

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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8:30 & 10:30* am*Orchestral Suite No. 1: movements V, II* • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 18 All People That on Earth Do Dwell* • Congregation*Hymn 23 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**What Wondrous Love Is This* • Walker/Rice • David & Suzanne Johns*Show Me Thy Ways* • Pelz • Worship Choir*Hymn 81 I Am His, and He Is Mine* • Congregation*It's so Sweet to Trust in Jesus* • Stead, Wells/Rice • Grace ChungMESSAGE: **THE CALL FOR UNITY IN THE CHURCH**

John MacArthur • Philippians 1:27–30

Doxology Hymn • Congregation*Orchestral Suite No. 1: movement VIII* • Bach • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm***Beautiful Savior* • Townend • Instrumental Prelude*Songs of Praise* • Congregation*Baptism* • Mark Zhakevich*Hymn 388 He Will Hold Me Fast* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **RECEIVE THE SON, RECEIVE LIFE**

Paul Twiss • 1 John 5:6–12

Postlude**Instrumental Praise***What Wondrous Love Is This*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down from the weight of my sin,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,

To God and to the Lamb I will sing,

To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

*Words from an American folk hymn; music by William Walker (1835)***Doxology Hymn***Hymn 393 Take My Life and Let It Be*

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee,

Swift and beautiful for Thee.

* 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 Is Chosen by Israel**

PASSAGE **Joshua 23:1–24:29**

PRINCIPLE Believers must obey God wholeheartedly while living in a sinful world.

FEATURED HYMN "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 206)

ASK YOUR CHILD Why was living with the Canaanites dangerous for Israel?

APPLY By doing what God's Word says, no matter what other people say.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Joshua 23:1–24:29

NEXT WEEK Judges 1:1–3:6

On GraceWalk

- Adoption Awareness
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach

On the Patio

- Women's Fall Event
- 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

ANNUAL BIBLE SALE

All Bibles discounted
30–55% off retail, while
supplies last.

Sale ends Saturday,
November 30



Grace to You

RADIO gtv.org/radio

Making a Case for the Bible

- KKL 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 gtv.org/television

"Giving People the Whole Gospel"

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gtv.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 NEED OF GOD'S GRACE

A CONVERSATION WITH FRANK MASTROLONARDO, ONLY HOPE PRISON MINISTRIES

"But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at my Word." —Isaiah 66:2

The most helpful thing I've learned in prison ministry is that pride will destroy. Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5), which means that every work we do for the sake of the gospel must start from a place of humility. It's important that the inmates know, every time they speak with me, that it's not me speaking—it's the Bible. My opinion doesn't matter; I don't have the authority to tell anyone what to believe or how to act, but God's Word does. I'm in the same boat as an inmate in jail or prison; we're both sinners, desperately in need of God's saving grace.

Any time I go to the jail, I always share the keystones of the gospel.

- Romans 3:23, *all have sinned.*
- Romans 6:23, *the wages of sin is death.*
- 1 Timothy 1:15, *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*
- Ephesians 2:8–9, *believers are saved by grace, not as a result of works.*

- John 3:16, *whoever believes in Him shall not perish.*
- Revelation 20:10, *the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire.*

God is holy, Jesus saves, and evil doesn't win.

Our society preaches an easy-believism gospel, which makes it even more important to share the whole gospel in every evangelistic encounter. And it resonates—people, especially in the prisons, understand what sin is. The inmates' entire lived reality testifies to the principles of justice and retribution, but praise God that doesn't have to be the end of the story. Grace is sweet when we understand what God offers to save us from.

One of the biggest challenges in prison ministry is that inmates, like all unbelievers, have their own agenda. I think often about Daniel, the prophet, who had integrity and character in the midst of a dark culture. He didn't compromise when it came to the Word of God, and at the same time, he also understood the unique position of those in his sphere of influence and sought to deal with them in a winning way. Paul says, "To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those

JAIL MINISTRY FACTS

- Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic is actually a compound of four Los Angeles County Jails with nearly 7,000 inmates; Men's Central Jail/Twin Towers in downtown Los Angeles and the CRDF, Lynwood Women's Facility, have a combined population of around 10,000 inmates.
- FOF classes, Sunday services, and Bible studies are being conducted at all of the seven Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Jail Facilities.
- When inmates finish the *Fundamentals of the Faith* study, they are given a copy of *The MacArthur Study Bible*.
- Currently, there are approximately 600 volunteers (20 of whom come from Grace Church) who participate in this ministry. Any man or woman who is a member of Grace Church and has no felony convictions is welcome to serve.

who are under the Law, as under the Law...so that I might win those who are under the Law" (1 Corinthians 9:20). God has given each of us a call to preach the gospel, and that starts with the attitude we take toward those to whom we witness. As we share the truth of Jesus Christ with others, may we never forget the depth of our own need and the joy of so sweet a salvation.

If you're interested in learning more about prison ministry and the evangelistic work God is doing, visit onlyhopeprisonministries.com.



Thanksgiving

COMMUNION SERVICE

November 24 • 6:00 p.m.

A special evening of praise and proclamation to worship and give thanks to our Lord featuring the Grace Church Orchestra & Worship Choir

Child care is available for children five years old and younger

November Is Adoption Awareness Month

Today through November 17
Information Tables

Several adoption/foster agencies will have representatives and information on the patio after both morning services.

November 17 • 12:30–3:00 p.m.
Seminar & Lunch

Join us for an informational seminar and lunch on the third floor of the Tower Building. To help us plan effectively, please sign up at the patio table this morning, or email handsforhope@gracechurch.org.

For more information about adoption and foster care, stop by the tables on the patio this morning or visit gracechurch.org/handsforhope.



Grace Around the World

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Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for an increase in baptisms and new members joining our church.
- Pray for continued leadership development in our local church.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/kopp.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$15,782**. 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.

Primary Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7 • 9:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. • CC130

All first–third-grade children (and friends of the same age) are invited to celebrate the Savior's birth. Bring a small sack lunch (drinks and dessert will be provided) and canned goods for needy families. Game-appropriate attire, please (no dresses). Call 818-909-5631 for more information.

Sunday School Teachers

Children's Ministry has an urgent need for Sunday School teachers during the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are interested in serving, please pick up an application at the Welcome Center.

For additional information, email childrens@gracechurch.org.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, November 11 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • Speaker: Karen Cowhick

All women are welcome.

Titus 2 Tuesday

This month's topic: "A Spiritual Appetite"

November 12 • 7:00 p.m.

All women are invited to join us as we consider two beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," and "Blessed are the pure in heart." 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.

WE STAND AMAZED!
A Glimpse into the Heavens
NOVEMBER 16, 2019
Grace Community Church | Women's Fall Event
Speaker: Logan Carr | Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)
Register at gracechurch.org/women | Registration closes November 13
Childcare is available for this event.

Homebound Ministry

Remember to let the homebound members of our church family know that you care about and are praying for them during the Christmas season. Drop off your cards and notes at the Information window at the Welcome Center today.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Topic: "Thankfully Anchored in a Fearless Faith"

Thursday, November 14 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s

Speaker: Shirley Mollica

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation (at least two days in advance). 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 Biedeback

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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Logos Institute
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