

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee • Beethoven/Simeone • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is • Congregation

Hymn 170 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

All the Way My Savior Leads Me • Lowry/Rice • String Orchestra, Woodwinds

Sheep May Safely Graze • Bach/Davis • Worship Choir

Hymn 64 Like a River Glorious • Congregation

His Eye Is on the Sparrow • Gabriel/Rice • Grace Chung

MESSAGE: **A TRIPLE REJOICING**

Sinclair Ferguson • Romans 5:1–11

To God Be the Glory • Doane/Sturz • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art • Trad. • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Hymn 5 How Great Thou Art • Offertory

MESSAGE: **THE GREATNESS OF GOD**

Steve Lawson • Romans 11:33–36

Postlude**Anthem*****Sheep May Safely Graze***

Like a shepherd God doth guide us
Into pastures calm and blest;
Safe we lie by peaceful waters,
And like sheep securely rest,
Safe like sheep securely rest.

Though the valley dark is growing,
Clouds are gathering, winds are blowing,
Night and death are drawing near,

Yet no danger shall alarm me,
Death and darkness ne'er can harm me,
In His arms I feel no fear.

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Into pastures calm and blest;
Safe we lie by peaceful waters,
And like sheep securely rest,
Safe like sheep securely rest.

Music by J.S. Bach (1713); words based on Psalm 23, English translation by C.R.W. Robertson

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.

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 **Israel Rejects God as King**

PASSAGE **1 Samuel 8–12**

PRINCIPLE God is King, and we must submit to Him.

FEATURED HYMN "My Jesus, I Love Thee" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 380)

ASK YOUR CHILD Why was Israel's request for a king sinful?

APPLY By trusting God, not human strength or wisdom, in trying times.

THIS WEEK As a family, read 1 Samuel 8–12

NEXT WEEK 1 Samuel 13–15

On GraceWalk

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

On the Patio

- **Grace Equip**
- **Missionary Calendar**
- **Shepherds' Conference Volunteers**
- **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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD REFLECTIONS ON TWENTY CENTURIES OF CHURCH HISTORY

by Sinclair Ferguson

Sinclair Ferguson takes readers on a tour of Christian history in short devotional chapters, featuring stories and songs to give believers a sense of their place in God's kingdom and encourage them in their walks.

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- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
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Adapted from the Generations of Grace Family Devotional, available at the bookstore.

Building a Foundation on

Fundamentals of the Faith

Fundamentals of the Faith helps to lay a foundation upon which spiritual lives can be built.

We hold a very high regard for Scripture at Grace Community Church. We believe it is the inerrant Word of God. Scripture is God's revelation to us. It informs us, convicts us, guides us, and encourages us. It is able to lead us to salvation. As Paul writes, "All Scripture is inspired [breathed out] by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

Fundamentals of the Faith (FOF), a twenty-two-week course that teaches the basic doctrines of the Bible, has provided a clear and straightforward approach to the study of Scripture at Grace Church for many years. The course helps to lay a foundation upon which spiritual lives can be built. It's never too soon—or too late—to take a Fundamentals of the Faith class. The lessons provide both a broad overview of the Bible and closer looks at important topics. Major topics include the attributes of God, the work of Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, salvation, prayer, worship, spiritual gifts, and evangelism. The focus is always on Scripture, that which God has revealed to us in His Word.

Fundamentals of the Faith started here about forty years ago, and today more than 30,000 copies of the student workbook (English) are sold each year. FOF has also been translated into more than thirty different languages, including Spanish, French, Korean, Arabic, Japanese, German, Chinese, Hindu, Tagalog, Russian, Creole, Swahili, and Urdu, to name just a few. The material is used in churches, Bible studies, small discipleship groups, and prisons; on the mission field; and for self-study all over the world.

FOF teachers at Grace Church have been through a rigorous training program. During twelve weeks of preparation, they are challenged in their abilities to dig out and teach biblical truth. They are required to write essays on complex doctrinal topics such as the trinity,

GOD'S WORD

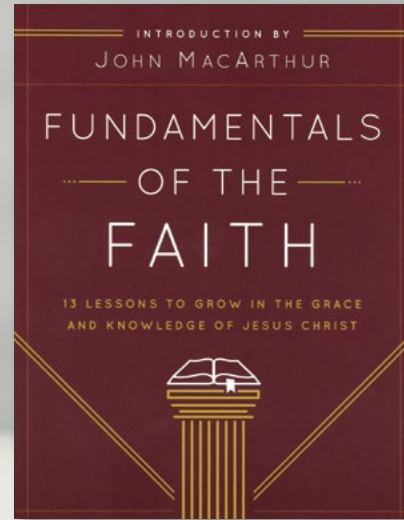
the kenosis, predestination, and spiritual gifts. They study these subjects at a deeper level, so that they can explain them to the students in a way that is simpler to grasp. We are blessed to have about twenty Fundamentals of the Faith teachers serving in our ministry at any given time. Many of our teachers are seminary students who will eventually leave Grace Church to serve elsewhere, but FOF will go with them. All of the men who teach the course have the desire to serve God by sharing the truths of His Word with others.

