

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.



8:30 & 10:30* am

Now Thank We All Our God • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 6 *The God of Abraham Praise* • Congregation

Hymn 4 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King • Darwall/Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds

Antiphonal Alleluias • Handel • Worship Choir, Joyful Sound

Hymn 8 *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer* • Congregation

Crown Him (Majesty) • Tomlin-Maher-Cash/Rice • James Philipps

MESSAGE: **THE CALL OF THE WILD**

Austin Duncan • Psalm 148

Postlude in G • Handel • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Jesus Is Lord • Getty-Townend • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Rick McLean

Hymn 196 *I Will Glory in My Redeemer* • Offertory

MESSAGE: **TESTING THE SPIRITS, GROWING IN DISCERNMENT**

Paul Twiss • 1 John 4:1–6

Postlude

Instrumental Praise

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come
And take His servants up To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

To maintain a worshipful atmosphere in the services, please do not applaud after musical numbers.

* 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 Requires Obedience**

PASSAGE **Deuteronomy 4:1–40**

PRINCIPLE God requires obedience from His people.

FEATURED HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 393)

ASK YOUR CHILD How is God glorified through obedience?

APPLY By thanking God for giving laws to guide our lives.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Deuteronomy 4:1–40

NEXT WEEK Deuteronomy 6:4–9

On GraceWalk

• **Women's Ministry Fair**

On the Patio

- **Christmas in September**
- **Korean Outreach**
- **Logos Institute**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)
- **Truth Matters Conference**

Bookstore

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

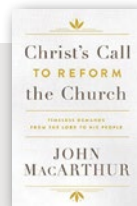
HIGHLIGHT

CHRIST'S CALL TO REFORM THE CHURCH

by John MacArthur

This book is a plea to the modern church to heed divine warnings—to reform before succumbing to the kinds of compromise and error that invite God's judgment.

Available today for 40% off retail



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- 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.



Community at the Cross

One of the joys of women's ministries is seeing God display His glory through the salvation and sanctification of His people. It's an encouragement to see the sweet fellowship that results when women gather together around the Word. In Titus 2, Paul gives an imperative for older women to teach younger women how to live godly lives, with the benefits of wise counsel, encouragement, admonition, and exhortation resulting from these discipleship relationships. What a wonderful opportunity to honor our Lord as we strengthen and encourage one another to walk worthy and please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:10).

Our common identity in Christ is the difference between being part of a church and any other shared activity. We gather together because Christ saved us, and our relationships with



each other flow out of our identity in Him. At Grace Church, we desire that women would grow in love for the Lord by growing in the knowledge of Him through the study of Scripture, which will then produce obedience to Him in every area of life.

If you're a woman at Grace Church, there is a ministry family that is just right for you, no matter what season of life you're in or what your circumstances might be. If you're a young mother, a working professional, a widow, or even a new believer, there's a ministry home where you can find other women who've walked the same paths of life and can encourage and strengthen you.

Some of our ministries for women focus primarily on fellowship while others emphasize Bible study; both are valuable, and both are needed. God's sovereign care for His children becomes real as women meet in smaller groups and see God's faithfulness in even the most specific details of each other's lives. When we see answered prayer and spiritual growth, we not only *know* but *understand* that Christ is supreme and sufficient—both our Savior and our Shepherd. How wonderful it is when we see His hand at work in the lives of others and remember that He is faithful to us in the same way!

Come take advantage of the wonderful resources with which God has blessed our church. Please visit GraceWalk this morning and acquaint yourself with the many different women's ministries available. You'll see that whatever your circumstances, there is sweet fellowship and a spiritual home here for you at Grace Church.

