

GRACE TODAY

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John MacArthur
PASTOR-TEACHER

Bill Brandenstein / Minister of Music



9:00 & 11:00* am

Fugue in A Minor · Bach · Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 125 Come, Christians, Join to Sing · Congregation

Hymn 135 O Worship the King

Sun of My Soul · Fetteke · Worship Choir

Hymn 179 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus · Congregation

Mercies Anew · Altrogge/Kauflin-Rice · Jaz Hoffman

MESSAGE: **THE END OF THE UNIVERSE**

John MacArthur • 2 Peter 3

Doxology Hymn

Old Hundredth · Trad./Bock · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise · Congregation

Baptism

MESSAGE: **THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LOVE STORY**

Abner Chou • Hosea 1-3

Postlude

Anthem

Sun of My Soul

Sun of my soul, Sun of my soul;

Jesus, Thou Savior dear.

Sun of my soul, Thou Savior dear,

It is not night if Thou be near;

O may no earthborn cloud arise

To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.

Abide with me from morn 'til eve,

For without Thee I cannot live.

Abide with me when night is nigh,

For without Thee I dare not die.

Come near and bless us when we wake,

E're through the world our way we take,

'Til, in the ocean of Thy love,

We lose ourselves in heav'n above,

We lose ourselves in heav'n above.

Words by John Keble (1820); music is Katholisches Gesangbuch (1774)

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 428 Come, We That Love the Lord

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;

Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne.

Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry;

We're marching through Emmanuel's ground To fairer worlds on high.

* Interpreting in American Sign Language (ASL) is provided during the 11:00 am service.
Arabic, Chinese, Italian, Korean, and Russian livestream translations are available
at gracechurch.org/live.

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 east side of the Upper Room, north of the Welcome Center.

Today's Membership Class
101 • 9:00 & 11:00 am • TMS Library (West)

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 **Abraham and Sarah Doubt God**
PASSAGE **Genesis 16:1–6; 17:15–21; 18:1–15**
PRINCIPLE **Nothing can stop God's plan.**
FEATURED HYMN **"My Hope Is in the Lord" (Hymns of Grace No. 213)**
ASK YOUR CHILD **What did God promise Abraham and Sarah?**
APPLY **By trusting God's promises, even if they seem impossible.**
THIS WEEK **As a family, read Genesis 16:1–6; 17:15–21; 18:1–15.**
NEXT WEEK **Genesis 18:16–19:29**

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

GraceWalk

- **Hands for Hope**

On the Patio

- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)

Grace Books

Grace Books is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

HIGHLIGHT

**5 MINUTES IN CHURCH HISTORY:
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STORIES
OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN THE
HISTORY OF THE CHURCH**

by Stephen J. Nichols

"Stephen Nichols has the remarkable ability to make history live and sing." —Sinclair Ferguson

Available today for \$5.



Grace to You

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"The Lord's Work in His Church"

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE 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"



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

— 1 JOHN 3:2

From Orphans to Sons

We live in a society that hates children. That is a startling statement—but there is no way that it can be denied by anyone who has been paying attention. Voluntary childlessness, the worldwide pandemic of abortion, widespread divorce depriving children of both parents in the home, and the child abuse of “gender transitioning” all testify to this fact.

On the other hand, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a society that loves children. If there is any place on the planet where children should be loved, welcomed, served, taught, protected, and cared for, it is the church. After all, we follow the One who, when others around Him found children a nuisance,

“was indignant,” and said, “Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Mark 10:14). Children are a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127), a precious stewardship entrusted to us by God to train in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to raise as disciples of Jesus.

A particular way the church can serve and show our love for children is through adoption and foster care. Besides being a wonderful evangelistic opportunity, adoption and foster care makes sense for Christians, because we ourselves have been adopted as sons and daughters into the family of God.

Scripture speaks of our salvation as the Father adopting spiritual orphans into His family, bringing them into His own household to be His sons and daughters (Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:4-7; Ephesians 2:19).

