey Paul’s high call to Timothy: “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). Our goal is, and always has been, to please God, both in our actions as we work out our sanctification, and in our worship as we offer praise to God for who He is and what He’s done. That’s our goal at Christmas as much as it is every other time we gather throughout the year.”

Free tickets for the 2018 Christmas Concert series will be available beginning next Sunday, November 18, on the patio and during the week from the church receptionist.

The Greatest Gift



Bill Klint has been serving our church by teaching primary Sunday School since 1978, and this will be his thirty-fourth year organizing the Primary Christmas Party for our first–third-graders. Mr. Klint talks about this event as a chance to come alongside our Children’s Ministry in sharing the message of salvation, the greatest gift ever given, with kids in our church and community.

“We do the party every year—always on the first Saturday in December—so it can be a reminder through the month that Christ came down to live and die in our place.” This party will start the season for most of the children who attend, framing

the busy weeks leading up to Christmas with a focus on our perfect Redeemer.

The Primary Christmas Party is not only a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Jesus’ birth with our children, but it’s also been an amazing outreach to the neighborhood. “We have kids who come from all kinds of situations. God will bring the harvest; we just need to be faithful workers. Who knows what child’s life might be changed.”

This Christmas season, we hope you’ll join us for this joyful celebration of our Savior’s birth. In Mr. Klint’s words, “Hopefully, as you bring your children, you will be encouraged, as well, to get a glimpse of what Christmas really means.” ■

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 join us to celebrate the Savior’s birth. Bring a small sack lunch (drinks and dessert will be provided) and canned goods for needy families. Call 818-909-5631 for more information.

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

Child care is available for children five years old and younger

Grace Around the World

The Ravoahangy Family

Faly & Lily, Daniel, Samuel, Emmanuelle, Gabrielle, Rachel

Serving in **Madagascar** since **2017**



Prayer / Praise

- Praise God for our first International Summit for Expository Preaching in Madagascar.
- Pray that God would give us discernment as we seek to establish and build relationships with other denominations.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$33,714**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

November Is Adoption Awareness Month

Today–November 18 • Information Tables

Several adoption/foster agencies will have representatives and information on the patio 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 the patio this morning or visit gracechurch.org/handsforhope.



Homebound Ministry

Remember to let the homebound members of our church family know that you care about and are praying for them during the Christmas season. Drop off your cards and notes at the Information window at the Welcome Center today.

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

Open to our church family

Job Opportunity

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. 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.



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Juniors Winter Camp Running the Race

January 4–6 • Forest Home • Cost: \$185 (\$225 after December 2)

Registration opens November 18. Watch *Grace Today* for details.

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, South Bay, 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.

Adventure Club

Please note that Adventure Club will not meet on November 18 due to the Thanksgiving service.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, November 12 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • Speaker: Janie Street

All women are welcome.

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.

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
CC 130E; 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 Biedeback

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
CC 130E; 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

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and extend His kingdom by
living and proclaiming
His truth in the world.*

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