

GRACE TODAY

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December 5, 2021

John MacArthur
PASTOR-TEACHER

Bill Brandenstein / Minister of Music



9:00 & 11:00* am

Watchet Auf • Bach/Bantock • Orchestral Prelude

The Master's University Orchestra

Christmas Scherzo • Sebesky

The Master's University Singers and Orchestra

Angels We Have Heard on High • Trad./Kenton

The Master's University Orchestra

Gloria • Vivaldi

Et in terra pax • Vivaldi

Hallelujah Chorus • Handel

The Master's University Singers and Orchestra

A Festival of Carols • Trad./Goss • Congregation

O Come, All Ye Faithful • Trad./Mason • Anna Prykhitko

MESSAGE: **PREACHING THE UNFATHOMABLE RICHES OF CHRIST**

John MacArthur • Ephesians 3:7–13

Doxology Hymn

In Dulci Jubilo • Bach • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise

Baptism

MESSAGE: **WHAT TRUE LOVE FOR GOD LOOKS LIKE**

The Twelve: A Study on the Minor Prophets

Abner Chou • Hosea 14:2–3

Right Hand of Fellowship

Postlude

Welcome The Master's University Singers and Orchestra

The Master's University Singers, under the direction of Dr. Paul T. Plew, is a non-auditioned, campus community choir that performs a wide variety of classical and contemporary sacred music.

The Master's University Orchestra personnel come from a mixture of both talented university students and accomplished instrumentalists from the greater Los Angeles area. Under the direction of Ben Mason, they perform concerts with a wide variety of musical literature.

From “Gloria” by Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Glory to God in the Highest!

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

And on earth peace among men of good will.

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 47 Tell Out, My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!

Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

To children's children and forevermore!

* During the 11:00 am service, interpreting in American Sign Language (ASL) is available in the Worship Center and livestream translations in Arabic, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, and Russian 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.

Next Membership Class • January 9, 2022
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.

GraceWalk

- **Missionary Calendar**

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.

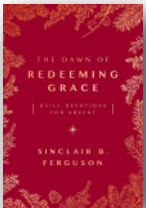
HIGHLIGHT

THE DAWN OF REDEEMING GRACE

by Sinclair Ferguson

"As Christmas gets more and more secularized, trivialized, and sentimentalized—even in the evangelical church—we need a heavy dose of thinking deeply about the arrival of the Son of God. Sinclair Ferguson provides the spiritual riches that your heart longs for as you contemplate the birth of our Savior." —John MacArthur

Available today for 25% off retail.



Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE **God Sends John the Baptist**

PASSAGE **Luke 1:5–25, 57–67, 76–80**

PRINCIPLE **Jesus is Savior and Lord.**

FEATURED HYMN **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (Hymns of Grace 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 Luke 1:5–25, 57–67, 76–80**

NEXT WEEK **Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38**

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

Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

God's Own Defense of Scripture

"Reaching the World"

• KKLA 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES
• KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA
• KABC 790 AM LOS ANGELES

M–F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
M–F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am
Sat 7:30 am

TELEVISION gty.org/television

"A Son to Redeem Many Sons"

• 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"

A New Year, a Renewed Commitment

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Missions, as modeled in the book of Acts, is centered on the local church. This paradigm marks the ministry of Paul, the preeminent missionary, from his commissioning as God's servant to the culmination of his missionary endeavors. When Paul and Barnabas were called by the Holy Spirit to embark on the first missionary journey, it was the church in Antioch that sent them out (Acts 13:1–3). The goal of this initial missionary effort, as well as all those that followed, was to plant local churches wherever the gospel took root. As he sowed gospel seed, Paul was ministered to and encouraged by churches such as those in Philippi (Philippians 2:25–29) and others in Macedonia (2 Corinthians 8:1–5). When Paul finally returned from each journey, it was always to the local church that he would report.

Clearly this commitment and connection between the missionary and the church is vital. Not only does the church provide spiritual accountability and oversight for those sent to minister overseas, it is a source of great encouragement and help through prayer and financial support. Put simply, the relationship between the missionary and the church is an illustration of the body of Christ functioning even across great distances.

Here at Grace Church, we have endeavored to follow this biblical model of missions. The same year our church was founded, Marjorie Farley was sent out as our first-ever missionary. Since then, hundreds of missionaries have been either sent or supported by our congregation. Today, there are over ninety missionary families supported by Grace Church in thirty-four countries. In the early days, it was easy to remember each missionary and their prayer needs; however, now, with so many families in the field, it can be more challenging.

To help with this, we issue a wall calendar each year featuring our missionary families. This calendar serves as a helpful tool to remind us of these distant members of our congregation and their need for our prayers throughout the year.