Outside of Christ, we were spiritual orphans. We had no one to look after our spiritual well-being, no provision for our spiritual needs, no protection from spiritual danger, no hope, no prospects, and no future but divine judgment. We were unwanted, vulnerable, and belonging nowhere. But God has been merciful to us.

Once, we were not a people (1 Peter 2:10), "But now," Peter says, "you are the people of God. You had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." Through Christ, God has made children of wrath children of God (Ephesians 2:3; cf. John 1:12); sons of disobedience have become sons of a Heavenly Father (Ephesians 2:2; cf. Matthew 5:45). He has taken spiritual strangers and outcasts and taken us in as His own.

In light of that precious reality, we ought to consider how we can show to others the grace we have been shown through the ministry of adoption and foster care. We have been shown such extravagant grace by no less a benefactor as the God of Heaven; for some of us, the effect of that grace should cause us to consider whether the Lord would have us take these unwanted children in as our own sons and daughters, just as our Father has made us His.

Some may be eager and able to serve in this way. For others, in God's providence, adoption or foster care may not be possible. If this is your situation, you may still be able to come alongside those who are able—to pray for them, to serve them both during and after the process, and perhaps even to support them financially. Whether adopting and fostering or serving families who are, the church ought to lead the charge in serving those children who do not yet have a family. In a society that hates children, the adopted sons and daughters of God should be those most eager to love and serve them.

November is Adoption Awareness Month

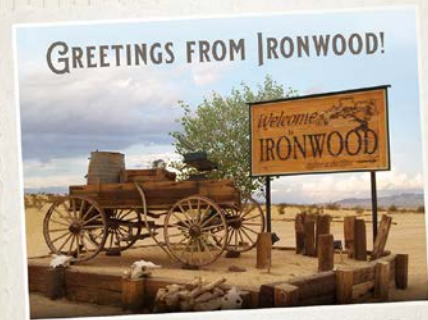
For more information, stop by the tables on the patio this morning or visit gracechurch.org/handsforhope.



MEN & BOYS LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Importance of Biblical Male Leadership in the Church and Home

Speaker: Phil Johnson



"We live in a culture that is attacking masculinity. If we follow the culture it will destroy the church and the Christian home. Our Men and Boys Leadership Retreat is specifically designed to counter this cultural drift with a biblical view of masculine leadership. Every man and boy will benefit." —Dr. John Street

All men from Grace Church, junior high to adult, are invited to attend. For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/jointheirs.

Thanksgiving

COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, November 21 - 6:00 pm

A special evening of praise and proclamation to worship and give thanks to our Lord featuring the Grace Church Orchestra & Worship Choir

Childcare is available for children five years old and younger.

Grace Around the World

The **Ransom** Family

Sean & Jessica, Kian, Christian, Grace, Tyler, Isabella,
Josiah, Evangeline

Serving in the **Philippines** since **2004**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray for Sean as he preaches and teaches in various contexts.
- Pray that the children in the Philippines would be able to attend classes in-person again.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/ransom.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$12,894**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

Nurse Needed

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic is seeking a registered nurse or advanced practice provider. Qualified candidates must have a current license and strong computer proficiency. Help us help others choose life.

Contact Debi at debi@openarmspregnancy.com.

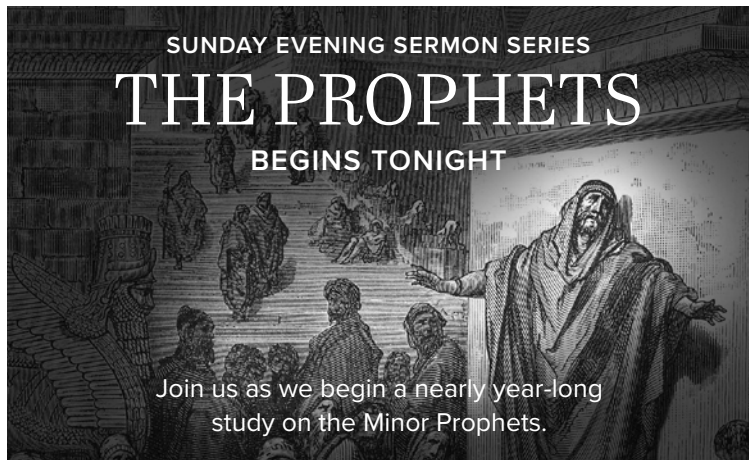
Homebound Ministry

Remember to let the homebound members of our church family know that you care about and are praying for them during the Thanksgiving season. For a list of homebound members, contact Rick McLean at 818-909-5519. Over the next several weeks, drop off your cards and notes at the Office Center.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

November 14 • 1:00-2:30 pm • 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.



