

# GRACE TODAY

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**December 9, 2018**

**John MacArthur**  
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**

*For Unto Us a Child Is Born* • Handel • Stephen Sturz, Organist

**Hymn 231 O Come, All Ye Faithful** • Congregation

**Hymn 227 Angels We Have Heard on High**

**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing** • Mendelssohn/Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

**Sing Noël, Sing Hallelujah** • Smith/Hamilton • Worship Choir

**Hymn 223 The First Noël** • Congregation

**Birthday of a King** • Neidlinger/Marsh • Philip Webb

MESSAGE: **THE DAY OF THE LORD, PART 2**

John MacArthur • 1 Thessalonians 5:1–3

**Communion**

**Joy to the World!** • Handel/Beck • Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

**Jesus Is Lord** • Getty-Townend • Instrumental Prelude

**Songs of Praise** • Congregation

**Baptism** • Joe Zhakevich

**What Child Is This?** • Trad./Rouse • Deb VÍcta

MESSAGE: **THE CHRIST OF HANNUKAH**

Nathan Busenitz • John 10:22–42

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

**Anthem**

**Sing Noël, Sing Hallelujah**

Sing Noël! Sing Noël! Sing we all Noël! Sing we all Noël!

Sing, O sing, we all Noël!

Come behold this Child in the manger, gift of the Father's great love.  
Angels look down as His glory surrounds them, starlight from heaven above.  
Sing Noël, sing Hallelujah, God with us now come to dwell.  
Sing Noël, lift high His praises, Christ, our Emmanuel.

Lift up your heads all who wander in darkness, shine for your light has come.  
Down through the ages, though sin's battle rages, Christ, our Messiah has won.  
Sing Noël! Sing Hallelujah! Come adore on bended knee.  
Sing Noël, lift high His praises, Christ come to set us all free.

Let every daughter and son of the Father rise on this Christmas morn.  
With heaven voicing all praise and rejoicing, Christ, our Redeemer is born.  
Sing Noël! Sing Hallelujah! All creation great and small,  
Sing Noël, lift high His praises. Christ come to save us all!

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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.

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 Sends John the Baptist**

PASSAGE **Luke 1:5–25, 57–67, 76–80**

PRINCIPLE Jesus is Savior and Lord.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD What is important about the names Immanuel, Savior, and Son of the Most High?

APPLY By obeying Jesus Christ as Lord and God.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Luke 1:5–25, 57–67, 76–80

NEXT WEEK Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38

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

## On GraceWalk

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

## On the Patio

- **Juniors Winter Camp**
- **Logos Institute**
- **Missionary Calendar**
- **Spanish Ministry**  
(by the Chapel)

## Bookstore

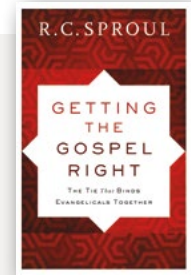
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

### GRACE BOOKS HIGHLIGHT

#### GETTING THE GOSPEL RIGHT

BY R.C. SPROUL

"This book is a must-read for all who care about gospel truth in an age of theological compromise and confusion."  
—James Montgomery Boice



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

## Grace to You

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

### *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](http://gty.org/television)

### *"The Mystery of Christmas"*

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

**ONLINE** [gty.org](http://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"

# Home for the Holidays

## Congregational Care Ministries

FEATURE



If you happened to find yourself stuck on the freeways of Southern California over Thanksgiving weekend, then you, among many others, witnessed thousands of bumper-to-bumper vehicles desperately crawling inch-by-inch towards their chosen holiday destinations. It was truly an unbelievable sight. What once was a somewhat steady flow of commuters trying to make it to work earlier in the week had virtually overnight become an immovable mass exodus of holiday proportions.

Perhaps it was then, as you sat in your motionless car, that you might even have heard yourself say out loud, “Where in the world are all these people going? They must be going somewhere! But where?” Then, before you even have a second to think, the answer suddenly occurs to you; “Oh, they’re all going back home!” Home, you see, is where we always want to go for the holidays.

