

GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

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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

The First Noël • Trad./Harris • Orchestral Prelude
The Master's University Orchestra; Ben Mason, Conductor

Glory to God in the Highest • arr. Lari Goss
The Master's University Singers; Dr. Paul T. Plew, Director
Men's Quartet: Jay Nelsestuen, Caleb Demeter, Russell Vitrop, John Wipperman

Gloria, Movements 1, 3 • Rutter • The Master's University Singers

All Is Well • Smith • Anna Martin, Peter LaCom

Hymn 224 Joy to the World! • Congregation

MESSAGE: **THE DAY OF THE LORD, PART 1**
John MacArthur • 1 Thessalonians 5:1–3

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing • Mendelssohn/Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art • Trad. • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Josh Petras

Hymn 216 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus • Offertory

MESSAGE: **Q&A**
John MacArthur

Right Hand of Fellowship

Postlude

Welcome The Master's University Singers and Orchestra

The Master's University Singers, under the direction of Dr. Paul T. Plew, is a non-auditioned, campus community choir that performs a wide variety of classical and contemporary sacred music.

The Master's University Orchestra personnel come from a mixture of both talented university students and accomplished instrumentalists from the greater Los Angeles area. Under the direction of Ben Mason, they perform concerts with a wide variety of musical literature.

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 231 O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

* 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 6
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 Promises to Send the Messiah, Part 2**

PASSAGE **Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2**

PRINCIPLE Jesus is the Messiah.

FEATURED HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 238)

ASK YOUR CHILD Who were the prophets?

APPLY By humbly obeying Christ, the King.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18–25, 2:1–12

NEXT WEEK Luke 1:5–25, 57–67, 76–80

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Christmas Concert Tickets**
- **Grace Books Bible Sale**
- **Juniors Winter Camp**
- **Missionary Calendar**
- **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.

HIGHLIGHT

ANNUAL BIBLE SALE

All Bibles 30–55% off retail, while supplies last

Sale ends Friday,
December 7



Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

• **Tapping Into God's Power**

• **The Birth of the King**

- 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 Messiah's Mission"**

- 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 Testimony to All the Nations

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come”
(Matthew 24:14)

This verse from the Olivet Discourse, as Jesus instructed his disciples about the signs leading to the end of the age, illuminates the patience, mercy, and lovingkindness of our Lord as He longs to see many saved by His persistent grace. It also reminds the local church to maintain a global perspective, remembering that our gospel reach needs to extend far beyond the neighborhoods surrounding our church.

This divine priority has been a catalyst for our church family's commitment to missions. While it is exceedingly rare for a church to develop its own strategic sending ministry, our church established Grace Ministries International (GMI) with the two-fold goal of facilitating our own church members' desires to become missionaries and fulfilling the biblical commandment to make disciples of every nation. As the ministry has grown, GMI has expanded to include ministry partners: TMS graduates from like-minded churches who serve alongside Grace Church missionaries and national partners who have returned to their countries of citizenship.

At its inception twenty-two years ago, GMI sent, shepherded, and cared for just over a dozen missionaries serving overseas. Today we have sent close to 100 missionaries into the field, and we have a presence in more than thirty different nations. This growth and dedication is a direct reflection of our church's faithful and passionate pursuit of the gospel declaration which is at the heart of missions, and there are many ways you can be involved.

Outreach Ministries

Learn. Visit gracechurch.org/outreach and learn about our missionaries and the fields in which they serve. Discover how they are serving the Lord and what their various ministries entail.

Pray. God is delighted to answer prayer. Come alongside and partner with our missionaries through prayer. Our annual missionary calendar is a great tool to help you pray for different missionaries every month.

Serve. Join an STM team this coming summer. These teams are designed and dispatched to serve our missionaries and support their ministries around the world.

Give. Prayerfully consider giving to one of our missionary families as the Lord provides. In addition, your Faith Promise giving supports many needs and ministry initiatives for our missionaries.

GMI provides a wonderful lens through which we can see the Lord faithfully working toward His objective of global gospel proclamation. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of our testimony to all the nations. ■



Christmas Concert

December 20–23

Thursday & Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Worship Choir • Symphonic Orchestra
Vocal Solos & Ensembles • Handbell Choir
Children's Choir

Call 818-909-5670 or go to gracechurch.org/concert for more information.
Tickets are available at the patio table on Sunday mornings and from the church receptionist during the week.

Child care is available for children five years old and younger.

Grace Around the World

The **Manten** Family

Martin & Gabi, Lois, Joshua, Timon,
Silvan, Noe

Serving in **Switzerland** since **2009**



Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for sound and steady church growth.
- Pray that God would provide us new, bigger facilities for the church.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$11,596**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Logos Institute

Discipleship Counseling 2

January 16–April 10 (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.

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.

Joyful Givers 2018 Tax Information

All contributions for calendar year 2018 must be received by the church no later than our December 30 offering or *postmarked* no later than December 31, 2018. The church campus will be closed for the holidays December 24–28, 2018; December 31, 2018; and January 1, 2019. Contributions received or *postmarked* after Monday, December 31, 2018, will be recorded in 2019. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

Job Opportunity

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.

Communion December 9 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. —1 Corinthians 11:26

Juniors Winter Camp Running the Race

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

Register today on the patio or at gracechurch.org/children.

Junior High Winter Camp

January 4–6 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp

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

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 4, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, January 5, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Part 2 Friday, February 15, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, February 16, 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.

One with Christ Monday, December 3 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

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

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 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
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

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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Children
818-909-5631

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818-909-5644

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

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