SUNDAY EVENING SERMON SERIES

THE PROPHETS

BEGINS TONIGHT

Join us as we begin a nearly year-long study on the Minor Prophets.

Christmas Concert December 16-19

Worship Choir • Symphonic Orchestra • Vocal Solos & Ensembles
Handbell Choir • Children's Choir

Tickets will be available exclusively online beginning November 15. For more information, visit gracechurch.org/concert, or contact concert@gracechurch.org. Childcare will be available for children five years old and younger.

With the Lord

Albert Curt Abel and Terry Poe recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember their families in your prayers.

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

Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, November 8 • 6:45-9:00 pm • CC130s

Speaker: Karen Cowhick • Topic: God's Immutability

All women are welcome. For more information, call 818-909-5521.

Titus 2 Tuesday

Tuesday, November 9 • 7:00 pm • Topic: "The Sovereignty of God and a Prayer"

All women are welcome to join us at various homes throughout Los Angeles. For specific meeting locations and RSVP information, visit gracechurch.org/t2t or email gcctitus2@icloud.com.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, November 18 • 9:30-11:30 am • CC130s

Speaker: Jacki Martin • Topic: "God's Unforgettable Faithfulness"

All women are welcome. Childcare provided for Pre-K and under, if reserved by November 16. For more information and to reserve childcare, call 818-909-5521.

Come Christmas Sing! Concert Series

Presented by The Master's University

December 3 at 7:30 pm • December 4 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

For tickets, visit masters.edu/music or call 661-362-2262.

Job Opportunities

For current job openings at Grace Community Church, visit gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet.

9:00 am

Anchored (All ages) T360s
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,
Bill Shannon

Children's Ministry

Visit the Welcome Center for
room locations.
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Cornerstone (All ages) T370s

Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Hohn Cho, Mark Tatlock,
Harry Walls

Developmentally Disabled

CC130s
Pastor: Rick McLean

GraceLife (All ages)

Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

Jr. High (Grades 7-8)

T70s (Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Spanish Adult Sunday School

GraceWalk
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

Spanish Worship Service

Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Josiah Grauman

Steadfast (All ages)

T260s
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

11:00 am**Children's Ministry**

Visit the Welcome Center for room
locations.
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Commissioned (All ages) T360s

Pastors: Rodney Andersen,
Brad Klassen

Crossroads

(College & young adults)
Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

Developmentally Disabled

CC130s
Pastor: Rick McLean

High School (Grades 9-12)

T70s (Basement)
Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages) T260s

Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street
T370s

Sojourners (All ages)

Pastors: Abner Chou,
Joe Zhakevich

Spanish Adult Sunday School

GraceWalk
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

Spanish Worship Service

Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Josiah Grauman

1:00 pm**Neighborhood Outreach**

H223-224

5:00 pm**Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting**

Upper Room

6:00 pm**Adventure Club**

Family Center (Grades 4-6)
Chapel (Grades 1-3)
CC130s (Ages 3-5)

MINISTRY DIRECTORY**Administration**

818-909-5500

Children

818-909-5631

Grace Equip

818-909-5674

Membership

818-909-5644

Men

818-909-5537

Outreach

818-909-5700

Pastoral Care & Counseling

818-909-5537

Prayer

818-909-5519

Mondays 9:00 am**Monday Morning Prayer Group**

Welcome Center

Fridays 7:00 pm**Foundation** (Young professionals)

Family Center
Pastor: Mark Zhakevich

Building Abbreviation Key

T = Tower H = Heritage
CC = Children's Center



For more information about Sunday fellowships
scan the QR code or visit
gracechurch.org/about/sunday-fellowships.

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