

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

BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR

O Come, All Ye Faithful • Trad./Purvis-Sturz • Steven Sturz, Organist

Hymn 259 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne • Congregation

A Trilogy of Carols • Trad./Maddox-Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds

Christmas Hymn • Grant-Smith/Fettke-Grassi-Mauldin • Worship Choir

Hymn 239 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks • Congregation

Fullness of Grace • Getty-Townend/Redford • John Martin

MESSAGE: **A SON TO REDEEM MANY SONS**

John MacArthur • Galatians 4:1–7

Communion

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High • Trad./Wilcocks • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Go, Tell It on the Mountain • Trad./Rouse • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

All Is Well • Smith-Kirkpatrick/Galbraith • Offertory

MESSAGE: **Q&A**

John MacArthur

Postlude

Anthem

Christmas Hymn

Praise to God whose love was shown, who sent His Son to earth.

Jesus left His rightful throne, became a man by birth.

The virgin's baby Son, all creation praised Him God Incarnate, come,

Come adore Him.

Still a higher call had He, deliverance from our sins.

Come to set all people free, from Satan's hold within.

For by the sin of man, we fell;

By the Son of God He crushed the power of hell,

Death we fear no more!

Now we stand with strength, with power—the sons of God on earth.

Faithful to the final hour, Christ's righteousness our worth.

And now all praise be given,

For the Babe, the Son, the Savior King is risen,

Christ is Lord indeed.

Praise to God!

Praise to God whose love was shown,

Praise to our God!

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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.

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 Announces the Messiah's Birth**

PASSAGE **Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38**

PRINCIPLE Jesus is Savior and Lord and deserves all our worship.

FEATURED HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (Hymns of Grace No. 238)

ASK YOUR CHILD What is important about the names Immanuel, Savior, and Son of the Most High?

APPLY By obeying Jesus Christ as Lord and God.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38

NEXT WEEK Luke 2:1–20

Adapted from the Generations of Grace Family Devotional, available at the bookstore.

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Missionary Calendar**
- **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.

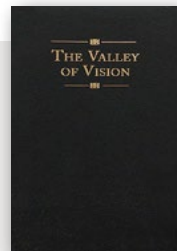
HIGHLIGHT

VALLEY OF VISION A COLLECTION OF PURITAN PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

Leather Edition

"*Valley of Vision* is a personal favorite. It is a hymnbook of praise to God, expressed in language more majestic than my feeble tongue is capable of producing. It has enriched my personal walk with God and helped impel my own prayer life to new levels." —John MacArthur

Receive a free copy of *The Most Encouraging Promise in the Bible*, by Armand Tiffe, with any purchase of *Valley of Vision*.



Grace to You

RADIO gtv.org/radio

The Best of Christmas

- 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

"The Geography of Christmas Prophecy"


- NRBT 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"

The Christmas Home

Congregational Care Ministries



There is something indescribably special about the Christmas holiday that makes it more precious than all the rest. That's not to say that Thanksgiving and New Year's Day don't possess a certain kind of sweet nostalgia, but ultimately it is Christmas that resonates deepest within the hearts of those who belong to the family of God.

You see, more than seeing bright lights and enjoying hot chocolate, more than decorating the tree and singing carols, Christmas brings with it an invitation to wonder at the miraculous birth of the Son of God as He enters the world as the first-born member of a family. This is one of the most beautiful and overlooked aspects of the Christmas story: that God would come to earth as an infant so He could grow under the loving care of godly parents who would picture to us the beauty of belonging to a believing home.

The idea of "home" is essential not just to the Christmas holiday but also to the Christian church. There probably isn't a more picturesque expression in all of Scripture than the one that describes the church as "the household" of God (Galatians 6:10, 1 Timothy 3:15, Hebrews 3:6, 1 Peter 4:17). The church is not just a "house," it is a "household;" it is the home where God's children gather to live, minister, and fellowship together. Nowhere is this idea of the "household of God" put on greater display than it is during Christmas time, for our God came to us through a family and depicts His own people as His family, as well.

With that in mind, it's important that you know that we have other family members who are part of our home but can never make it to our house. These are the saints who belong to our church but are unable to gather with us to fellowship due to a myriad of issues. Whether it is related to their health, age, or other physical

limitations, there are a handful of saints who can't enjoy Christmas among us as they would like to. So, we think it would be a wonderful gesture if you and your family might send them a Christmas card to make them feel more at home. If you bring a card or note to the receptionist with the name of a homebound saint on it next Sunday (see the list on the right), we'll make sure it is delivered to them before Christmas Day! You can let them know that you are praying for them and maybe share some encouraging portions of Scripture that are dear to your heart.

Please consider joining with us as we help these precious saints get a glimpse of what it means to belong to a Christmas home. ■

Tony Barcia
Wilma Champlin
Worthy Cox
Frances Gregg
Suzanne Hitzemann
Bridget Husen
Sue Keller
Frances Manner Group Home
Prisila Labbee
Julia Lea
William Mack
Geraldine Mole
Arlene Partie
Marge Rodningen
Margaret Rudy
Abel Santana
Avis Spitz
Rose Stoeppler
Patricia Stoner
Don & Merla Wiles
Dawn Zuber





The Hidden Wonders of Christmas

Sunday Night Series • Tonight

Don't miss the conclusion of this exciting, three-part series as we enjoy a Christmas Q&A with our pastor.



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.

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

Grace Around the World

The **Temple** Family

Dave & Amy, Micah, Sophie

Serving in **Malawi** since **2016**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen our relationships with the national pastors.
- Praise God for our M.Div. students' upcoming graduation, and pray that God would use them to build His church.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/temple.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$65,783**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Outreach Resource Table

The Outreach Resource Table, located on GraceWalk, provides evangelistic tools to Grace Church members at no cost. Audio CDs of Pastor John's evangelistic sermons are available in twenty-six different languages, along with Bibles, New Testaments, evangelism books, and tracts in various languages. For more information, call 818-909-5721.

2020 Missionary Calendar

The 2020 Missionary Calendar is available on the patio this morning.

One per family, please.



Grace Equip Fall Classes

Theology 103: Humanity, Sin, Angels, and Demons

January 6–February 3 (Mondays) • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Discipleship Counseling 2

January 8–April 1 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Old Testament History: Books I & II

January 14–April 7 (Tuesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Consejería Bíblica Nivel 2

January 6–March 30 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

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

Junior High Winter Camp

January 3–5 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp

For details or to register, visit gracechurch.org/xchange.

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.

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.

High School Winter Camp

January 18–20 • Forest Home

For details or to register, visit gracechurch.org/180.

Job Opportunity

Customer Service Representatives. Adventure Club has several part-time openings (20–29 hours/week) available for customer service representatives. Responsibilities will include answering phones, processing orders, and answering questions regarding the curriculum. Position requires excellent customer service and organizational skills, and problem solving ability. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

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

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Administration
818-909-5500

Children
818-909-5631

Logos Institute
818-909-5500

Membership
818-909-5644

Men
818-909-5537

Outreach
818-909-5700

**Pastoral Care &
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818-909-5537

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