Here on campus we offer “small scale” Fundamentals of the Faith classes, averaging 10–12 students. This approach allows for plenty of interaction and discussion between the students and teachers, providing an excellent environment for learning. The classes

remain together as a group throughout the length of the course, and often a special bond develops between the students and teachers.

You can register for a Fundamentals of the Faith class at the table located on GraceWalk every Sunday morning. Classes meet on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, and workbooks are available at the first meeting. FOF workbooks and teacher guides in English and Spanish are also available at the bookstore or online at gracebooks.com.

If you haven't taken an FOF class, take the opportunity to sign up this morning. As the psalmist writes, “The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple” (Psalm 119:130). Come share in this blessing today. ■



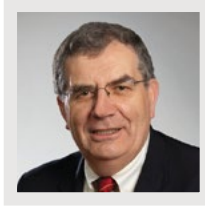
Fundamentals of the Faith

Sundays, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. • Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

To register or for more information, stop by the table on GraceWalk this morning or visit gracechurch.org/fof.

Today's Guest Speakers

Sinclair Ferguson is chancellor's professor of systematic theology at Reformed Theological Seminary, associate preacher at St. Peter's Free Church of Scotland, Dundee, and the author of more than fifty books. He and his wife, Dorothy, have been blessed with three sons and a daughter and eleven grandchildren.



Steve Lawson serves as president of OnePassion Ministries (onepassionministries.org) and Professor of Preaching at The Master's Seminary. A graduate of Texas Tech University, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Reformed Theological Seminary, Dr. Lawson also serves on the board of directors of The Master's University and Seminary and as a teaching fellow with Ligonier Ministries, where he also serves as a board member. He and his wife, Anne, have four children.



Sunday Evening Sermon Series

Defending Doctrinal Clarity in a Confused World

January 12–March 1

Don't miss this timely series leading up to Shepherds' Conference 2020, as we consider the importance of faithfulness to core biblical truths in a culture that is growing increasingly dark.

Grace Around the World

The **Cantrell** Family

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Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for nine new students in our new term at Shepherds' Seminary (starting this month).
- Pray for wisdom and endurance for Tim as he leads our church and seminary and writes syllabi for two classes.

For more information visit gracechurch.org/cantrell.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$9,557**. 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.

Titus 2 Tuesday January 14 • 7:00 p.m.

This month's topic: "Joined Together: Mercy and Peace"

All women are invited to join us as we consider two beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the merciful," and "Blessed are the peacemakers." 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.

High School Winter Camp January 18–20 • Forest Home

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

Men of the Word

The Mercies of God: A Study of the Key Components of Our Salvation

Wednesdays • 7:00–8:45 p.m. • Worship Center

Join us for this week's study of the topic, "Faith." For more information, visit gracechurch.org/motw.

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, January 13 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s • Speaker: Shelbi Cullen

All women are welcome.

With the Lord

Doris White 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

Shepherds' Conference March 4–6

Volunteer Sign-Ups To sign up to volunteer to serve during the conference, stop by the patio table this morning or visit gracechurch.org/volunteer. The deadline for volunteer sign-ups is January 19; there is a mandatory volunteer meeting on January 26, at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Center.

Scholarships For information about providing a scholarship for the 2020 Shepherds' Conference, visit gracechurch.org/scholarship.

Parent Dedication February 9

This is a time when parents commit to raising their children according to the principles of God's Word. Parents who are members of Grace Church and whose babies are 24 months of age or younger may sign up before February 2 by emailing childrens@gracechurch.org

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, January 16 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s • Speaker: Evy Anderson

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.

Job Opportunity

Admissions Systems Specialist. The Master's Seminary has a part-time opening (29 hours/week) available for an individual to oversee the admissions database system. Responsibilities will include software implementation, database integrations, ongoing system maintenance, and software vendor liaison management. Experience working with IT project management and Student Information Systems required. Applicants for employment must, if employed, meet the Grace Church qualifications for a deacon or deaconess. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at kwilson@masters.edu by Wednesday, January 15.

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 Walls

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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