

# GRACE TODAY

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**John MacArthur**

PASTOR-TEACHER

**Bill Brandenstein** / Minister of Music

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?"

Psalm 56:3-4



10:30\* am

*What Child Is This?* · Trad./Johnson · Stephen Sturz, Organist  
*Angels from the Realms of Glory* · Trad./Sturz

Hymn 226 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* · Congregation  
 Hymn 242 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Of the Father's Love Begotten* · Trad./Rice · Clarinet & Piano

Hymn 250 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* · Congregation

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* · Trad./Rouse · Joyful Sound

MESSAGE: **THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST**  
 John MacArthur • Hebrews 1

## Communion

*Toccata on "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"* · Trad./Hudson · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

## Instrumental Prelude

*Christmas Carol Sing* · Congregation

MESSAGE: **THE PARADOX OF CHRISTMAS**  
 Paul Twiss • Luke 2:8–20

## Postlude

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 Live stream available at [gracechurch.org/live](http://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

### *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Of the Father's love begotten,  
 E're the worlds began to be,  
 He is Alpha and Omega,  
 He the Source, the Ending He,  
 Of the things that are, that have been,  
 And that future years shall see,  
 Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n adore Him;  
 Angel hosts, His praises sing;  
 Pow'rs, dominion, bow before Him,  
 And extol our God and King;  
 Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
 Ev'ry voice in concert ring,  
 Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,  
 And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
 And unwearied praises be:  
 Honor, glory, and dominion,  
 And eternal victory,  
 Evermore and evermore!

*Words by Aurelius C. Prudentius (4th Century); translated by John M. Neale and Henry W. Bake*

## 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.

Next Membership Class • January 3  
101 • 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.

## Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE	God Announces the Messiah's Birth
PASSAGE	Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38
PRINCIPLE	Jesus is Savior and Lord and deserves all our worship.
FEATURED HYMN	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” ( <i>Hymns of Grace</i> No. 238)
ASK YOUR CHILD	What is important about the names Immanuel, Savior, and Son of the Most High?
APPLY	By obeying Jesus Christ as Lord and God.
THIS WEEK	As a family, read Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38
NEXT WEEK	Luke 2:1–20

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

## On GraceWalk

- Missionary Calendar
- Short-Term Ministries

## 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

#### ANTICIPATING THE ADVENT

by William Varner

“Messianic anticipation begins in the first book of the Bible, builds in the rest of the Old Testament, and becomes a reality in the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this illuminating book, Dr. William Varner shows us that the details surrounding the birth of our Lord were rooted in the Messianic hope of the Old Testament. This is both powerful and spiritually enriching.” —John MacArthur

Available today for 10% off retail



## Grace to You

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

### *The Promise of Christmas*

- 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** [gtv.org/television](http://gtv.org/television)

### “What the Magi Mean to Christmas, Part 1”

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

**ONLINE** [gtv.org](http://gtv.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”

# A Proper View of Man

## Membership Ministry

Humanism isn't a modern philosophy—mankind's desire to proclaim its own greatness can be traced all the way back to the book of Genesis. Since the Tower of Babel, people have consistently devised and seized opportunities to praise the human spirit, looking for hope in the inherent goodness of man. But is that what God's Word teaches?

Notice how Scripture describes who we are...

- We are incapable of doing good (Romans 3:10–18)
- We are unable to understand or accept the things of God (1 Corinthians 1:18; 2:14)
- Our hearts are deceitful and wicked (Jeremiah 17:9–10)
- Our goals in life are selfish and evil (Genesis 6:5; Ecclesiastes 9:3)

This is who we are apart from the saving and regenerating work of Jesus Christ.

To say that mankind is depraved doesn't mean that we always act as wickedly as possible; what it does mean is that wickedness so permeates our entire beings that we are enslaved to it, and so we are unable to respond to the gospel in faith and repentance.

