

GRACE TODAY

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Welcome to the Lord's day worship
service at Grace Church.

"When I am afraid, I will put my
trust in You. In God, whose Word
I praise, in God I have put my trust;
I shall not be afraid. What can
mere man do to me?"

Psalms 56:3-4



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10:30* am

Sonata VI: 1st Movement · Bach · Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 111 We Come, O Christ, to You · Congregation

Hymn 352 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

My Faith Looks Up to Thee · Mason/Maddux-Rice · Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble

Hymn 75 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go · Congregation

Show Us Christ · Plank · Lisa Martin

MESSAGE: **Why #ChurchIsEssential**

Mike Riccardi · Hebrews 3:12–14

Doxology Hymn · Congregation

Festal March · Bach · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

My Worth Is Not in What I Own · Getty-Kendrick/Coleman · Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise · Congregation

Baptism

MESSAGE: **True Greatness**

Jay Lennington · Mark 9:30–37

Postlude

Live stream available at gracechurch.org/live. *Translations in Spanish, Korean, Arabic, Italian, Russian, Portuguese, and American Sign Language (ASL) are provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Instrumental Praise

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

When ends life's passing dream, When death's cold threatening stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
O lift me safe above, A ransomed soul!

Words by Ray Palmer (1830); music by Lowell Mason (1830); arranged by Dave Maddux & Mark Rice

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 353 O Church, Arise

O Church arise, and put your armor on,
Hear the call of Christ, our Captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies—
An army bold, whose battle cry is "Love,"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Campus Ministries

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 a.m. • GraceWalk

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.

On the Patio

- **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

ANNUAL BIBLE SALE

All Bibles discounted
30–55% off retail, while
supplies last.

Sale ends Monday,
November 30



Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE **Jesus Teaches the Parable of the Soil**

PASSAGE **Mark 4:1–20**

PRINCIPLE People respond differently to the sowing of God's Word.

FEATURED HYMN "The Power of the Cross" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 272)

ASK YOUR CHILD What are the different soils and what do they represent?

APPLY By examining your response to God's Word.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Mark 4:1–20.

NEXT WEEK Luke 8:22–39

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

Spiritual Warfare: Fighting to Win

- KKLA 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES
- KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA

M–F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm

M–F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am

TELEVISION gty.org/television

"Scripture Is Sufficient"

- 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.

A Heart for the Homebound

Congregational Care Ministries



It goes without saying that nothing about this upcoming holiday season seems normal. Instead of allowing the natural excitement of meeting with family and friends to grow as the days draw near, we've been told that our holiday gatherings must be met with cautious trepidation. The nightly news anchors warn that our Thanksgiving get-togethers must be limited in number, reduced in time, and constrained in proximity towards those we love. Turkey is allowed, but gloves are required. Everything seems strangely surreal to us as we attempt to enjoy one of God's most beautiful expressions of His common grace through a mask between bites. It begins to seem as if we've been invited to be "alone together."

Yet, one unexpected side effect of this season's restrictions is the new empathy we've had the opportunity to experience for our homebound members at Grace Church. Perhaps for the first time ever, we are beginning to see what it is like to be limited in visitation and distanced from those we love. It's as if the Lord is granting us a glimpse into the daily life of those who have been experiencing a shut-down now for many years. What began only a few months ago for most of us has been a daily reality for our homebound members for a myriad of reasons beyond their control.

Sometimes our members are homebound because their health has worsened or an accident has occurred; sometimes the natural

process of aging has gradually limited their ability to move about or drive. Either way, these dear brothers and sisters in Christ have been living through their own personal lockdown for a very long time. Their holidays are always limited in number, reduced in time, and constrained in proximity towards those they love.

This holiday season, we want to ask you to use this new-found empathy by reaching out to our homebound members in a special way. Because many times their families have passed on or moved away, we want to encourage each of you to send holiday cards to those listed in the space below. You don't have to know them personally to share the love of Christ with them through what you write. You could make it a family project by creating your own personal Thanksgiving and Christmas cards, or you could send professionally made cards with a handwritten prayer for them inside. Either way, it would be a simple way to make a big impact in their lives.

