

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**BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR***O Come, All Ye Faithful* • Trad./Purvis-Sturz • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Angels Medley* • Congregation*Angels, We Have Heard on High* • Trad./Angle-Marsh • Worship Choir*Who Is He in Yonder Stall?* • Hanby/Krogstad, Smith/Hamilton • Worship Choir*Hymn 259 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* • Congregation*In the Bleak Midwinter* • Holst/Wilberg • Philip WebbMESSAGE: **EMMANUEL, THE CHILD WHO WAS GOD**

John MacArthur • Colossians 1:15–19

Doxology Hymn*Ding! Dong! Merrily on High* • Trad./Wilcocks • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm**

Christmas Concert

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

**Anthem****Who Is He in Yonder Stall?**

Who is He in yonder stall at whose feet the shepherds fall?
Who is He in great distress, fasting in the wilderness?
'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord! The King of glory!
At His feet we humbly fall, Crown Him! Crown Him, Lord of all!

Who is He the people bless for His words of gentleness?
Who is He to whom they bring all the sick and sorrowing?
'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord! The King of glory!
At His feet we humbly fall, Crown Him! Crown Him, Lord of all!

Who is He that stands and weeps at the grave where Laz'rus sleeps?
Who is He the gath'ring throng greet with loud triumphant song?
'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord! The King of glory!
At His feet we humbly fall, Crown Him! Crown Him, Lord of all!

Lo! At midnight, who is He prays in dark Gethsemane?
Who is He on yonder tree dies in grief and agony?
Who is He that from the grave comes to heal and help and save?
Who is He that from His throne rules through all the world alone?
'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord! The King of glory!
At His feet we humbly fall, Crown Him! Crown Him,
Crown Him Lord of all!

Doxology Hymn**Hymn 242 • O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel.

* 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 **The Wise Men Worship Jesus**

PASSAGE **Matthew 2:1–18**

PRINCIPLE Jesus deserves our worship because He is the King of Kings.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD What did the wise men do when they found Jesus?

APPLY By worshipping Jesus in song and deed.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Matthew 2:1–18.

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

LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

BY SINCLAIR FERGUSON



"Sinclair Ferguson has put a powerful tool into our hands in this book. Every Christian reader will benefit by acquiring the rich truths of the incarnation of the Son of God for our own worship and evangelism."

—John MacArthur

"Every believer and family should read this clear treatment of the incarnation." —Steve Lawson

Available today for 25% off retail, or 40% off when you purchase two or more

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

- **The Birth of the King**

- **The Great Commission**

- 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

"Testimonies to the Incarnation"

- 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.

Angels, from the Realms of Glory Hymn 222

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen the Infant's star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Though an Infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne;
Gather all the nations to Him;
Ev'ry knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Words by James Montgomery (1816); music by Henry T. Smart (1867)

*A*nd suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Hymn 238

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Words by Charles Wesley (1739); music by Felix Mendelssohn (1840)

Merry Christmas!

Faith Promise Fruit

Your Faith Promise giving impacts the gospel ministry efforts of our missionary families around the globe. Grace Church missionaries, Jonathan and Sharon Moorhead, serve in the Czech Republic. Jonathan recently shared this wonderful news: "This is an exciting year where we are preparing to integrate Czech men into teaching duties. I am working with two men (studying for their Master of Divinity degrees) whom I have assigned to teach Christology and Angelology next spring. As we work toward integrating Czech citizens more fully into leadership roles, pray for these men in their spiritual growth, love for the church, and academic advancement." Praise God for raising up the next generation of church leaders in the Czech Republic.

To learn more about Faith Promise or our ministry efforts in the Czech Republic, call 818-909-5700.

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.

Christmas Schedule

The Grace Church campus (including Steeple House and the bookstore) will be closed for the holidays December 24–28, 2018; December 31, 2018; and January 1, 2019. For questions about a specific ministry, please contact your ministry leader.

Grace Around the World

The Bartholomä Family

Marco & Katrina, Gabriel, Kaleb, Isabelle

Serving in **Germany** since **2015**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray for our new baby, due in April 2019.
- Pray for wisdom with the many opportunities to share the gospel that come around Christmas.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/berlin.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$58,268**. 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.

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.

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*.

Jr. High Winter Camp January 4–6 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp

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

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 or 818-909-5672.

Logos Institute Classes

OT History II

January 7–February 11 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Michael Wurtz • Cost: \$50

TH 303 Anthropology, Hamartiology, Angelology

January 8–February 12 (Tuesdays) • 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Chris Burnett • Cost: \$50

Pauline Epistles and Acts—Part 2

January 10–March 14 (Thursdays)
7:00–9:00 p.m. • Instructor: Paul Twiss • Cost: \$50

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.

High School Winter Camp

January 19–21 • Forest Home

For details or to register, visit gracechurch.org/180.

*But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His goings forth are from long ago,
From the days of eternity.*

—Micah 5:2

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

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