

Grace *Today*

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Marks of a
Thankful Heart

Welcoming
Our New Members



Today at Grace

8 am

Coffee and Donuts
(Chapel Plaza)

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups
Children's Sunday School
Spanish Ministries
Membership Classes

After Morning Services

Welcome Center
Member Center
Ministry Tables (Patio)

- Christmas Concert Tickets
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach

Grace Books
Scholar's Desk
Steeple House Coffee

1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
(H221-222)
Korean Outreach (H223-224)

5 pm

Prayer Meeting (H114)

6 pm

Thanksgiving Communion
Service

See back for building locations.

During the 11 am service,
interpreting in ASL is avail-
able in the Worship Center.
Foreign language live-
streams for the 11 am and
6 pm services are available
at gracechurch.org/live.

Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

Contrapunctus IX from Art of the Fugue

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Bach

Call to Worship

Hymn 1 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Hymn 3 *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him*

Congregation

Baptism

Scripture Reading & Prayer

I Will Give Thanks

Youth Choir, String Quintet & Flute, Piano • Courtney

Hymn 429 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

Light of God

Grace Chung & Jaz Hoffman • Getty/Rice

MESSAGE

Heavenly Worship

John MacArthur • Revelation 4

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 116 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,

And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!

For Christ the Judge shall come

And take His servants up

To their eternal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Thine Is the Glory

Organ Postlude • Handel/Sturz

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn 433 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Hymn 435 *We Gather Together*

Hymn 436 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Congregation

Bless the Lord

Worship Choir, Orchestra, Organ • Ippolitov-Ivanhov/
Clydesdale-Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Hymn 410 *The Lord's Prayer*

Congregation

Anthem of Praise

Worship Choir • Clydesdale

Announcements & Offering

All to Bring You Glory

Grace Chung, Worship Choir, Orchestra • Freeman-Smith/Rice

Hymn 374 *My Heart Is Filled with*
Thankfulness

Congregation

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Jubilant Sykes, Orchestra, Piano • Runyan/Rice

MESSAGE

John MacArthur Preaching

Communion

Crown Him with Many Crowns

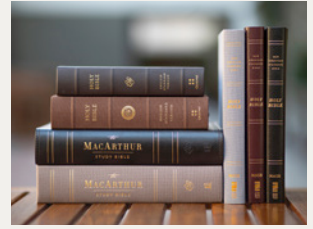
Organ Postlude • Elvey/Sturz

TODAY

Christmas Concert Tickets

Christmas concert tickets are available on the Patio. The concert series will run from Thursday, December 14 through Sunday, December 17. This is a great opportunity to invite unsaved friends and family to hear the gospel as we celebrate the birth of Christ through music.

FEATURED BOOK



Annual Bible Sale

All Bibles are discounted 30–50% off retail, while supplies last.

Sale ends Thursday, November 30.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

This week is Review Sunday.
Next week, we will be studying Mark 5:21–43.

For Sunday School room locations, visit
Children's Check-in.
gracechurch.org/childrens

Adventure Club

Due to this evening's communion service, Adventure Club will not be meeting. Nursery will be available for children three and under.

Marks of a Thankful Heart

In this season of thanksgiving, we remember the words of 1 Chronicles 16:34: “O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.” On this Lord’s Day, we want to focus our hearts on what it means to be thankful to God. The following is a short collection of quotes from faithful men throughout church history that remind us what the outworking of thankfulness looks like in the life of a believer.

1. We are drawn to God.

Colossians 4:2

“Let us thank God heartily as often as we pray that we have His Spirit in us to teach us to pray. Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with Him; it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Spirit room in our hearts.”

— Andrew Murray, *The Prayer Life*

2. We are humbled.

1 Corinthians 3:21

“If we are proud of our talents we betray our lack of gratitude to God.”

— John Calvin, *Golden Booklet of the True Christian Life*



3. We find contentment.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

“Gratitude is a handmaiden of contentment. An ever-growing attitude of gratitude will certainly make us more content since we will be focusing more on what we do have, both spiritually and materially, than on what we do not have. But contentment is more than focusing on what we have. It is focusing on the fact that all we do have; we have by the grace of God. We do not deserve anything we have, materially or spiritually. It is all by His grace.”

