

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*Fugue in C Minor* • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 425 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* • Congregation*Hymn 428 Come, We That Love the Lord**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* • Beethoven/Hart-Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds*Song of Joy* • Farrar/Beck-Marsh • Children's Choir*God So Loved the World* • Stainer/Bock • Worship Choir*Hymn 159 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* • CongregationMESSAGE: **THE CALL FOR UNITY IN THE CHURCH, PART 2**

John MacArthur • Philippians 1:27–30

Doxology Hymn • Congregation*O Worship the King* • Grant/Haydn • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm***Great Is Thy Faithfulness* • Chisholm/Runyan • Instrumental Prelude*Songs of Praise* • Congregation*Baptism* • Josh Petras*Hymn 350 How Sweet and Aweful Is the Place* • OffertoryMESSAGE: **LIVING THE ASSURED LIFE**

Paul Twiss • 1 John 5:13–21

*Postlude***Children's Choir***Song of Joy*

Sing to the Lord a song of gladness, Sing to the Lord a song of joy.

Sing to the Lord for He is gracious, Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

Offer praises of thanksgiving to the Lord who reigns on high.

Lift your voices, sound the trumpet, Strike the cymbal, play upon the pipe.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

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Words and music by Sue Farrar; arranged by John Ness Beck

Doxology Hymn*Hymn 368 Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,

To receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us,

Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us

All Your purposes for Your glory.

* 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
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 Is Rejected by Israel**

PASSAGE **Judges 1:1–3:6**

PRINCIPLE Believers are to obey God and fear the devastating consequences of sin.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD What was the cycle of Israel's disobedience and God's response?

APPLY By praying that God will reveal idols in your heart.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Judges 1:1–3:6

NEXT WEEK Judges 6:1–8:34

On GraceWalk

- Adoption Awareness
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach

On the Patio

- Christmas Concert Tickets
- Grace Equip
- Juniors Winter Camp
- 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

The Work of the Word

- 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 gtv.org/television

"Getting the Gospel Right"

- 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.

Supporting Those Who Care for Loved Ones with Alzheimer's

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES

"Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ." —Galatians 6:2

Imagine that your spouse of forty years woke up one day and didn't know who you were, or that you found yourself caring for a parent who couldn't perform basic tasks. Many of us are all too familiar with the effects of Alzheimer's disease—a progressive neurological disorder that affects one in ten Americans over the age of 65. We know how rapidly it can take hold, and it's hard to overlook the dramatic impact the disease has, both on family relationships and individual well-being.

"During the years of my husband's dementia, the Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry was my spiritual lifeline. Being with other believers who understood our hurts and losses allowed me to give and receive true biblical comfort. It's been a few years since Gary

went to heaven, and I am still enjoying the fellowship of our ministry. Occasionally, we may cry together, but we don't get angry about our loved ones' dementia. In our little group, we are truly like family, and I'm thankful we are well-shepherded to navigate trials to God's glory. That is why there has been comfort and joy along the way." —Laurie Price, Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry Coordinator

Entropy is a reality in this fallen world, and the Bible talks much about caring for one another through the struggles we face in life. In Galatians 6:2, Paul calls us to bear one another's burdens. In Philippians 2:4, Paul talks of looking not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others, reminding us that we as believers are bound to other Christians through the perfect work of Christ.

For the last few years here at Grace Church, we have had a ministry support group for those who are caring for a loved one with dementia or Alzheimer's. We meet on the last Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the CC130 room. Our desire is to come alongside and help in whatever way possible these faithful people who are caring for a loved one. Care is provided in the CC130E room for our loved ones with dementia. We also provide a light, nutritional breakfast.

As a church, we would love to have a staff of volunteers to help these people.

Here are some ways you can serve.

1. Attend the Saturday meetings to learn what the changing needs are.
2. Help with transportation.
3. Assist these families in respite care for a few hours a week.
 - Give the family the opportunity to get some chores done
 - Allow the family to go to church
 - Help the family when they bring their loved one to church (with parking and other issues that may come up)

We have a great opportunity here to serve and honor the Lord by ministering to these precious families. If you are interested in coming alongside to help us, please call 818-909-5519. For more information, visit gracechurch.org/alzheimers. ■

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Saturday, November 23 • 9:00 a.m. • CC130s

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.



Christmas Concert

December 19-22

Thursday & Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Worship Choir • Symphonic Orchestra
Vocal Solos & Ensembles • Handbell Choir
Children's Choir

Call 818-909-5670 or go to gracechurch.org/concert for more information.

Tickets are available at the patio table on Sunday mornings and from the church receptionist during the week.

Child care is available for children five years old and younger.

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

Grace Around the World

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Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for the students and graduates of our modular expository preaching program in the Philippines.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to bring more men to the training program.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/carns.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$5,626**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

The Hidden Wonders of Christmas

Sunday Night Series • December 1–15

Don't miss this exciting, three-part series as we deepen our understanding of the story of our Savior's birth.

November Is Adoption Awareness Month

Today • Information Tables

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

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

Join us for an informational seminar and lunch on the third floor of the Tower Building. For more information about adoption and foster care, stop by the tables on the patio this morning or visit gracechurch.org/handsforhope.



Elders Meeting

Thursday, November 21 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

Juniors Winter Camp

Heroes of the Faith

January 3–5 • Forest Home • Cost: \$185 (\$225 after December 5)

Registration opens today on the patio and at gracechurch.org/children.

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.

Come ChristmasSing Concert Series

Presented by The Master's University Music Department

Saturday, December 7 • Grace Community Church • 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

For tickets, visit masters.edu/music or call 661-362-2262.

With the Lord

Valerie Card-Grays recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers.

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

Adventure Club

Please note that Adventure Club will not meet on November 24 due to the Thanksgiving Communion service.

Grace Equip Fall Class

Heresies and Creeds: Orthodoxy After 450 Years of Arguing

December 7–14 (Saturdays) • 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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

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.

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.

One with Christ

Monday, November 18 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

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

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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Administration
818-909-5500

Children
818-909-5631

Logos Institute
818-909-5500

Membership
818-909-5644

Men
818-909-5537

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