

GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

Clayton Erb / Minister of Music

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

Contrapunctus IX from Art of Fugue • Bach • Steven Sturz, Organist

Hymn 3 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him • Congregation

Hymn 4 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Blessed Be the Name • Trad./Marvin-Rice • Brass Orchestra, Piano, Organ

Forth in Thy Name • Young/Rice • Worship Choir

Hymn 377 May the Mind of Christ My Savior • Congregation

Be Thou My Vision • Trad./Erb-Rice • Men's Quartet

JOHN MACARTHUR PREACHING

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Thine Be the Glory • Handel/Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus • Wesley/Prichard • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism

Hymn 168 Psalm 23 • Offertory

MESSAGE: **JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME**

Paul Twiss • Matthew 1–2

Postlude

Anthem

Forth in Thy Name

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know In all I think, or speak, or do.

Each task Thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find, Proving Thy good and perfect will.

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labor to pursue;
And every moment watch and pray, And hasten to Thy glorious day!

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Words by Charles Wesley (1749); *music* by Gordon Young (1965)

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 404 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place

Not in device or creed:

I trust the Ever-living One—

His wounds for me shall plead.

I need no other argument,

I need no other plea;

It is enough that Jesus died,

And that He died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word,

The written Word of God:

Salvation by my Savior's name,

Salvation through His blood.

I need no other argument,

I need no other plea;

It is enough that Jesus died,

And that He died for me.

* 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.

Next Membership Class • January 5
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 **God Uses Samson to Deliver Israel**

PASSAGE **Judges 13–16**

PRINCIPLE God uses the gifts that He gives for His glory.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD How did God accomplish His will in Samson's life?

APPLY By repenting of the sin you pursue instead of obeying God.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Judges 13–16

NEXT WEEK Review Sunday

On GraceWalk

- **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

LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

by Sinclair Ferguson

"Sinclair Ferguson has put a powerful tool into our hands in this book. Every Christian reader will benefit by acquiring the rich truths of the incarnation of the Son of God for our own worship and evangelism." —John MacArthur

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"Remembering All His Benefits"

• 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.



SHEPHERDS'
CONFERENCE

TWENTY TWENTY VISION

DOCTRINAL CLARITY FOR A CONFUSED GENERATION

MARCH 4-6, 2020

At the Battle of Balaclava, in 1854, the Imperial Russian Army overran and captured a Turkish artillery position. From his high vantage point over the battlefield, British commander Lord Raglan, allied to the Turks, saw both the danger posed by the capture of the heavy guns and the Russian's vulnerable state in recovering them. In response, Raglan ordered his light cavalry, unarmored and trained for rapid strikes, to charge the Russian position.

But Lord Raglan's orders were gravely misinterpreted. When the commander of the Light Brigade asked which artillery position to charge, the messenger, instead of pointing out the defenseless troops gathering the Turkish guns, vaguely waved his arm in the direction of the Russians' most fortified position at the end of a valley, almost a mile away.

The cavalrymen of the Light Brigade (immortalized in Tennyson's poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade") charged into a valley of certain death, in strict obedience to the message they received.

If clarity is a matter of life and death, then doctrinal clarity is a matter of spiritual life and death. God's message has been communicated clearly in His Word, and His messengers are responsible for the clear and unambiguous proclamation of that message. The consequences for a lack of precision in doctrine may be eternally fatal.

To encourage and equip pastors from around the world to remain committed to preaching and shepherding with doctrinal clarity, this year's Shepherds' Conference theme is "Twenty-Twenty Vision: Doctrinal Clarity for a Confused Generation."

Volunteering for Shepherds' Conference 2020, March 4-6, is an opportunity for our church members to join in this ministry to Christ's under-shepherds, and to thereby have a worldwide impact on Christ's church.

Please prayerfully seek the Lord's direction about how you might serve in this ministry in March. Volunteer registration begins on January 5, with sign-ups on the patio after both morning services. Registration will close on January 19, and a mandatory volunteer meeting will take place the following Sunday, January 26.

Most importantly, please pray that this conference would honor Jesus Christ by equipping each attendee with a commitment to doctrinal clarity in service of Christ and His Church.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR VOLUNTEERS

- All volunteers must be members of Grace Community Church in order to serve.
- The 2020 conference is a three-day conference, so it will run from Wednesday, March 4, through Friday, March 6.
- Patio registration begins on January 5 for first-time volunteers. Returning volunteers will be able to sign up online.
- The deadline for signing up to volunteer is January 19.
- There will be a Volunteer Prayer Meeting on Sunday, January 26, in the Family Center from 12:30-2:00 p.m. This meeting is important for all volunteers to attend.



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.

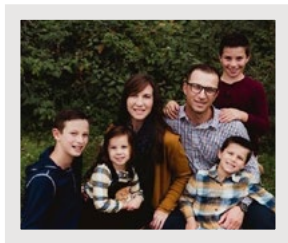
Tickets are available at the patio table on Sunday mornings and from the church receptionist during the week.

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

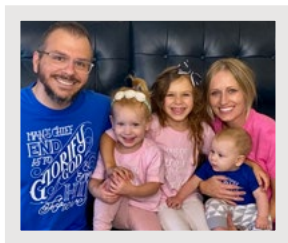
Grace Advance Highlight

Grace Advance is an equipping ministry of Grace Church that provides training and consultation for developing assemblies and existing churches in need of revitalization. This ministry uniquely prepares men for leading these congregations in communities around North America.

David Corrente is a graduate of The Expositor's Seminary. David served as an intern at Grace Immanuel Bible Church in Jupiter, Florida, before moving to pastor the Church on 99 in Squamish, British Columbia, Canada, in June 2015. By God's grace, the church has overcome several challenges and continues to grow steadily. They are in the process of searching for an associate pastor. Please pray that there will be spiritual fruit from these efforts.



Joey DeRuntz is a graduate of The Master's Seminary. Joey's role as a local outreach ministry leader at Grace Church prepared him to pastor a core group in Vancouver, Washington, that planted the Master's Bible Church (MBC), a church that has a unique opportunity to reach people in both the Portland and Vancouver areas. The Pacific Northwest is in dire need of biblical churches, and the Lord has graciously supported MBC in both numerical and spiritual growth. Please pray for leadership training and the evangelistic efforts of the Master's Bible Church.



Please pray for our Grace Advance churches. For more information about Grace Advance and this year's teams, visit gracechurch.org/graceadvance.

Grace Around the World

The Coates Family

Leon & Nataly, Sophie, Emily

Serving in **England** since **2018**



Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for evangelism opportunities that are happening in our youth and children's ministry.
- Praise God for several baptisms in our church over the summer.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/dewsbury.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$46,788**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

December 8 • 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.



The Hidden Wonders of Christmas

Sunday Night Series • Tonight through December 15

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

Juniors Winter Camp **Heroes of the Faith**

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

Registration is open 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.

One with Christ **Monday, December 2 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130**

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

Joyful Givers **2019 Tax Information**

All contributions for calendar year 2019 must be received by the church no later than our December 29 offering or postmarked no later than December 31, 2019. The church campus will be closed for the holidays December 23–27, 2019; December 30–31, 2019; and January 1, 2020. Contributions received or postmarked after Tuesday, December 31, 2019, will be recorded in 2020. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

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.

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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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