

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.

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GRADUATION SUNDAY

8:30 & 10:30* am

Orchestral Suite No. 1: Movements V, II • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 346 A Christian Home • Congregation

The King of Love My Shepherd Is • Trad./Pinkston-Rice • Instrumental Praise

See What Love Hath the Father • Mendelssohn • Worship Choir

Hymn 429 For the Beauty of the Earth • Congregation

The Love of God • Lehman/Rice • Kory Welch

MESSAGE: **THE COMING MAN OF SIN, PART 3**

John MacArthur • 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Orchestral Suite No. 1: Movement VIII • Bach • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

THE MASTER'S SEMINARY GRADUATION

Pomp and Circumstance • Elgar/Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

I Sing the Mighty Power of God • Trad./Erb-Rice • The Master's Seminary Chorus

Soldiers of Christ, Arise • Evey/Erb-Rice

Hymn 354 The Church's One Foundation • Congregation

Hymn 377 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Jesus Shall Reign • Hatton/Lehman-Rice • Brass Ensemble, Organ

Instrumental Praise

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With You, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.

You spread a table in my sight; Your saving grace bestowing;
And O what transport of delight From Your pure chalice flowing!

And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise Within Your house forever.

Words by Henry W. Baker (1868); music from an ancient Irish melody

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 381 The Solid Rock

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is singing sand.

* 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.

Today's Membership Class
102 • 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 Prepares Israel for the Covenant**

PASSAGE **Exodus 19**

PRINCIPLE God is worthy of fear and reverence.

FEATURED HYMN "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 170)

ASK YOUR CHILD What did God promise Israel?

APPLY By obeying God's Word wholeheartedly.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Exodus 19.

NEXT WEEK Exodus 20:1–21

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Hands for Hope**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Faith Promise**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)
- **The Master's Seminary**
- **VBS 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

THE SECOND COMING

by John MacArthur

This book is a straightforward, in-depth exploration of the key biblical texts regarding the Second Coming—most notably, Christ's longest and most important eschatological message, the Olivet Discourse.



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"The Character of the Pastor"

- NRBT 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.



An Extraordinary **GOSPEL OPPORTUNITY**

STUDENT MINISTRY

Christ's command to spread the gospel is clear: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19). It compels all believers to bring the message of salvation everywhere, to all people, at all ages. It is the Great Commission that guides our youth ministry programs, which aim to make disciples among a targeted people group—teenagers.

Teenager is a word that evokes many emotions and preconceived notions in our society. Indeed, the teen years tend to be a time of unique challenge as young adults are faced with increasingly complex decisions, influences, and life lessons.

For those who are part of junior high and high school ministries, the word teenager is motivating because it represents an extraordinary

opportunity to see the gospel work mightily. Teens are eager to learn and hear new perspectives. Our goal is to help these students learn and grow in light of the reality of the saving and sanctifying power of the gospel.

There are three commitments we share as we minister the power of the gospel to the teenagers at our church:

TO PARTNER WITH PARENTS IN THEIR ONGOING GOSPEL WITNESS TO THEIR TEENAGERS. The work of student ministries is supplemental to the diligent, godly parenting that happens within our church families, and it is a joy to see the fruit of this partnership again and again (Deuteronomy 6:6–7).

TO BUILD TEENS TO BE ACTIVE CHURCH MEMBERS. A major goal is to equip saved students to live lives committed to the church. Our high school ministry is currently teaching a series entitled, "How to Church," which aims to help students see their important role as part of the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:32).

TO EQUIP TEENS TO BE EFFECTIVE WITNESSES. It's a tremendous encouragement to see students seeking to obey the Great Commission by inviting friends to church events and camps, participating in local outreach, and actively ministering to unsaved friends on their athletic teams and campuses (Matthew 28:19–20).

As we embark upon a busy season of student ministry, please pray for the upcoming activities, summer camps, small group sessions, and outreach events all designed to make the gospel known and embraced by teenagers.