Not only are we totally depraved, but the Bible also teaches that we sin continually (Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8). Sin is any disobedience or rebellion against God, and it manifests itself in how we refuse to think, feel, act, and speak according to God's commands. It's a constant reality in every person's life, regardless of how good they seem on the surface. Jesus taught that sin dwells within all of us and it's our heart that is the actual problem (Mark 7:20–23). Even though we might perform righteousness on the outside, we are guilty of breaking God's law at the core (James 2:10).

Apart from Christ, our hearts are totally depraved and continually sinful.

At Grace Church, this biblical view of mankind influences every facet of our ministry and forms the foundation for what we believe and teach. Because of our depravity and sinfulness, we turn desperately to Christ and His power to save at the cross. This is what drives our commitment to boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation from sin, and to reject the world's belief in the inherent goodness of man. In a society characterized by confusion and deception, it is more important than ever that we know the only source of lasting hope.

If you are interested in joining a church with a proper view of man, please visit the Member Center after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

# New Members ●

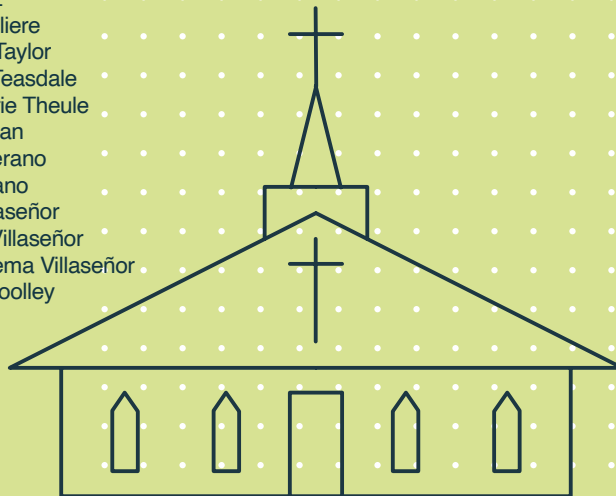
Grace Church welcomed another group of new members with the Right Hand of Fellowship. Each of these individuals completed the membership class in fulfillment of Grace Church's membership requirements.

## The following new members received the Right Hand of Fellowship in DECEMBER.

Daniel & Alleigh Alfaro  
Kate Alfaro  
Carlos Andres & Stephanie Alvarado  
Rebeca Alvarado  
Emily Beebe  
Chandler Brown  
Vanessa Cardenas  
Craig Carson  
Audrey Davis  
Jesse & Ashleigh Diaz  
Emily Drap  
Alicia Du  
Brian Duzick  
Lonny & Karla Epps  
Hannah Fredericks  
Fidel & Mary Fuentes  
Jaden Graham  
Miriam Hamby  
John Haron  
Lilianna Herrera  
Ashton Horn  
Sam & Beth Horn  
Ingrid Hudshon  
Rich & Mary Indrieri  
Samantha Indrieri  
Jefferson Ing  
Bryan & Debbie Jolley

Bill Kelly  
Rachel Kick  
David Kim  
Adam Kipling  
Anna Koblik  
JC Larrama  
Will & Deborah Levis  
Sena Lim  
Cesar & Marilyn Lopez  
Chris Lowder  
Vania Loyola  
Juan & Maria Luz Manriquez  
Herbert Martindale  
Jesse Martinez  
Julio Cesar & Guadalupe Martinez  
Juan Gabriel & Anna Mendoza  
Christine Moloney  
Joe Ng  
John & Marilyn Nugent  
Agustin Olvera  
Trishan Peiris  
Charles Peoples  
Wendy Perez  
Jarod Platt  
Audrey Prinzing  
Colston & Kendall Reese  
Krystal Ribas

Gary & Aida Rothman  
Rob & Tracy Smith  
Scarlett Smorynski  
María Teresa Sou  
Emily Steiger  
Aidan & Janae Stout  
Robbie Stubbs  
Anna Sturz  
Alyssa Tagliere  
McKenna Taylor  
Elizabeth Teasdale  
Ted & Laurie Theule  
Yeefung Tran  
Mahalia Verano  
Micah Verano  
Belizia Villaseñor  
Maximus Villaseñor  
Luis & Zulema Villaseñor  
Hannah Woolley



## 2021 Missionary Calendar

The 2021 Missionary Calendar is available on the patio this morning.