Beginning today, the 2022 Missionary Calendar is available on the Patio. This year, the calendar features a QR code each month that leads to more information about each of the featured missionaries, which often includes a video greeting introducing their family and ministry. We pray that the Missionary Calendar will assist you in becoming better acquainted with our missionaries, so that you might more effectively come alongside them in prayer as they serve the Lord around the world.

2022 Missionary Calendar

Beginning today, the 2022 Missionary Calendar is available on the Patio.

One per family, please.



Thank You! *Christmas in September*

Grace Ministries International would like to thank our church family for the heartfelt cards and generous financial gifts given to our missionaries via Christmas in September this year. These expressions of encouragement and love remind our missionary families of the unity we share in Christ and the special place they hold in our hearts. It is a joy to see your desire to support and care for our missionaries in this special way. We know that through these cards and gifts, they have been truly blessed and edified.

“...please convey our gratitude for the generosity of Grace Church. We are so thankful to be GCC missionaries and the generosity of the elders (ECHO), pastors, and saints is such a blessing and encouragement. Thank you all.” –Todd & Lynn Dick (Croatia)

“Thank you so much for your prayers and this early Christmas greeting, and for the added financial blessing from Grace! We love our church and would have loved to celebrate this Christmas season with you! We plan to watch the concerts from afar and tune in as much as possible between now and then.”

–Jeff & Kristen Miller (Germany)

“I never cease to be amazed at your generosity and kindness towards us. To know that you pray for us, care for us, and support us causes me to rejoice. You are faithful and we thank God for you. Thank you for this financial gift—it is a blessing to our family during this Christmas season! May God encourage your hearts as you serve Him with joy.” –B & H K



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 16-19

Thursday & Friday, 7:30 pm
Saturday, 2:00 & 6:00 pm
Sunday, 6:00 pm

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

Tickets are available exclusively online. Remember that tickets simply allow for early entrance to the Worship Center, but all are welcome to attend via general admission fifteen minutes prior to concert start time. For more information, visit gracechurch.org/concert, or contact concert@gracechurch.org.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

December 12 • 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, 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.

Grace Around the World

The Floreen Family

Matt & Rachel, Abigail, Naomi

Serving in **South Africa** since **2009**



Prayer / Praise

- Pray for our advocates in court as they defend religious liberties in South Africa.
- Praise the Lord for the twenty-eight students who have completed our church's counseling training.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/floreen.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$10,328**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Joyful Givers

2021 Tax Information

All contributions for calendar year 2021 must be received by the church no later than our December 26 offering or **postmarked** no later than December 31, 2021. Contributions received or **postmarked** after Friday, December 31, 2021, will be recorded in 2022. Please note, the church campus will be closed for the holidays December 20-31, 2021. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

Communion

December 12 • 9:00 & 11:00 am

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. —1 Corinthians 11:26

Winter Camps

Juniors January 7-9 • Forest Home

Register by December 12: gracechurch.org/children

Jr. High January 7-9 • Thousand Pines Christian Camp

Register: gracechurch.org/xchange

High School January 15-17 • Forest Home

Register: gracechurch.org/180

Grace Equip Discipleship Counseling 2: Marriage & Family

January 11-March 1 (Tuesdays) • 6:30-8:30 pm

This course is offered in person at Grace Church and online via Zoom. For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/equip.

Homebound Ministry

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

Job Opportunities

Custodian The Custodial Department has part-time openings (20-29 hours per week) for a custodian who will 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 setup and teardown of rooms for church events as well as various cleaning tasks. Applicants must be able to lift up to 30 pounds.

Digital Content Assistant The Communications Department has a part-time opening (up to 29 hours per week) for a digital content assistant. This person will be responsible for all weekly audio and video uploads to the Grace Church website and Grace Media app. Daily responsibilities include processing submitted audio and video (sermons, live recordings, music sessions, productions), gathering necessary file information and graphics, editing and mixing audio, basic video and graphics editing tasks, and uploading finished files and metadata through a variety of content management systems.

Security Patrol The Security Department has three part-time openings (20-29 hours per week) for Security to patrol campus buildings and grounds. The ideal candidate will be able to exercise confidentiality, good judgment, and discernment; able to work in all weather conditions; able to stand, walk, climb stairs, bend, and reach for extended periods of time; able to lift 30 pounds on a regular basis and up to 100 pounds with assistance on an as-needed basis; and must successfully pass a background investigation. Working some Sundays each month, and at least one overnight shift per week, will be required.

Applicants for employment at Grace Church must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and be a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672. For a complete list of job openings (including Grace to You, The Master's University and Seminary, and The Master's Academy International), visit gracechurch.org/opportunitiesheet.

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

Family Center South
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

Sojourners (All ages)

T370s
Pastors: Abner Chou,
Joe Zhakevich

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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