All you have to do is seal the cards in their envelope with the recipient's name written on the outside (as if you were mailing it yourself), bring them to our campus receptionist on Sunday (or during the week), and our pastoral care folks will add the appropriate address (and a stamp) to make sure it makes it to them this season. As simple as it might be, these cards are a beautiful way to say, "let's celebrate Christ together!" ■



Curt Abel
Barbara Boyd
Shirley Bright
Wilma Champlin
Worthy Cox
Frances Gregg
Suzanne Hitzemann
Bridget Husen
Sue Keller
William Mack
Ellen Menditto

Arlene Partie
Margaret Rudy
Abel Santana
Eugene & Sandra Smith
Avis Spitz
Rose Stoeppler
Patricia Stoner
Don & Merla Wiles
Dawn Zuber

SIMPLE CHRISTIANITY

Sundays • 8:30 a.m. • T370s

Today's Topic: "What We Teach About the End Times"

Speaker: Mark Zhakevich



This seven-week course will take you through what Grace Church teaches on topics including, Scripture, God, man, salvation, the church, angels, the End Times, eternity, and more. The last class will consist of a Q&A.

Support a Pastor

Help a pastor in financial need be able to attend the Shepherds' Conference with a gift of any amount. For information about providing a scholarship, visit gracechurch.org/scholarship.

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 or for additional information, email childrens@gracechurch.org, call 818-909-5631, or visit the patio table after this morning's service.

Attend a Home Bible Study

Home Bible studies provide opportunities for discipleship, fellowship, and ministry around time in God's Word. An updated Fellowship Bible Studies list is available at the Welcome Center.

Synagogue Parking

Additional parking is available this morning at Valley Beth Israel, the synagogue east of the church (13060 Roscoe Blvd.). Please be sure to move your car out of the lot by 1:00 p.m.

November Is Adoption Awareness Month

November 15 & 22 - Information Tables

For more information about adoption and foster care, stop by the tables on the patio this month or visit gracechurch.org/handsforhope.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$13,284**. 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

November 10 - 7:00 p.m.

As we continue our study of Psalm 23 this year, "A Walk with Our Shepherd," the focus this month is on verses 2-3, "God's Sovereign Guidance and Our Trusting Dependence." All women are welcome to join us at homes in Encino, Glendale, Northridge, Pasadena, Shadow Hills, Simi Valley, Stevenson Ranch, and Torrance. For specific meeting locations and RSVP information, visit gracechurch.org/t2t or email gcctitus2@icloud.com.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, November 12 - 9:30-11:30 a.m. - T270s

Speaker: Deborah Gandhi (sharing her testimony & God's plan for the future)

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.

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting

Sundays - 5:00-5:50 p.m. - Upper Room

For more information, call 310-259-0770.

With the Lord

Jesse Galindo recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember his family in your prayers. There will be a service in his honor on Monday, November 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. —Psalm 116:15

Joint Heirs Ladies T.E.A. Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, November 9 - 6:45 p.m. - T260s - Speaker: Lupi Merlo

All women are welcome.

Job Opportunities

Administrative Assistant. The Grace Church Counseling Department has a part-time opening for an administrative assistant (29 hours/week). This position will support the department in general office work, filing, data entry, and scheduling appointments. Requirements include experience as an administrative assistant; editing and grammar skills; excellent organizational and multi-tasking skills; attention to detail; ability to work in a fast-paced environment; customer service experience; and proficiency with Microsoft Office.

Assistant Customer Service Manager. Generations of Grace has a full-time opening for an assistant customer service manager. Duties include managing budgets, people, and customers, as well as maintaining websites, systems, assisting with new customer accounts, and fulfilling new orders. Additional duties include answering phone calls and emails and the ability to work in a fast-paced environment. A business background with management experience and knowledge of basic Adobe Acrobat and Creative Cloud is preferred.

Nursery Supervisor. Grace Church currently has a part-time opening (3 hours/week) for a nursery worker on Wednesday mornings. Must be able to exhibit love to parents, children, and staff, and desire to serve through humility, patience, and joy. Prior work experience in childcare preferred, and must be able to pass a background check successfully.

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 or 818-909-5672.

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Administration

818-909-5500

Children

818-909-5631

Grace Equip

818-909-5500

Membership

818-909-5644

Men

818-909-5537

Outreach

818-909-5700

Pastoral Care & Counseling

818-909-5537

Prayer

818-909-5519

Spanish

818-909-5722

Special Ministries

818-909-5519

Student

818-909-5593

Women

818-909-5521

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