

# Grace *Today*

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# Today at Grace

## 8 am

Coffee and Donuts  
(Chapel Plaza)

## 9 and 11 am

Worship Services  
Fellowship Groups  
Children's Sunday School  
Spanish Ministries

## After Morning Services

Welcome Center  
Member Center  
Ministry Tables (Patio)  
• 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

Evening Service  
Adventure Club

*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](http://gracechurch.org/live).

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## Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

### The Master's University Singers & Orchestra

Directed by Ben Mason & Marius Bahnean

### *“Winter” Concerto from The Four Seasons*

Anna Berry, Violin • Vivaldi

### *Fantasia on Greensleeves*

TMU Chamber Orchestra • Vaughan-Williams

### *Hymn 238 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Congregation

### *Gloria/et in terra pax*

TMU Singers & Orchestra • Bach

### *Savior of the Nations, Come*

Arr. Nance

### *Star Carol*

Rutter

### *Hymn 231 O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Congregation • Arr. Willcocks

### Announcements & Offering

### *Carol of the Bells/God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

TMU Chamber Orchestra; Sophia Holdorf, Violin

## MESSAGE

### Heavenly Worship, Part 3

John MacArthur • Revelation 4

### Doxology Hymn

### *Hymn 222 Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

### *In Dulci Jubilo*

Ben Mason, Organ Postlude • Arr. Mason

## Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

### Prelude

### Songs of Praise

John Martin

### Baptism

### Announcements & Offering

## MESSAGE

### The Miracle of Christmas, Part 2

Nathan Busenitz • Hebrews 2:9-18

### Postlude

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## ANTHEM

### *Gloria/et in terra pax*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Glory to God in the highest,

*Et in terra pax hominibus, bonae voluntatis*  
and on earth peace among men with whom  
He is pleased.

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## DOXOLOGY HYMN

### *Hymn 222 Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

Though an Infant now we view Him,  
He shall fill His Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to Him;  
Ev'ry knee shall then bow down:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

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## TODAY

### New Here?

- **The Welcome Center** hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday morning service.
- **The Member Center** has information about membership and baptism.
- **The Prayer Room**, located adjacent to the Worship Center, is staffed with counselors ready to talk and pray with you.

*See back for locations.*

### New Music from Children's Ministry

"A Church Notes Christmas," a new Christmas album by our Children's Ministry band, is now available.

| [gracechurch.org/acmusic](http://gracechurch.org/acmusic)

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## FEATURED BOOK

### *Love Came Down at Christmas*

by Sinclair Ferguson

"Sinclair Ferguson has put a powerful tool into our hands in his book *Love Came Down at Christmas*. Every Christian reader will benefit by acquiring the rich truths of the incarnation of the Son of God for our own worship and evangelism."

—John MacArthur

Available today  
for **20% off retail**  
at Grace Books  
and Scholar's Desk.



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Sunday School

9 and 11 am

#### Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

John 6:1–15

**Main Idea:** Jesus is the Messiah whom Moses spoke about.

**Application:** Worship Jesus for who He is.

**Featured Hymn:** *Fairest Lord Jesus* (Hymn 107)

**Review:** What did the people want from Jesus?

**Next Week:** John 1:1–5

### Adventure Club

6 pm

**Review:** The Doctrine of Sin

For Sunday School and Adventure Club room locations, visit Children's Check-in. [gracechurch.org/childrens](http://gracechurch.org/childrens)

# Holding the Rope

As 2023 draws to a close and we reflect on God's abundant provision for our ministries overseas, we would like to thank you for your consistent commitment to supporting our missionaries.

## Faith Promise Fruit

One of the most significant ways our church supports our missionaries is through Faith Promise. Our church family has so faithfully sent out and supported our missionaries "in a manner worthy of God," as those who are their "fellow workers for the truth" (3 John 6–8).