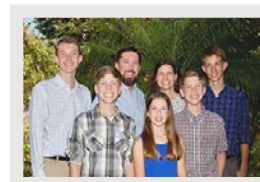
One per family, please.



## Grace Around the World

### The Moorhead Family

Jonathan & Sharon, Nahum, Isaac, Jesse, Jonas, Miriam  
Serving since 2008



### Prayer / Praise

- Praise God for providing a way for us to stay in the Czech Republic.
- Pray for our fellow laborer, Radek Kolařík, as he prepares to be ordained next summer.

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

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$24,743**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Joyful Givers 2020

### Tax Information

All contributions for calendar year 2020 must be received by the church no later than our December 27 offering or postmarked no later than December 31, 2020. Contributions postmarked after Thursday, December 31, 2020, will be recorded in 2021. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

## Grace Equip Winter Classes

### Discipleship Counseling 2: Marriage and the Family

January 6–March 17 (Wednesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

### Theology 103: God's Word on Humanity, Sin, Angels, and Demons

January 11–February 22 (Mondays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

### Reaching Catholics with the Gospel

January 12–February 16 (Tuesdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

### Consejería Bíblica Nivel 1

January 14–April 1 (Thursdays) • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

All courses are offered in person at Grace Church and online via Zoom. For information or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/equip](http://gracechurch.org/equip).

## Juniors Winter Camp

### Exploring the Heights of Salvation

January 9 (all day!) • Grace Church

Cost: \$60

Registration is open at [gracechurch.org/juniors](http://gracechurch.org/juniors).

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## Special Ministries Sunday School

**Sundays - 10:30 a.m. - T260s**

Our Special Ministries Sunday school class is meeting during the 10:30 a.m. service. For more information, call 818-909-5519.

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## Children's Welcome Team

Children's Ministry has a need for additional members for our welcome team. Welcome staff help add children's info to the kiosk system and show families where to find their children's classrooms. For more information, email [childrens@gracechurch.org](mailto:childrens@gracechurch.org) or call 818-909-5631.

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## Monday Morning Prayer Meeting

**Mondays - 9:30 a.m. - CC130W**

For more information, call 818-909-5519.

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## 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](mailto:childrens@gracechurch.org) or call 818-909-5631.

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*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

—John 1:14

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

**Social Media Content Creator.** Generations of Grace has a full-time opening for a social media content creator. Must have two years' experience with Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Google, and experience with digital advertising, along with a good eye for visuals and content posting and ability to edit videos and pictures is required. Experience in video production is beneficial for this position.

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.

**Director of Information Technology Operations.** The Master's University has a full-time opening for a director of IT operations. This position will support the university in development, operation, maintenance, and protection of IT resources. Requirements include strong management and team development skills, a passion for customer service, and a proven track record. Must have bachelor's degree in IT-related discipline, master's degree preferred. Full job duties, expectations, and application can be found at [masters.edu/jobs](http://masters.edu/jobs).

**Director of Interdisciplinary Studies.** The Master's University has a full-time opening for an assistant or associate faculty member who will serve as director of interdisciplinary studies beginning in the 2021–2022 academic year. Primary responsibilities include student recruitment, administration, and oversight of program curriculum. Full job duties, expectations, and application can be found at [masters.edu/jobs](http://masters.edu/jobs).

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818-909-5500

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818-909-5631

**Grace Equip**  
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**Membership**  
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**Pastoral Care &  
Counseling**  
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**Prayer**  
818-909-5519

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818-909-5722

**Special Ministries**  
818-909-5519

**Student**  
818-909-5593

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818-909-5521

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extend His kingdom by living and  
proclaiming His truth in the world.*

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