

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

Two Antiphons • Dupré • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 104 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing • Congregation

Hymn 89 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

The Eternal Gates • Trad./Helvey • Worship Choir

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal • Trad./Parker • Worship Choir

Hymn 423 On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand • Congregation

With All My Heart • Mason • Carmella Jones

MESSAGE: **NIGHT PEOPLE AND DAY PEOPLE, PART 2**
John MacArthur • 1 Thessalonians 5:4–11

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Lift Up Your Heads • Anon./Bingham • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Mark Zhakevich

Hymn 407 It Is Well with My Soul • Offertory

MESSAGE: **TRIUMPH THROUGH TRIALS**
Tom Patton • Job 42:10–17

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

The Eternal Gates

The eternal gates lift up their heads, the doors are opened wide,
The King of glory is gone up unto His Father's side.
Oh praise, sing hallelujah, oh praise, sing hallelujah,
And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

And ever on our earthly path a gleam of glory lies,
A light still breaks behind the cloud that veils Thee from the eyes.
Oh praise, sing hallelujah, oh praise, sing hallelujah,
And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds, and let Thy grace be given,
That, while we live on earth below, our treasure be in heaven;
Oh praise, sing hallelujah, oh praise, sing hallelujah,
And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

That, where Thou art at God's right hand, our hope, our love may be:
Dwell in us now, that we may dwell forevermore in Thee.
Oh praise, sing hallelujah, oh praise, sing hallelujah,
And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

Words by Cecil Frances Alexander (c. 1870); music based on the tune, Hallelujah (early American folk melody); setting by Howard Helvey

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 378 Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Soldiers of Christ, arise
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of hosts
And in His mighty pow'r,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

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
103 • 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 Chooses Jacob Over Esau**

PASSAGE **Genesis 25:21–26; 27:1–29**

PRINCIPLE God sovereignly chooses whomever He wants to accomplish His purposes.

FEATURED HYMN **"To God Be the Glory"** (*Hymns of Grace* No. 19)

ASK YOUR CHILD Which brother did God choose to receive the birthright?

APPLY By patiently waiting for God's timing.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Genesis 25:21–26; 27:1–29.

NEXT WEEK Genesis 32:1–33:20

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

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Shepherds' Conference Volunteer Information**
- **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

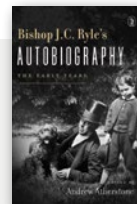
BISHOP J.C. RYLE'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

J.C. RYLE

"He was dubbed the man of granite with the heart of a child. During his long years of spiritual leadership, biblical faithfulness, and enduring influence through his writings, he was hated and he was loved for the same reason: he was a lion for the truth, he was unwavering, he stood firm."

—John MacArthur

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- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
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A CALL TO FRONT-LINE MINISTRY

Local Outreach Ministries

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which falls each year on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court ruling which made the murder of one's own unborn child a constitutionally protected right. President Reagan established this day of remembrance as a reminder of that atrocious decision and as an annual rallying point to keep up the fight to end this severest miscarriage of justice in our nation.

Forty-six years later, after sixty million unborn children have been mercilessly slaughtered, the battle continues to rage. This past week, the president of Planned Parenthood, America's leading abortion provider, wrote, "We will never back down from that fight" of "providing, protecting, and expanding access to abortion." While countless lives are daily surrendered to this legalized genocide, we as followers of Jesus must never back down from defending the defenseless (Proverbs 31:8), honoring the image of God in all people (Genesis 1:27, 9:6), and proclaiming the gospel that transforms the murderous heart.

But what exactly can we do? We cannot look solely to government solutions; a "pro-life" Congress continues to grant Planned Parenthood over \$500 million in taxpayer

funding each year. Surely, we must pray that God would eradicate this evil (2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:12). Surely, we must support gospel-centered pregnancy centers, like the Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic in Northridge. But we also must seek the Lord about joining the front lines of this battle as well. Over the past two years, members of our church have been ministering outside a local abortion clinic, pleading with women and men for the lives of their children, offering both physical and spiritual help, and, most importantly, proclaiming the gospel of salvation and eternal life in Christ Jesus. It has been a joy to see lives saved as the gospel is preached. We would love for more of our church family to join us in this extremely difficult yet extremely rewarding ministry. There are numerous ways to serve, both on the sidewalk or as a resource behind the scenes.

If you are interested in learning more about serving in this ministry, we would love for you to join us for an informational lunch on Sunday, February 3, at 12:30 p.m. in the T360s. RSVP by signing up at the GraceWalk table, contacting the Local Outreach department at 818-909-5721, or emailing aco@gracechurch.org.