Our missionaries are dependent upon those of us who are able to partner with them to meet their ongoing financial needs. While they are generally able to meet expenses with this regular support, there are often unexpected ministry or personal needs that arise, and Faith Promise was created specifically to minister to these unanticipated needs.

Over this last year, through your generous Faith Promise giving, our church has been able to assist eight missionary families with extraordinary needs. This has allowed them to continue the work to which God has

called them, reaching even more people with the gospel. One such need arose earlier this year when Ruben Videira experienced an unexpected health issue that required medical treatment, and Faith Promise funds were used to assist his family as they continue to serve in Spain.

Faith Promise funds were also used this year for other unique missions endeavors, such as providing Bibles for Pakistani churches, sponsoring a ministerial trip to Ukraine, and assisting with a TMAI training center building repair. Additionally, your Faith Promise giving helps support the regional oversight responsibilities that some of our seasoned missionaries have. These extra funds enable them to provide more focused care and support to the other missionaries in their regions.

We thank you and praise God for your faithful giving to this critical program and ask that you keep all our missionary families in your prayers during the Christmas season.

For more information on Faith Promise, or to make a year-end contribution, visit [gracechurch.org/fp](https://gracechurch.org/fp).

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\$511,919 raised  
since May





Left: More than 3,000  
Bibles provided to  
Pakistani churches

Below: John and Meg  
Glass, serving in  
Switzerland

“These gifts  
represent very  
generous  
people back  
at Grace  
who sacrifice  
for us...”

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## Encouragement through Christmas in September

Christmas in September is an expression of love, encouragement, and appreciation to our missionaries who are serving so faithfully around the world. While they are far from home, it reminds them of the unity we share in Christ and the special place they hold in our hearts. Grace Ministries International (GMI) would like to thank our church family for their sacrificial participation in this special ministry. It is a joy to see your desire to support and care for our missionaries in this personal and tangible way. We know that

through your cards and gifts, they have been truly blessed and edified.

“Meg and I would once again like to thank Grace Church for the very generous Christmas in September gift received this month. It was unnecessary, but very much appreciated. We just want to let you know that we never take these gifts, year-after-year, for granted as we know they represent very generous people back at Grace who sacrifice for us. We are touched and thank the Lord for this.”

— John and Meg Glass (Geneva)

To encourage one of our missionaries by sending a digital Christmas card, visit [gracechurch.org/sendacard](http://gracechurch.org/sendacard).



## The March Family

*James & Julia, Elijah, William, Wesley*

### Serving in France since 2015

Pray for the Lord's protection over our physical and spiritual health and that He would lead many to our church plant.

| [gracechurch.org/march](http://gracechurch.org/march)

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave \$7,653. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| [gracechurch.org/give](http://gracechurch.org/give)

### LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

## Chinese Outreach Fellowship

Chinese Outreach Fellowship seeks to provide fellowship for Chinese-speaking believers within our church. Join us for prayer, worship, Bible study, and fellowship.

| Saturday, December 9, 10 am, T260  
Info: Oliver Lan, 805-807-6881

## Upcoming at Grace

- 12/10 Communion  
Grace Global Quarterly Missions Event
- 12/14-17 Christmas Concerts
- 12/20-1/1 Christmas Holiday  
(Campus closed, excluding Sundays)  
[gracechurch.org/news](http://gracechurch.org/news)

### HIGHLIGHTS

## Homebound Ministry

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, you can drop off your cards and notes at the receptionist desk in the Office Center.

| For a list of homebound members, contact Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

## Upcoming Winter Camps

### Jr. High

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

| Register: [gracechurch.org/xchange](http://gracechurch.org/xchange)

### High School

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

| Register: [gracechurch.org/180](http://gracechurch.org/180)

## Joyful Givers

All contributions for calendar year 2023 must be received by the church no later than our December 31 offering or postmarked no later than December 31, 2023. The church campus will be closed for the holidays December 20, 2023-January 1, 2024, excluding Sundays, when we are open for our worship services. Contributions received or postmarked after Sunday, December 31, 2023, will be recorded in 2024. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

# Christmas at Grace

## The Miracle of Christmas

Our three-week sermon series continues tonight, focused on the divine work of Christmas. Join us as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**Tonight** Nathan Busenitz • Heb 2:9–18

**Dec 10** Mark Zhakevich • John 1:14–18

## Christmas Concerts

Concerts begin Thursday, December 14 and run through Sunday, December 17. To pick up or return extra tickets, visit the reception desk in the Office Center during the week. This is a great opportunity to invite unsaved friends and family to hear the gospel as we celebrate the birth of Christ through music.

