

GRACE TODAY

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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.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the exterior of the Grace Community Church building. The building features a light-colored stone or brick facade. On the right side of the building, the words "grace community church" are mounted 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 letters are dark and have a slight shadow, making them stand out against the stone. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and bushes, with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a bright and natural atmosphere. The sky is visible through the branches of the trees, appearing as a pale, hazy blue.

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8:30 & 10:30* am

Sonata V: *First Movement* • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 48 *Holy, Holy, Holy* • Congregation

Hymn 50 *Adoration*

Adore *Him* • Fettke/Rice • Worship Choir

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord • Harlan/Rice • Worship Choir

Amazing Grace • Trad./Krogstad • Philip Webb

Hymn 81 *I Am His, and He Is Mine* • Congregation

MESSAGE: **HEAVEN ON EARTH?**

Paul Twiss • 1 John 3:19–24

Postlude from *Celebrate Life* • Red • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

The Solid Rock • Bradbury • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Josh Petras

Hymn 389 *All I Have Is Christ* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **FAITHFULNESS TO THE END**

Abner Chou • 2 Timothy 4:22b

Postlude

Anthem

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

Cast thy burden upon the Lord.

He will not fail you. He'll walk beside you.

He'll even carry you and sustain you.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord.

O Lord, Thy mercy is great.

It reaches to the highest star.

And far above the heavens, or deeper than the sea,

Thy mercy is great, O Lord;

As far as the east is from the west,

As many are the sands upon the shore,

Even greater is the bounty of His lovingkindness

And tender mercies.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord.

He will not fail you. He'll walk beside you.

He'll even carry you and sustain you.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord.

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Words adapted from Psalm 55:22; music by Benjamin Harlan

* 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.

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
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 **Judas Betrays Jesus**

PASSAGE **Matthew 26:1–16, 47–56; 27:3–10**

PRINCIPLE People deny or betray Jesus with sinful attitudes and actions.

FEATURED HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 312)

ASK YOUR CHILD How did Judas betray Jesus?

APPLY By thanking Jesus for being faithful even when people reject Him.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Matthew 26:1–16, 47–56; 27:3–10.

NEXT WEEK Matthew 26:57–27:2, 11–66

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Children's Hunger Fund**
- **Men's Conference**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)
- **VBS Volunteer Information**

Bookstore

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

HIGHLIGHT

ENJOY YOUR PRAYER LIFE

by *Michael Reeves*

"Calvin said that 'prayer is the chief exercise of faith.' Michael Reeves uses this definition to show you how to approach prayer as a privilege and a natural expression of your love for God. If you've ever struggled with prayer, this little book provides help and encouragement." —Austin Duncan



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Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

Jesus on Trial

- 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

"Taking Sin Seriously at the Lord's Table"

- 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.



In 1969, the Dow closed the year at 800, gas was thirty-five cents a gallon, man first walked on the moon—and in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles, a small church with a brand new pastor launched the ministry known today as Grace to You.

The first resource produced by what would become Grace to You was a tape of John MacArthur's message, "How to Play Church." Half a century later, what began simply as a way of providing John's sermons to church members physically unable to attend services has grown into a global outreach that makes the audio of John MacArthur's Bible teaching available to

FIFTY YEARS OF GRACE *to You*

millions of people around the world in seven languages: Arabic, English, French, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Grace to You began broadcasting on radio in 1978 and on television in 2006. Today, Grace to You is heard on more than 1,300 English-speaking radio outlets in fifty states and twelve nations, more than 1,100 Spanish-speaking radio outlets across twenty-seven countries, and over a dozen English-speaking TV stations. Because of the faithful generosity of our listeners throughout the years, Grace to You has been able to broadcast thousands of John MacArthur's sermons while making available hundreds of thousands of John's books, CDs,

and copies of *The MacArthur Study Bible* free of charge. Grace to You's content is available on a variety of platforms, including our website (gty.org); our Spanish radio broadcast, *Gracia a Vosotros*; the *Grace to You Study Bible* app; and the *Grace to You* sermon app. To date, nearly 190 million of John's sermons have been downloaded across all Grace to You platforms.

Grace to You is commemorating fifty years of ministry throughout 2019. The celebration extends beyond our facility in Valencia to our listeners and supporters across the globe through our various conduits, including radio, television, the Internet, and our listener conference in October. Our celebration will

include special broadcasts, website features, anniversary cards, and live interviews with John MacArthur.

The apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 4:2, "It is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy." That means God expects His people to dutifully utilize the resources He entrusts to them. As Grace to You celebrates fifty years of ministry, we are thankful to God for the faithfulness of John MacArthur, Grace Community Church, and the countless supporters who over the years have joined Grace to You in the joyous privilege of "Unleashing God's Truth, One Verse at a Time."

Glorifying the Risen Savior

Good Friday Communion Service April 19 • 7:30 p.m.

Special music by the Worship Choir, Orchestra, and Vocalists
Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available.

Resurrection Sunday Worship Services April 21 • 7:00, 8:30, & 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available for all services; Sunday School will meet at the regular times.

There will be no Sunday evening service on April 21.

DISCERNMENT

2019 Men of the Word Conference
Saturday, April 13 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • Worship Center
Cost: \$20 (includes lunch) • Register online at gracechurch.org/motw

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$6,041**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

Nurses Needed

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic is seeking registered nurses to fill part-time staff, per diem, and volunteer positions. There is a particular need for four hours on Saturday mornings, but other shifts are also available. Help us help others choose life. Contact Debi at 818-626-9404 or debi@openarmspregnancy.com.

Logos Institute Classes

Church History: From Christ to the Crusades

April 15–May 20 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Instructor: Nathan Busenitz

OT Wisdom Literature

April 18–June 6 (Thursdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Instructor: Alex Youngstrom

Discipleship Counseling 3

April 24–June 26 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders • Cost: \$75

Spanish Track: Consejería Bíblica Niveles 2 & 3 (Biblical Counseling 2 & 3)

April 15–July 8 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Instructor: Jonathan Tucker

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/logos.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, April 18 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Speaker: Linda Damarjian • Topic: "Expressing Godly Kindness"

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation. All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

April 14 • 12:30–2:30 p.m. • CC230s

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, please visit one of our Sunday afternoon meetings. Join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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, May 3, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Part 2 Friday, June 14, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, June 15, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman • T371–372

\$45 for church members or TMS/TMC students; \$75 for non-members

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/premarital or call 818-909-5537.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, April 8 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s

All women are welcome.

Job Opportunities

Systems & Events Coordinator. Grace Books International is looking for a part-time (20–29 hours/week) systems & events coordinator. Responsibilities include assisting in the transition to a new software program (followed by on-going technological training post-transition), handling inventory, acquiring titles, and assisting with special events. Applicants must be available to work week-days and alternating Sundays. Position requires background in system conversions, excellent organizational skills, and the ability to interact with various staff members. Must be able to lift up to twenty 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 Human Resources at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

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
CC130E
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

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
CC130E
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 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)

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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Administration
818-909-5500

Children
818-909-5631

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818-909-5500

Membership
818-909-5644

Men
818-909-5537

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818-909-5700

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