— Jerry Bridges, *Transforming Grace*

4. We don’t worry.

Philippians 4:6

“The expression of gratitude is therefore a most blessed response to favors undeserved. While it lasts, worries tend to disappear, complaints vanish, courage to face the future is increased, virtuous resolutions are formed, peace is experienced, and God is glorified.”

— William Hendriksen,
*New Testament Commentary:
Galatians and Ephesians*

5. We rely on God.

Proverbs 28:26

“A thankful heart is one of the primary identifying characteristics of a believer. It stands in stark contrast to pride, selfishness, and worry. And it helps fortify the believer’s trust in the Lord and reliance of His provision, even in the toughest times. No matter how choppy the seas become, a believer’s heart is buoyed by constant praise and gratefulness to the Lord.”

— John MacArthur, *Grace to You
Newsletter*, March 2009

Thankfulness produces a longing for God, humility, contentment, peace, and trust in the lives of believers. May these reminders encourage you to give thanks to the Lord for His goodness—not only today, but all year long.



The Ayres Family

Jim & Bethany, Caleb, Titus, Moriah

Serving through GMI since 2013

Pray for Jim as he travels to Japan and the Philippines for a few weeks of teaching and ministry. Pray also for Caleb as he continues to apply to college and prepares for life beyond our home.

| gracechurch.org/ayres

Faith Promise

Your Faith Promise giving is a great way to support our missionaries throughout the year.

| gracechurch.org/give

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Hands for Hope

Every November here at Grace Church, we celebrate National Adoption Month. Whether through adoption or by serving families who adopt, the church ought to be a picture of the gospel by leading the charge in serving children who do not yet have a family. As a ministry of our Local Outreach Department, Hands for Hope exists as a support base for those interested in or new to adoption and foster care. It is also a loving network for families who understand the experience.

| Hands for Hope: 818-909-5721,
handsforhope@gracechurch.org

Upcoming at Grace

- 11/22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday (Campus Closed)
- 12/3 Right Hand of Fellowship
- 12/10 Communion
- 12/14-17 Christmas Concerts

| gracechurch.org/news

HIGHLIGHTS

One with Christ

One with Christ exists to strengthen widows as they walk worthy of their calling (Ephesians 4:1), seeing God's hand in their healing, and finding strength and hope in God's Word. This year we are going through *The Fruitful Life* by Jerry Bridges, considering the nine aspects of the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23.

| Tomorrow, November 20, 9:30 am, CC130
| gracechurch.org/one-with-christ

Upcoming Winter Camps

Juniors

For students grades 4-6, focused on the theme, "Surviving the Wilderness."

January 5-7, Forest Home (Lakeview)
\$230 (\$275 after November 17)

| Register: gracechurch.org/children

Jr. High

January 5-7, Forest Home (Creekside)
\$225 (\$275 after December 8)

| Register: gracechurch.org/xchange

High School

January 5-7, Pine Valley
\$290 (\$340 after December 10)

| Register: gracechurch.org/180

Grace to You

Radio: "Four Portraits of the Thankful Redeemed" & "Fundamental Christian Attitudes: Thankfulness"

KKLA 99.5FM LA / M-F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
KDAR 98.3FM Oxnard-Ventura / M-F 2 & 10 am; Sun 2 am
KABC 790AM LA / Sat 7:30 am

TV: "The Perversion of Love"

NRBTV Ch. 378 on DirecTV / Sun 6:30 pm

| gty.org

New Members

Membership Matters

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.

These new members received the Right Hand of Fellowship in October.