Please also pray for our faithful and godly volunteer staff who regularly give of their time and resources to make an impact on these students through teaching, training, and discipleship.

The next time you hear the word teenager, we hope it's a reminder to pray for the young people in your households, on our campus, and in our community. It is a thrill to see the gospel alive and working in so many hearts as Christ continues to build His church.



THE MASTER'S SEMINARY

To the Praise of His Glory

In Acts 16, the apostle Paul adopted Timothy as his protégé. Together with Silas, these men proclaimed the gospel and strengthened churches throughout modern-day Turkey because they concluded that "God had called us to preach the gospel to them" (Acts 16:9–10).

Just as these church fathers answered the call to preach the gospel, The Master's Seminary is responding to an equivalently great need. This evening, the thirty-third graduating class of TMS will celebrate God's sustaining grace and receive their hard-earned degrees. These fifty-nine men join more than 1,650 men who have preceded them and now serve Christ on six continents in over forty-five countries.

Thank you, Grace Church, for your partnership in the lives of these men and their families. Your investment has been vital. Please pray for them as they transition to their new places of ministry. You can hear their testimonies in their own words at tms.edu.

All praise and glory be to our great God!

Foster Care Informational Lunch

May 19 • 12:30 p.m. • T370s

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month. Join us on Sunday, May 19, for an informational seminar hosted by Safe Families for Children to learn about foster care, foster adoption, and opportunities to serve families in crisis. Families are welcome (childcare available for children up to five years old). Lunch will be provided. RSVP by Wednesday, May 15, to HandsForHope@gracechurch.org.

Safe Families for Children is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization that provides care and support to families in crisis by temporarily hosting children and providing a network of support to help while they get back on their feet. For more information about Safe Families, visit safe-families.org.

Parenting for Life June 2–August 25 (class will not meet in July)

10:30 a.m. • H223–224 • Teacher: Rich Harasick

To register or for more information, visit gracechurch.org/childrens or call 818-909-5631. Space is limited. Order curriculum at the bookstore.



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- Praise God that we had the privilege of baptizing two new believers recently in our church.
- Pray for the upcoming elections in South Africa.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/christopher.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$11,167**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Russian Outreach Bible Study

Today • 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.

Elders Meeting

Thursday, May 16 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

Camp Grace Volunteers Needed

June 10–13 • Lake Arrowhead

July 29–August 3 • Big Basin, Santa Cruz

Special Ministries has an urgent need for volunteers to serve at both camps this summer. For more information about serving at either camp, call Pastor Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 18 • 10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. • T270s

Guest Speaker: Christine Anderson • Topic: "Ring in the Joy" • Cost: \$16

All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information.

Happy Mother's Day

Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:

"Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all."

—Proverbs 31:28–29

Communion

May 19 • 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

Vacation Bible School

June 24–28 • 9:00 a.m.–Noon

For kids going into grades K–6 this fall. Register by June 8 at gracechurch.org/vbs.

Ukraine STM Need

Team Ukraine is collecting new or used baseball and softball equipment for children and adults (gloves, softballs, bases, t-ball stands, and baseball gear) to replace equipment our sister church in Kiev lost in a flood. Drop your donations off at the patio table on May 19 or May 26.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA

Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, May 13 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • All women are welcome.

Titus 2 Tuesday

May 14 • 7:00 p.m. • This month's topic: The Value of Forgiveness

All women are invited to join us as we learn about the value of forgiveness and its importance in our lives. As our pastor has said, "Forgiveness is required of a believer because forgiveness is the most godlike act a Christian can do. No act is more divine than forgiveness. Never are we more like God than when we forgive." Please join us at homes in Encino, Glendale, Northridge, Shadow Hills, Simi Valley, South Bay, and Valencia. For specific meeting locations and to RSVP, visit gracechurch.org/t2t or email gcctitus2@icloud.com.

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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