

GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

Bill Brandenstein / 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.



10:30* am

Fugue in A Minor • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 256 *Who Is He in Yonder Stall?* • Congregation

Hymn 260 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Jesus Shall Reign • Hatton/Lehman-Rice • Brass Ensemble

Hymn 81 *I Am His, and He Is Mine* • Congregation

He Knows My Name • Walker/Rice • Jaz Hoffman

MESSAGE: **CHOSEN IN HIM**

John MacArthur • Ephesians 1:4–6

Doxology Hymn • Congregation

Old Hundredth • Trad./Bock • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Great Is Thy Faithfulness • Runyan • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

MESSAGE: **BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED, PART 2**

Nathan Busenitz • 1 Peter 1:10–12

Postlude

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

Instrumental Praise

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His Kingdom spread from shore to shore,
'Til moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honor and glory to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

*Words by Isaac Watts, based on Psalm 72 (1719); music by John Hatton (1793)
Arranged for brass and organ by Ross Lehman and Mark Rice*

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 19 To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church, and 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 east side of the Upper Room, north of the Welcome Center.

Next Membership Class • April 11
101 • 8:30 a.m. • Grace Grill

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



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| MESSAGE | Jesus Endures the Cross |
| PASSAGE | Mark 15:16–47 |
| PRINCIPLE | Jesus should be worshiped because of His sacrifice for sin and provision for eternal life. |
| FEATURED HYMN | “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (<i>Hymns of Grace</i> No. 274) |
| ASK YOUR CHILD | Why was the death of Jesus important? |
| APPLY | By praising God for Christ’s sacrifice for sin. |
| THIS WEEK | As a family, read Mark 15:16–47. |
| NEXT WEEK | Mark 16:1–8 |

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

On the Patio

- Men of the Word Event
- 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.

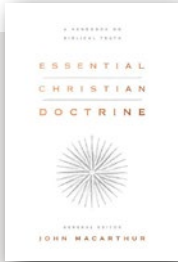
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AN INVITATION TO EVANGELISM

As believers, current events have caused us to think a lot about the attributes of God: His sovereignty, His wisdom, His love, and His holiness. According to A.W. Tozer, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." Our knowledge of God is the foundation for how we live our lives. To that end, Children's Ministry has been eagerly planning for this year's Vacation Bible School—a week of fun and teaching centered around the attributes of God.

In Children's Ministry, our primary commitment is to reach children with the good news of

Jesus Christ, and each year at VBS, more than 800 children come together for a week of music, games, crafts, and teaching designed to point them to the Savior. This year's VBS theme, "The Great Exploration," focuses on Exodus 15:11, "Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?" During this week, children will learn about the attributes of God and how they must trust in Him for salvation.

If you are wondering how you can get involved, there are several practical ways you can help. First, we are looking for volunteers to serve during the week of VBS. A team of coordinators has already been working enthusiastically

to plan the event, and there are many opportunities for you to serve our church family and the community. We are looking for help with set-up, small groups, games, crafts, food, and more, all with the goal of planting seeds for the gospel. For more information, please visit gracechurch.org/vbs.

Second, you can provide financial support. All children who attend VBS attend for free. If you would like to assist us in this ministry, you can donate at gracechurch.org/vbs.

Finally, and most importantly, you can pray. Pray for the children, the families, and the members of our community who participate in Vacation Bible School. Pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ would be communicated clearly and that hearts would be receptive to God's saving truth.

We hope you will join us for VBS this summer. We are excited to see how the Lord will use this week to make an impact for eternity.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021

To learn more about how you can serve during VBS, visit gracechurch.org/vbs or email vbs@gracechurch.org.

DAY OF PRAYER

April 17 • 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

"Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer." —Psalm 61:1

The Bible talks much about prayer. Prayer allows us to communicate with our heavenly Father, giving us immediate access to divine wisdom, comfort, and grace (James 1:5, Psalm 34:17, Hebrews 4:16). It anchors our hearts and minds to eternal truth—something especially precious given the times we live in.

The deepest longings of a Spirit-filled heart flow out in prayer, and there are five reasons found in Scripture for why we need to pray.

- 1. Prayer is commanded (Colossians 4:2)**
- 2. Prayer keeps us from sinning (Matthew 26:41)**
- 3. Prayer gives glory to God (Romans 8:26)**
- 4. Prayer aligns us with God's purposes (Luke 18:1)**
- 5. Prayer results in answers (1 John 5:14–15)**

The Bible is clear about the importance of prayer. Ephesians 6:18 tells us to pray "for all the saints," and 1 Timothy 2:1–4 extends that to include "all people." To that end, we are looking forward to another Day of Prayer on April 17. Join our church family in the Tower Basement, anytime from 6:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., as we come before the Lord in prayer.

Glorifying the Risen Savior

Good Friday Communion Service

April 2 • 7:30 p.m.

Special music by the Worship Choir, Orchestra, and Vocalists

Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available.

Resurrection Sunday Worship Services

April 4 • 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available; Sunday School will meet at the regular times.

