

# 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.

The background of the page is a photograph of the exterior of Grace Community Church. The building features a light-colored stone wall. On the wall, the words "grace community church" are mounted in a modern, sans-serif font. The word "grace" is in a smaller font size and is positioned above "community", which is above "church". The letters are a light color, possibly white or light grey, and have a slight shadow effect. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and bushes, with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a bright and natural atmosphere.

grace  
community  
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**8:30 & 10:30\* am**

*God of Grace and Glory* • Manz • Jan Sanborn, Organist

**Hymn 324 God, Our Father, We Adore Thee** • Congregation

**Hymn 326 Come, Thou Almighty King**

*Holy, Holy, Holy* • Dykes/Rice • Brass Ensemble

**How Firm a Foundation** • Trad./Marsh • Worship Choir

**Hymn 176 Be Thou My Vision** • Congregation

**O Men of God, Arise!** • Mohr-Green-Hamilton/Rice • Michael Bohr

MESSAGE: **ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP**

John MacArthur • John 4:20–24

*Fantasy on Hyfrydol* • Thallander • Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

**Be Unto Your Name** • Sadler • Instrumental Prelude

**Songs of Praise** • Congregation

**Baptism** • Michael Mahoney

**Hymn 184 Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery** • Offertory

MESSAGE: **THE MATURITY OF CHRIST**

Mark Zhakevich • Hebrews 5:7–10

**Postlude**

\* 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](http://gracechurch.org/live). A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

**Anthem**

**How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no never forsake!”

*Music by Joseph Funk (1832); words by John Rippon (1787); arranged by Don Marsh*

**Doxology Hymn**

**Hymn 116 Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## 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 **Saul Disobeys God**

PASSAGE **1 Samuel 13–15**

PRINCIPLE God's Word is authoritative and must be obeyed.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD How did Saul try to justify his actions?

APPLY By submitting to the authority of God's Word and obeying it completely.

THIS WEEK As a family, read 1 Samuel 13–15

NEXT WEEK 1 Samuel 16

## On GraceWalk

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

## On the Patio

- **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.

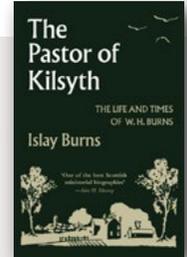
### HIGHLIGHT

#### THE PASTOR OF KILSYTH

by *Islay Burns*

"Magnificent prose; this book is incredibly and beautifully written. This is a story of faithfulness that this generation needs to learn from." —John MacArthur

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## Grace to You

**RADIO** [gty.org/radio](http://gty.org/radio)

• **Living in the Spirit**

• **Reaching for the Prize**

- 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](http://gty.org/television)

• **"The Fruit of the Spirit, Part 1"**

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

**ONLINE** [gty.org](http://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.*

# FIGHTING FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which falls each year on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court ruling which made the murder of one's own unborn child a constitutionally protected right. President Reagan established this day of remembrance as a reminder of that atrocious decision and as an annual rallying point to keep up the fight to end this severest injustice in our nation.

In addition to supporting gospel-centered pregnancy centers, like the Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic in Northridge, members of our church minister outside a local abortion clinic each Wednesday and Saturday morning, pleading with women and men for the lives of their children, offering both physical and spiritual help, and, most importantly, proclaiming the gospel of salvation and eternal life in Christ Jesus. A recent

story from our team illustrates how important it is for followers of Jesus to engage in this battle.

Just before 7:00 a.m., a 20-year-old girl was dropped off by an Uber driver. Just a few days earlier she had gotten an injection to begin the process of aborting her 16-week-old baby. She was shivering cold, in tremendous pain, visibly upset, and now wanted to keep her child. We asked if she preferred going to the hospital. She said yes, so one of the other female volunteers and I took her to the ER.

After five hours of praying fervently for this young lady and for the life of her child, we were finally allowed in to see her. As we entered, the nurse told us that the baby was delivered and had

died. My heart sank. We were crushed and were fighting back tears. She was completely exhausted and overcome with guilt. As I held her hand, I told her that the mercy of God and grace of Christ is greater than all her sin, and that forgiveness is available through faith in Him. I left her with a Bible and the contact information of a sound church near her home three hours away.

As I headed for my car, I broke down and wept for a child I never knew, for a young lady I had known for a few hours, who was used by a wicked industry that destroys lives for profit and leaves them to pick up the pieces. My only hope is to trust in the sovereignty of God and pray that this young lady comes to faith in Christ.

If you are interested in learning more about serving in this ministry—whether out on the sidewalk or behind the scenes—please call the Local Outreach department at 818-909-5721, or email [aco@gracechurch.org](mailto:aco@gracechurch.org). ■



## Communion

January 26 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.* —1 Corinthians 11:26

## 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](http://gracechurch.org/volunteer). The deadline for volunteer sign-ups is today; 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](http://gracechurch.org/scholarship).

## Sunday Evening Sermon Series

### Defending Doctrinal Clarity in a Confused World

**Today through 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 Dormi Family

Sixto & Jessica, Sebastian, Nathan  
Serving in **Ecuador** since **2015**



### Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for providing new opportunities to train pastors in other cities.
- Pray for the salvation of our two sons.

For more information visit [gracechurch.org/guayaquil](http://gracechurch.org/guayaquil).

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$27,953**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## 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](mailto:childrens@gracechurch.org)



## Curriculum Release Spring 2020

Our Sunday evening children's program, Adventure Club, is almost ready to share with other churches.

Designed to complement our Sunday school curriculum,

Generations of Grace, Adventure Club presents a clear gospel message in the midst of a dark and confusing world. Please pray that this program will be used powerfully to bring the light of God's truth to children everywhere.

Help spread the word that the Adventure Club curriculum will be available by Shepherds' Conference in March 2020.

For more information, visit [generationsofgrace.com/ac-signup](http://generationsofgrace.com/ac-signup).

## High School Winter Camp

Please note that 180 will not meet this morning, due to Winter Camp.

## Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

**Saturday, January 25 • 9:00 a.m. • T270s**

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.

## One with Christ Monday, January 20 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

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

## Elders Meeting Thursday, January 23 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

## Sunday School Volunteers

Children's Ministry has an urgent need for Sunday School volunteers 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](mailto:childrens@gracechurch.org).

## Job Opportunities

**Custodial.** The Grace Church Custodial Department has part-time openings (20–29 hours/week) for custodians who enjoy working in a team environment and serving the church in practical ways. Position requires ability to be detail-oriented and thrive in a fast-paced environment. Job duties include room set-up and break-down, and various cleaning tasks. Applicants must be able to lift up to 50 pounds. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact the office of Human Resources at [HR@gracechurch.org](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.

**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](mailto: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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