

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



10:30* am

Scherzo from Symphony II · Vierne · Stephen Sturz, Organist**Hymn 180 And Can It Be?** · Congregation**Hymn 162 Wonderful, Merciful Savior***The King of Love My Shepherd Is* · Trad./Pinkston-Rice
Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble**Hymn 394 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken** · Congregation**Press On** · Burgess · Jaz Hoffman & Elmer SerquinaMESSAGE: **THE PILGRIM'S PROSPECT**

Mike Riccardi • 2 Corinthians 8:9

Doxology Hymn · Congregation*Prelude in Classic Style* · Young · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Crown Him with Many Crowns · Elvey · Instrumental Prelude**Songs of Praise** · Congregation**Baptism****Grace Around the World**MESSAGE: **THE CHRISTIAN'S SURVIVAL MANUAL**

Tom Patton • 2 Peter 1:1–15

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing brought me.

The King of love my Shepherd is, My Shepherd is the King of love;
And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house, within Thy house,
Within Thy house, within Thy house, Within Thy house forever.

Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever, forever, forever.

Words by Henry W. Baker (1868); music from an ancient Irish melody

Doxology Hymn*Hymn 407 It Is Well with My Soul*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul!
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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
103 • 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

- Hands for Hope
- 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 Demonstrates His Authority**

PASSAGE **Luke 8:22–39**

PRINCIPLE Jesus has power over the natural and the supernatural world.

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

ASK YOUR CHILD What do these two miracles tell us about Jesus Christ?

APPLY By worshiping Jesus through obedience to Him.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Luke 8:22–39.

NEXT WEEK Review Sunday

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

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

• **Spiritual Warfare: Fighting to Win**

• **Richer Than You Think**

• 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

• **“Telling the Truth in a Post-Truth World”**

• 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”



**Take comfort, “Beloved, now
we are children of God.”**

— 1 JOHN 3:2

Assured in Adoption

On a human level, adoption is one of the most beautiful institutions in society—it becomes even more so in light of the gospel. The journey of earthly adoption can be fraught with challenges and uncertainties, but the process concludes with full assurance of relationship in a way similar to the assurance found in being a child of God.

The official language used by the state Superior Court during adoption finalization hearings parallels Paul’s teaching about heavenly adoption in Romans 8:15–17.

ACCORDANCE OF UNION

The judge first asks the adoptive parents, “Do you understand that by signing the Adoption Agreement you are agreeing to treat (your adopted child) as your own, lawful child with all the rights and duties of natural parents?” The Apostle Paul states, “You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” (Romans 8:15b). Through adoption, total strangers are instantly united into one family, one accord, where the child refers intimately to their father as “Abba” or “Papa.”

AFFIRMATION OF SECURITY

The adoptive parents sign the Adoption Agreement in the presence of the judge to officialize the adoption. "The court has read the adoption agreement form which is signed by petitioners in which they agree with the State...and the child that the child shall be treated in all respects as their own, lawful child." Similarly, our heavenly adoptions are officialized by the Holy Spirit when "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16). The affirming power of a legally-binding document and testimony of the Spirit both provide evidence of adoption security.

ALLOCATION OF RIGHTS

The Finalization Hearing concludes with the judge stating, "I am presenting to you a Certificate of Family Membership which states pursuant to the authority vested in me by the State of California, it is hereby declared and adjudged and ordered that (the child) is a member of (your) family." Paul offers us proof of our heavenly adoptions as children of God when he says, "And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17a). As adopted children, we are set apart from the world and enjoy exclusive rights as heirs within our new family.

As Christians, the permanent finality of earthly adoption serves as an encouraging reminder of the assurance in heavenly adoption we have through Christ. To embrace adoption is to embrace what God has done for us; loving adoption is to love what matters to the Lord. As we consider the beautiful picture adoption presents, may we never miss an opportunity to pray for and actively support the work God is doing through adoption.

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38–39). ■



November is Adoption Awareness Month

November 15 & 22 • Information Tables

As a local outreach ministry of Grace Community Church, Hands for Hope exists as a support base for those new to adoption and foster care, as well as a loving network for families who understand the experience.

Let us know if you would like to connect with an experienced family in these areas.

If you or someone you know is pregnant and might be considering adoption placement as an option, we would love to come alongside and provide support.

For more information about adoption and foster care, stop by the tables on the patio this month, call 818-909-5721, or visit gracechurch.org/handsforhope.



SIMPLE CHRISTIANITY

Sundays • 8:30 a.m. • T370s

Today's Topic: "What We Teach About the Church"

Speaker: Chris Hamilton

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 feature a Q&A.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$3,775**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Saturday, November 21 • 9:00 a.m. • CC130s

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.

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 a need for Sunday School volunteers during the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are a member of Grace Church and are interested in serving, email childrens@gracechurch.org or call 818-909-5631.

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 Ministry Meetings

If you have a meeting scheduled this month, check gracechurch.org or contact your ministry leader for schedule updates, ways to meet online, and more.

With the Lord

Bob Jaffray and **Beth Quinn** recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember their families in your prayers. There will be a service in Beth Quinn's honor on Saturday, November 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the Worship Center.

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

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.

Audio-Visual Technician. The Grace Church Audio-Visual Department has a part-time opening (20 hours/week) for an audio-visual technician. Duties include planning, setting-up, and overseeing the Audio-Visual needs for events occurring on campus, including live sound, laptop/video connections and projection, Zoom calls, audio/video recording, and basic video recording. Training will be provided on the technical capabilities of each room on campus. Must have a heart to serve and be available to work nights and weekends as needed. Ability to speak Spanish is helpful but not required.

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 various cleaning tasks. Applicants must be able to lift up to 30 pounds.

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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