

GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

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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

For Unto Us a Child Is Born • Handel • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Carols Medley • Congregation

What Child Is This? • Trad./Wilberg • Carmella Jones

Gloria • Hamilton • Worship Choir

Christ Is Born • Puccini/Gray • Philip Webb

Hymn 247 Once in Royal David's City • Congregation

MESSAGE: **A JEWISH PRIEST TESTIFIES TO THE MESSIAH**
John MacArthur • Luke 1:67–79

Joy to the World! • Handel/Beck • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Christmas Concert

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



Anthem

Gloria

Gloria! Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, Gloria! Gloria!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Which inspire your heav'nly song? Gloria! Gloria!

Gloria! Gloria! In excelsis Deo! Sing Gloria!

See within a manger laid, Jesus Lord of Heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Savior's birth.

Gloria! Gloria! Sing Gloria!

Our God from heav'n to earth come down.
With heart and voice His praise resound. Gloria!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria! Gloria!

Words and music by David Hamilton (lyrics based on "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 242 O Little Town of Bethlehem

O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel.

* 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 **The Son of Man Is Born**

PASSAGE **Luke 2:1–20**

PRINCIPLE Jesus was born to save people like us.

FEATURED HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 242)

ASK YOUR CHILD What did the angel say Jesus came to do?

APPLY By thanking God for sending His Son to live the perfect life and die for sinful men.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Luke 2:1–20.

NEXT WEEK Ruth 1:1–4:22

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

THE MACARTHUR DAILY BIBLE

Each reading in *The MacArthur Daily Bible* takes a portion of the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs, and features daily comments that guide and inform you as you read through the Bible in a year.

Available today for 30% off retail



Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

- **"A Son to Make Many Sons"**
- **"The Incarnation of the Triune God"**
- **A Practical Path to Spiritual Maturity**
 - 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 gty.org/television

- **"The Divine Credentials of the Christmas Child"**
 - 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"

How Great Our Joy! Hymn 254

While by the sheep we watched at night,
 Glad tidings brought an angel bright.
 How great our joy! (Great our joy!)
 Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)
 Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
 (Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!)

There shall be born, so he did say,
 In Bethlehem a Child today.
 How great our joy! (Great our joy!)
 Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)
 Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
 (Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!)

This gift of God we'll cherish well,
 That ever joy our hearts shall fill.
 How great our joy! (Great our joy!)
 Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)
 Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
 (Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!)

Words from a Traditional German Carol; music from a Traditional German Melody

Away in a Manger Hymn 232

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
 The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
 The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
 And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Words by anonymous, st. 3 John Thomas McFarland; music by James R. Murray

Angels, from the Realms of Glory Hymn 222

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen the Infant's star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Though an Infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him;
Ev'ry knee shall then bow down:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Words by James Montgomery, st. 4 *The Christmas Box* (1825); music by Henry T. Smart, st. 4 setting by Bill Wolaver

*A*nd suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

— LUKE 2:13–14 —

2020 Missionary Calendar

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

One per family, please.



Grace Around the World

The Spitale Family

Raffaele & Manuela, Naomi, Simeone

Serving in **Italy** since **2014**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray that the Lord would save the unbelievers who regularly attend our church.
- Praise God for the spiritual growth in our church.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/spitale.

Christmas Schedule

The Grace Church campus (including Steeple House and the bookstore) will be closed December 23–27, 2019; December 30–31, 2019; and January 1, 2020. For questions about a specific ministry, please contact your ministry leader.

Grace Church Connection

Keep current with what's new around Grace Church each month. To subscribe to our monthly email update, visit gracechurch.org/news.

*But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His goings forth are from long ago,
From the days of eternity.*

—Micah 5:2

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$20,839**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Castaic Jail Ministry

Every Sunday, members from Grace Church go to the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic to proclaim the gospel. Inmates are supplied with paperback Bibles provided by the Gideons, and if they complete a Fundamentals of the Faith class, they receive a *MacArthur Study Bible*. For more information, call 818-909-5721, or visit gracechurch.org/local.

Grace Equip Winter 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.

Premarital/Marriage Seminar

A prerequisite for engaged couples desiring to get married at Grace Church, this seminar is also helpful for those who are purposefully dating, as well as married couples interested in God's plan for a successful marriage.

Part 1 Friday, January 10, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, January 11, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Part 2 Friday, February 21, 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Saturday, February 22, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman

\$35 for church members or TMS/TMU students; \$65 for non-members

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/premarital or call 818-909-5537.

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 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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818-909-5631

Logos Institute
818-909-5500

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818-909-5644

Men
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