New Members

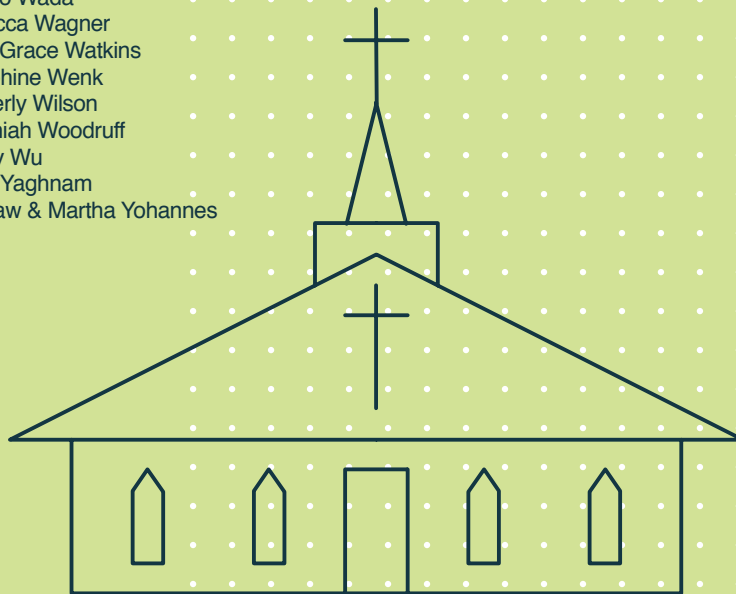
Grace Church welcomed another group of new members with the Right Hand of Fellowship. Each of these individuals completed the membership class in fulfillment of Grace Church's membership requirements.

The following new members received the Right Hand of Fellowship in DECEMBER.

David Achonu
Alecia Almonte
Celene Barrera
Erbey Barrera
Heather Blattenberger
Nathan Bonsell
Wilson Chamalé
Julia Champion
Jenny Cheng
Jonathan Choy
Tiffany Church
Kaylee Clarke
Abigail Crisolo
Sally Deng
Evangeline Dy
Marta Estrada
Yahaira Florentino
Armando Freitas
Thalia Gallegos
Grace Gnanapragasam
Janet Han
Daniel & Brittany Hebert
Sabrina Hebron
Peace Ikediuba
Joanne Kim
MaKenzie Knotts
Justin Lau
Matt & McCall Lee

Melissa Lee
Lanz & Annalyse Lipana
Magdalene Lo
McKenna Mack
Corina Martinez
Hayley Martinez
Juan Martinez
Dean McMahon
Melisa McVicker
Daryl Moniaga
Jereme & Lindsay Morris
Alexa Moses
Hansel O'Neil
Yuji Ono
Carlos Osta
Lyndraice Papa
Emma Pence
Jose Pineda
Amanda Platt
Libby Prinzing
Manuel Recinos
Rafael & Sandra Repreza
Spencer Revely
Jonathan Robinson
Emigdio & Vilma Rodriguez
Jonathan Salomon
Hosea Santiago
Edgar Soto II

Hannah Throns
Rebekah Throns
Jenny Valle
Catrina Velarde
Jay Vora
Hideho Wada
Rebecca Wagner
Anna Grace Watkins
Josephine Wenk
Kimberly Wilson
Jeremiah Woodruff
Nancy Wu
Dana Yagham
Abebaw & Martha Yohannes





The work of the Word

John Mark

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Join us for a celebration of our pastor's fiftieth anniversary at Grace Church.
Watch *Grace Today* for more information.



faithful

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

To sign up to volunteer to serve during the conference, stop by the patio table this morning or visit gracechurch.org/volunteer.

The deadline for volunteer sign-ups is January 20; there is a mandatory volunteer meeting on January 27, at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Center.

SCHOLARSHIPS

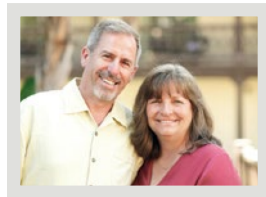
For information about providing a scholarship for the 2019 Shepherds' Conference, visit gracechurch.org/scholarship.

Shepherds' Conference
March 5-8, 2019

Grace Around the World

Christian & Sheryl Andresen

Serving in **Germany** since **1997**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray for spiritual growth, protection, and health for our family.
- Pray for wisdom and endurance for our staff members and teachers at the European Bible Training Center.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/andresen.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$30,238**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Castaic Jail Ministry

Every Sunday, members from Grace Church go to the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic to proclaim the gospel. Inmates are supplied with paperback Bibles provided by the Gideons, and if they complete a Fundamentals of the Faith class they receive a *MacArthur Study Bible*. For more information, call 818-909-5721, or visit gracechurch.org/local.

Adventure Club

Designed for three-year-olds through sixth graders, this exciting children's program meets on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit gracechurch.org/adventureclub.

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Saturday, January 26 • 9:00 a.m. • T370s

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship over a light breakfast. Loved ones with dementia are welcome. If you are bringing your loved one, please call Pastor Rick McLean 818-909-5519.

One with Christ

Monday, January 21 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

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

Unequally Yoked

Tuesday, January 22

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

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.*

—Proverbs 3:5

Abortion Clinic Outreach

Informational Lunch

February 3 • 12:30–2:30 p.m. • Seminar & Lunch

Join us for an informational seminar and lunch in the T360s. To help us plan effectively, please sign up at the patio table this morning, or email aco@gracechurch.org.

High School Winter Camp

Please note that 180 will not meet this morning, due to Winter Camp.

Good Neighbors

As a courtesy to our neighbors, please avoid parking in front of the houses surrounding Grace Church. Instead, use one of the designated parking lots. If street parking is unavoidable, we urge you to be especially attentive to and considerate of our neighbors' comfort and property.

Hands for Hope

For information about adoption and orphan care, visit gracechurch.org/handsforhope.

With the Lord

Ruth Ornelas recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. —Psalm 116:15

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

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Rubén Pidal, José Martínez,
Josué Pineda

Spanish Worship Service
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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)

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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