There will be no Sunday evening service on April 4.

Sunday Evening Sermon Series

Stand Firm: A Study in 1 Peter

Christians are not at home in this world. That is only becoming more obvious as our culture grows increasingly hostile to Christianity. As our freedoms continue to be threatened, we are starkly reminded that we are “aliens and strangers” in a foreign land. While this may be new territory for us, it was normal for the first Christians to face rejection and tribulation from the world around them. Peter wrote his first letter to Roman Christians on the run for their lives, teaching them how to stand firm in the face of hostility—both from their rulers and even their neighbors. As we face increasing opposition from our world, we need to be reminded of these lessons as well.

Tonight • Nathan Busenitz • 1 Peter 1:3–12, Part 2

April 4 • No Evening Service (Easter)

April 11 • Harry Walls • 1 Peter 1:13–16

April 18 • Mike Riccardi • 1 Peter 1:17–21

Join us on Sunday nights for a study of 1 Peter as we learn how to stand firm.

Grace Around the World

Geoff & Holly Drew

Serving in **South Africa** since **2013**

Prayer / Praise

- Praise God that Geoff’s health has been improving.
- Pray for unity in our church as we navigate pandemic regulations.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/drew.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$11,557**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

2021 Men of the Word Event

Not of This World

Saturday, April 24 • 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • Worship Center

Speaker: Paul Washer

This year’s event will focus on the problem of worldliness: how to identify its subtle features, how to mortify it, and how to cultivate its antithesis—a life resolutely focused on Christ. We invite all men to recognize the clear and present danger and join us for a time of exhortation, admonition, and encouragement.

Register online at gracechurch.org/motw



THE MASTER'S
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ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

The Master's University has new bachelor's degree programs in mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering planned to launch in Fall 2021. If your son or daughter is interested in studying in one of these areas at one of the world's leading Christian universities, visit masters.edu to apply.

The Master's Kids Informational Meeting

Tuesday, April 6 - 10:00 a.m.-Noon - T270s

Attendance gives you priority for the 2021-2022 class. To sign up for childcare (five years and younger), contact Beth Voorheis, program director, by March 23 at bvoor@sbcglobal.net. Please include your child's name and birthdate.

TMK is a Bible-based kindergarten-prep program for moms and kids starting kindergarten in fall 2022.

Grace Equip Spring Class Discipleship Counseling 3

April 7-June 23 (Wednesdays) - 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.

Job Opportunities

Dishwasher. Grace Church currently has several part-time openings for dishwashers. Hours will vary based on the season and number of events. Availability on Saturdays is required. Experience with kitchen duties and serving is preferred but not required. Must be able to interact with other staff members in a gracious and friendly manner while working in a fast-paced environment. 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. For a complete list of job openings, please see the job board outside the HR office in the Tower Basement.

Executive Assistant. The Master's Academy International has a full-time opening for an executive assistant (40 hours/week, working from our office on the GCC campus). This employee will perform a wide variety of administrative and project-oriented tasks including calendar management, correspondence, travel arrangements, clerical duties, and more for the president and executive vice president; monitoring and maintaining office supplies; liaising with various departments and ministries; and other duties as assigned. Meticulous attention to detail, organization, and communication skills are necessary, as well as a love for the church and missions. For further questions or to apply, please email info@tmai.org.

Junior Software Engineer. The Master's University has a full-time opening for a junior software engineer (40 hours/week). This position will support the university in sustaining, documenting, and implementing software solutions while following proper architecture and coding standards, working collaboratively with the software development team and campus stakeholders to meet strategic objectives. Bachelor's degree in computer science or related field required. Full job duties, expectations, and application can be found at masters.edu/jobs.

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: Taylor Sinclair

Commissioned (All ages)

Family Center 2

Pastors: Rodney Andersen,
Brad Klassen**Cornerstone** (All ages)

T370s

Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Hohn Cho, Mark Tatlock,
Harry Walls**Crossroads**(College & young adults)
Tent

Pastor: Austin Duncan

Developmentally Disabled

CC130s

Pastor: Rick McLean

GraceLife (All ages)

Chapel & Chapel Plaza

Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi**High School** (Grades 9-12)

T70s (Basement)

Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages)

Family Center 1

Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Jr. High (Grades 7-8)

Small Tent (behind TMS)

Pastor: Jay Lennington

Juniors (Grades 4-6)

T270s

Pastor: Taylor Sinclair

Sojourners (All ages)

Family Center 3

Pastors: Abner Chou,
Joe Zhakevich**Spanish Adult Sunday School**

H221-222

Pastor: Josiah Grauman

Steadfast (All ages)

T260s

Pastor: Brian Biedebach

12:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Outreach

Resumes April 11

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting

T265

6:00 p.m.

Adventure Club

Family Center (Grades 4-6)

Chapel (Grades 1-3)

T270s (Ages 3-5)

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Grace Equip

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Men

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Outreach

818-909-5700

**Pastoral Care &
Counseling**

818-909-5537

Prayer

818-909-5519

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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