Though it’s not true for everybody, there is no question that a large portion of the population

attempts to go back home during the winter season. It’s nice once a year to see the folks you grew up with and the relatives you love; it’s nostalgic to return to the homes we were raised in and see the places we remember from our childhoods. The holidays just seem like the right time to change the scenery and go back home.

But did you know that for some people in our church, the scenery never changes? Some of our members at Grace Church never have to endure any Thanksgiving traffic or Christmas commutes; in fact, they never have to endure any travel problems at all. Why? Because they are, in a word, homebound. The reason they never go back to the homes they were raised in is because they are unable to leave the homes they presently live in. Even coming to church on a Sunday is not really an option for them. Whether because of a physical limitation brought on by illness, age, or accident, there are a number of people in our wonderful church who never go anywhere for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Though they enjoy

our live-stream capabilities and worship with us from afar, they still don't really get to enjoy the heartfelt expressions of encouragement that we so often take for granted.

That's why each Christmas season we ask our church family to bring a little bit of their home into the homes of our homebound saints! Beginning next Lord's Day, if you and/or your family want to create a Christmas card to send to the list of homebound folks listed on this page, then we will deliver it to them as an expression of your love. Just create or buy a card and write the name of a homebound saint on the front of the envelope (leaving room for their address and a stamp that we will provide), and we will do the rest! Though these folks aren't able to go home for the holidays, they can be warmly encouraged by the fact that you took the time to bring a little piece of your home to them. ■

Tony Barcia  
Loretta Dedinas  
Frances Gregg  
Dotty Halby  
Suzanne Hitzemann  
Myrna Hoffman  
Gladys Hogins  
Bridget Husen  
Jessie Jezmajian  
Sue Keller  
Ann Kerr  
Frances Manner Group Home  
Prisila Labbee  
William Mack  
Geraldine Mole  
Arlene Partie  
Margaret Rudy  
Avis Spitz  
Rose Stoeppler  
Patricia Stoner  
Dawn Zuber





## SHORT-TERM MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHT

Please pray for our teams as they prepare for, serve, and return from the field.



### TEAM SINGAPORE DECEMBER 13–24

**TEAM MEMBERS:** Austin Chiang (team leader), Hope Glenn, Kent Hirano, Michael Lee, Angela Lin, Ivana Mai, Katherine Morsch, Noelle Yoo

**MINISTRY:** VBS, Evangelism

## Grace Around the World

### The **Wilhelmsson** Family

Miska & Alison, Jeremiah, Simeon, Zakarias

Serving in **Finland** since **2017**



### Prayer / Praise

- Praise God for blessing our ministry in Finland this past year.
- Pray for the development of our church's Finnish-language ministry (in church services and published literature).

For more information visit [gracechurch.org/wilhelmsson](http://gracechurch.org/wilhelmsson).

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$25,488**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Help Needed

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic has an urgent need for a part-time client services assistant and an OB/GYN or family practice physician. For more information, call Debi at 818-626-9404 or email [debi@openarmspregnancy.com](mailto:debi@openarmspregnancy.com).

## 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](http://gracechurch.org/concert) for more information.

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

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## 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.

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## 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](http://gracechurch.org/logos).

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## Unequally Yoked Tuesday, December 11

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

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## Job Opportunity

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

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## 2019 Missionary Calendar

The 2019 Missionary Calendar is available on the patio this morning. One per family, please.

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## Junior High Winter Camp

**January 4–6 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp**

For details or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/xchange](http://gracechurch.org/xchange).

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## High School Winter Camp

**January 19–21 • Forest Home**

For details or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/180](http://gracechurch.org/180).

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## 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](http://gracechurch.org/premarital) or call 818-909-5537.

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**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](http://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**

**Administration**  
818-909-5500

**Children**  
818-909-5631

**Logos Institute**  
818-909-5500

**Membership**  
818-909-5644

**Men**  
818-909-5537

**Outreach**  
818-909-5700

**Pastoral Care &  
Counseling**  
818-909-5537

**Prayer**  
818-909-5519

**Spanish**  
818-909-5722

**Special Ministries**  
818-909-5519

**Student**  
818-909-5593

**Women**  
818-909-5521

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