Info: [gracechurch.org/concert](http://gracechurch.org/concert)

## Men's Conference 2024

There is a lot of confusion today about what it means to be a man. As the culture increasingly disparages manhood, dissenting voices grow louder and angrier, calling on men to defend their masculinity by breaking cultural taboos. But Scripture provides a more excellent way in its record of the man Jesus Christ. All men are invited to join us for a conference focused on the theme, "The Man: Jesus Christ," as we dispel the cultural confusion and look to Christ's humanity to define what it means to be a man.

Saturday, January 13, 8:30 am–1:30 pm,  
Worship Center  
[gracechurch.org/motw](http://gracechurch.org/motw)

## Grace to You

Radio: *Heaven's Heroes*

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 Believer's Glorious Inheritance"

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

[gty.org](http://gty.org)

## Job Openings

### Grace Church

Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at [hr@gracechurch.org](mailto:hr@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.

*PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time*

- Barista, PT
- Custodian, PT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Hospitality Coordinator, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Patrol, PT

For a full description of jobs and benefits, visit [gracechurch.org/jobs](http://gracechurch.org/jobs).



### Grace to You

- Administrative Assistant, Translation Services, FT
- Back-End Web Developer, FT

For a full description of jobs and to apply, visit [gracechurch.org/opportunity-sheet](http://gracechurch.org/opportunity-sheet).

## Christian Education

There are various options available from Grace Church for your student's K–12 education. As enrollment deadlines approach for the spring semester, consider if one of these options may be a good fit for your family:

- Grace Academy
- Classical Conversations
- Faith Christian School PSP
- Legacy Christian Academy

[gracechurch.org/education](http://gracechurch.org/education)

# Sunday Ministries

For a complete list of Sunday and midweek ministries, including those for men, women, and specific age groups, visit [gracechurch.org/ministries](http://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**  
Pastors: Luis Contreras, Josiah Grauman

# Campus Map

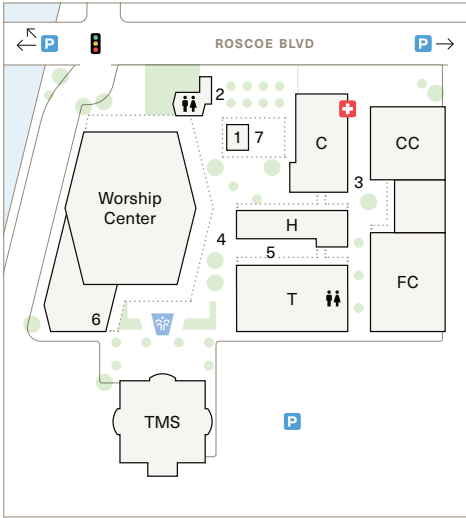
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Network:  
Grace Church Wi-Fi  
Password:  
Proverbs3:5-6

## Legend

- T Tower
  - H Heritage
  - CC Children's Center
  - FC Family Center
  - C Chapel
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- 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.*

## Family of Ministries

**Grace to You**  
[gtu.org](http://gtu.org)

**The Master's Seminary**  
[tms.edu](http://tms.edu)

**The Master's University**  
[masters.edu](http://masters.edu)

**The Master's Academy International**  
[tmai.org](http://tmai.org)

**John MacArthur Trust**  
[jmacarthurtrust.org](http://jmacarthurtrust.org)

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