Women's Ministry

OPPORTUNITIES

Arabic Women's Discipleship

Completa en Cristo

Every Woman's Grace

Filipino Women's Discipleship

Korean Every Woman's Grace

Mindset for Missions

One with Christ

Sojourners Women's Fellowship; hosted by Sojourners

T.E.A. (Teaching, Encouragement, and Accountability);

hosted by Joint Heirs

Titus Two Tuesdays

Unequally Yoked

Unidas en Cristo

Women Walking Wisely; hosted by Anchored

The fall event for Grace en Español, "Faithful Witness" (Acts 1:8), is scheduled for November 9.

Our annual Women's Fall Event, "We Stand Amazed! A Glimpse into the Heavenlies," is on Saturday, November 16. Please join us as Logan Carr teaches from Romans 14:11–12. We hope to see you there!

Registration for both events opens mid-October.

For information about any of these ministries, visit gracechurch.org/women or email women@gracechurch.org

Christmas in September

On any Sunday in September, stop by the table on GraceWalk to encourage our missionary families with a personal note and a heartfelt gift. Visit gracechurch.org/cis to learn more about Christmas in September or give a gift online.

Truth Matters Conference Volunteer Sign-Ups

This October, we have a unique opportunity to serve the body of Christ as our church hosts the Truth Matters conference, sponsored by Grace to You. The conference theme is "The Sufficiency of Scripture," recognizing God's blessing of our pastor through his fifty years of faithful preaching. We need volunteers to help care for the 3,500 people attending the conference, October 16–18. For information, stop by the patio table after either service this morning or visit gracechurch.org/volunteer.

Monthly Missions Meeting

Hosted by the Elders' Council Handling Outreach (ECHO)

Tuesday, September 10 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s

Come hear updates from our missionaries and local outreach ministries, pray for their needs, and learn how you can be involved. This month's speakers will be Angel Cardoza (Dominican Republic), Todd Dick (Croatia), and Kyle Ricedorff (Poland).

Sunday School Teachers

Children's Ministry has an urgent need for Sunday School teachers during the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. If you are interested in serving, please pick up an application at the Welcome Center. For additional information, email childrens@gracechurch.org.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$17,851**. 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.

Communion

September 15 • 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

Conferencia Expositores 2019

September 27–28 • Grace Community Church

Fund a scholarship at gracechurch.org/conferenciaexpositores

Every Woman's Grace

Wednesdays, beginning September 11 • 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

All women are invited to join us for a time of Bible study and fellowship as we begin a study through the book of Romans. Registration is only for women new to EWG; there is no need to sign up if you attended last year. Register online at gracechurch.org/ewg.

Job Opportunity

Revenue Accountant. The Grace Church Accounting Department has a full-time opening for a revenue accountant. Duties include maintaining the general ledger, performing account reconciliations, overseeing donation entry and donor inquiries, preparing journals, preparing financial reports in Excel format, and other general office duties. Requirements include experience in the field of accounting or bookkeeping; excellent organizational, analytical, and multi-tasking skills; the ability to work in a fast-paced environment; a customer service background; and proficiency with Microsoft Office. Must be available Monday–Friday. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and be a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact HR at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

Grace Evangelism

September 15–November 10 (Sunday mornings) • 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Grace Evangelism is a nine-week, interactive evangelism training course designed to equip believers with a clear, understandable, and faithful gospel message. Learn the vital components of the gospel, the implications of a God-centered message, and how to proclaim the gospel faithfully. For more information or to register, stop by the Local Outreach table on GraceWalk this morning or call 818-909-5721.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA

Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, September 9 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • Speaker: Janelle McLean

All women are welcome.

Titus 2 Tuesday

September 10 • 7:00 p.m. • This month's topic: The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached

All women are invited to join us as we consider an overview of the Sermon on the Mount, one of the most significant teachings of Christ in the New Testament. We meet at homes in Encino, Glendale, Northridge, Pasadena, Shadow Hills, Simi Valley, Stevenson Ranch, and Torrance. For specific meeting locations and RSVP information, please visit gracechurch.org/t2t or email gcctitus2@icloud.com.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, September 19 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Guest Speaker: Gloria Landman • Topic: "Dependent on God's Presence"

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

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 Wallis

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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