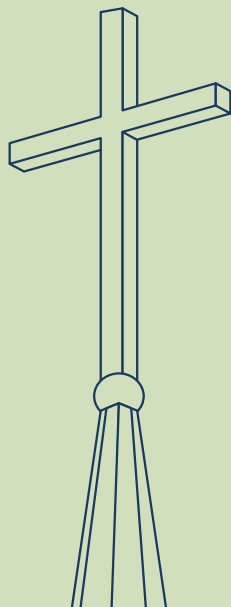
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Jasmine Camacho
Marco Capalbo
Richard & Luz Chang
Pablo Oscar & Monica
Soule Chavez
Kevin & Grace Chung
Seung Chung
Mike & Karen Cosme
Jeff Cozad
Mary Epstein-Bray
Yuyu Fan
Jenny Fang
Eric Fortes
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Nia Garcia
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Brock Gordon
Emma Hawkes
Jeff Hernandez
Owen Holt
Ping Hsueh
Suji Jung
SungHye Kim
Annah Laux-Minjares
Stephen & Catherine
Lee
Andy & Wendi Lehman
Valeria Linares
Angela Ma
Madeline Marroquin
Matthew Marroquin
Roderick & Bilyana
McLeod
Connor Mekhdjian
Sebastian Morales
Chandler Mudalier
Mark Munteanu
Ellie Nicks
Cecelia Niu
Jeff Ogle
Chinyere Okpala
Hailey Onderwater
Yoonha Park

Eydie Poague
Arianna Preciado
Ana Quinteros
Chuck Ramirez
Diane Roche
Brenda Sims
Chris Smith
Ronald Strahan
Jeremiah Tullidge &
Drielle Ferreira
Ian & Ruth Webb
Ashur Yousif
Joshua Zhu

For more information on the membership process, visit the Member Center any Sunday after either morning service or contact the Membership Department.

Membership Department
818-909-5644 • membership@gracechurch.org



Sunday Ministries

For a complete list of Sunday and midweek ministries, including those for men, women, and specific age groups, visit gracechurch.org/ministries.



9 am

- Anchored T360**
Pastors: Carl Hargrove, Bill Shannon
- Cornerstone T370**
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz, Mark Tatlock, Harry Walls
- GraceLife Family Center**
Pastors: Phil Johnson, Mike Riccardi
- Steadfast T270**
Pastor: Brian Biedebach
- Xchange (Jr. High) T70 (Tower Basement)**
Pastor: Jay Lennington

11 am

- 180 (High School) T70 (Tower Basement)**
Pastor: Isaías Muñoz
- Commissioned T270**
Pastors: Rodney Andersen, Brad Klassen
- Crossroads (College & Young Adult) Family Center**
Pastor: Austin Duncan
- Joint Heirs T360**
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street
- Sojourners T370**
Pastors: Abner Chou, Joe Zhakevich

9 and 11 am

- Children's Ministry**
For room locations, visit Children's Check-in.
Pastor: Jay Lennington
- Developmentally Disabled CC130E**
Pastor: Rick McLean
- Spanish Adult Sunday School TMS Library (East)**
Pastors: Luis Contreras, Josiah Grauman
- Spanish Worship Services Chapel**
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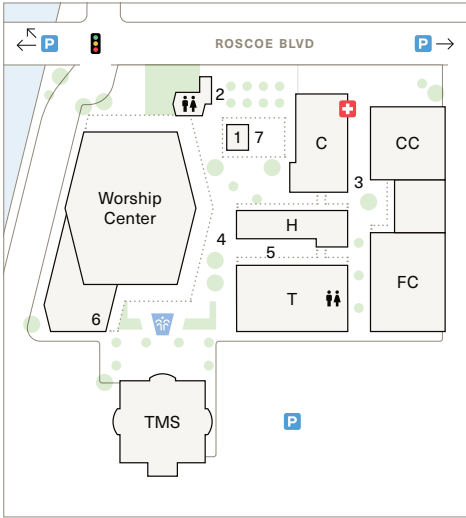
Campus Map

13248 Roscoe Blvd
Sun Valley, CA 91352
818-909-5500
gracechurch.org

Network:
Grace Church Wi-Fi
Password:
Proverbs3:5-6

Legend

- T Tower
- H Heritage
- CC Children's Center
- FC Family Center
- C Chapel
- 1 Welcome Center
- 2 Member Center
- 3 Children's Check-in
- 4 Patio
- 5 GraceWalk & Steeple House Coffee
- 6 Grace Books
- 7 Scholar's Desk



To glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, for the salvation of the lost and edification of the church.

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Family of Ministries

- Grace to You**
gti.org
- The Master's Seminary**
tms.edu
- The Master's University**
masters.edu
- The Master's Academy International**
tmai.org
- John MacArthur Trust**
jmacarthurtrust.org

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