

# Grace *Today*

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*Merry  
Christmas!*

# 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)

- Local Outreach
- Fundamentals of the Faith

Grace Books  
Scholar's Desk  
Steeple House Coffee

*Please note, the campus  
will close at 3 pm today due  
to the holiday.*

*See back for building locations.*

During the 11 am service, interpreting in ASL is available in the Worship Center. Foreign language livestreams for the 11 am service are available at [gracechurch.org/live](http://gracechurch.org/live).

## Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

Michael Bohr, Director

### *For Unto Us a Child Is Born*

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Handel

### Call to Worship

### Hymn 223 *The First Noel*

### Hymn 242 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Congregation

### *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Strings & Woodwinds • Holst/Rice

### Scripture Reading & Prayer

### *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Worship Choir • Forrest

### Hymn 224 *Joy to the World!*

Congregation

### Announcements & Offering

### *Love Came Down at Christmas*

John & Lisa Martin • Huntsinger

## MESSAGE

### Austin Duncan Preaching

### Doxology Hymn *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright

'Round yon virgin mother and Child,

Holy Infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

### *Dolci Jubilo*

Organ Postlude • Bach

There will be no worship service  
this evening. Enjoy the holiday with  
your family!

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## INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

### *In the Bleak Midwinter*

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor  
earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes  
to reign.

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Words by Christina Rossetti (1872); music by Gustav Holst (1906).

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## TODAY

### Christmas Schedule

Please note that there will be no evening service tonight or next Sunday and that the campus will close at 3 pm for the holiday. The church campus, including Grace Books and Steeple House will be closed through January 1, excluding Sundays. For questions about a specific ministry, contact your ministry leader.

### New Here?

Following each Sunday morning service:

- **The Welcome Center** hosts a reception for visitors.
- **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.*

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## FEATURED BOOKS

### *A Year of Prayer*

by John MacArthur

This book is filled with weekly inspiration that will greatly enrich your prayer life. You'll find your prayers becoming more focused, more powerful, and more God-centered in ways that are truly life-changing.

"We need to pray more; we need to give more careful thought to the content of our prayers; and we need to spend more time preparing our hearts and our tongues for prayer. It is with that in mind that I offer this book."

— John MacArthur

**Available today for  
30% off retail**  
at Grace Books or  
Scholar's Desk.



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Sunday School

9 and 11 am

**This week is Review Sunday.**

**Next week, we will be studying  
Matthew 14:22-33.**

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

### Adventure Club

Due to the holiday, Adventure Club  
will not be meeting tonight.

## *The First Noel* HYMN 223

The first Noel the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star  
The wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Noel, Noel! Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!

## *O Little Town of Bethlehem* HYMN 242

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep, Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together, Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts, The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still, The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today!  
We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Immanuel!

## ***Joy to the World!*** HYMN 224

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.



## The Robles Family

*David & Loida, Abigail, Noa, Sofia*

### Serving in Spain since 2011

Praise the Lord for all of the students He has brought to Berea Seminary, as well as His grace toward our family and ministry. Pray that the Lord will continue to work for His glory.

| [gracechurch.org/robles](https://gracechurch.org/robles)

## Faith Promise

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

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

## GIVING INFORMATION

### 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 from December 20, 2023 through 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.

## Upcoming at Grace

- 12/24-1/1 Christmas Holiday  
(Campus closed, excluding Sundays)
- 1/13 Men's Conference
- 1/18 Elders Meeting
- 1/21 Communion

[gracechurch.org/news](https://gracechurch.org/news)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Premarital & Marriage Seminar

A prerequisite for engaged couples desiring to get married at Grace Church, this seminar is also helpful for those who are purposefully dating, as well as married couples interested in God's plan for a successful marriage.

**Part 1** Friday, January 12, 7-9 pm & Saturday, January 13, 9 am-12 pm

**Part 2** Friday, February 16, 7-9 pm & Saturday, February 17, 9 am-12 pm

Cost: \$35 per couple for church members and TMS/TMU students; \$65 per couple for non-members.

| Register: [gracechurch.org/premarital](https://gracechurch.org/premarital),  
818-909-5537

### 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. 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**

**Speaker: HB Charles, Jr.**

| [gracechurch.org/motw](https://gracechurch.org/motw)

## Grace Equip Courses

- **Consejería Bíblica Nivel 1 (Spanish)**  
Mondays, January 8–April 15  
Instructor: Manuel Herrera
- **Discipleship Counseling: Marriage and Family**  
Tuesdays, January 9–February 27  
Instructor: Bill Shannon
- **God's Word on Humanity, Sin, Angels and Demons**  
Mondays, January 22–February 26  
Instructor: Chris Burnett
- **Israel's Rise and Fall: Surveying Kings and Chronicles**  
Tuesdays, January 23–February 27  
Instructor: Caleb Cunningham
- **God the Son Incarnate: A Study in Christology**  
Thursdays, January 18–February 22  
Instructor: Marco Bovino

All courses are offered at Grace Church and via Zoom.

| Register: [gracechurch.org/equip](https://gracechurch.org/equip)

## Grace to You

Radio: "Christmas Future" & *Final Call*

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

TV: "Not a Messiah—THE Messiah"

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

Visit our website for a full library of audio, video, and transcripts of Pastor John's sermons; "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons" mobile apps; and other resources.

| [gty.org](https://gty.org)

## Grace Church Connection

Keep current with what's new and upcoming around Grace Church and preview each Sunday's messages. To subscribe to our weekly email update, visit [gracechurch.org/newsletter](https://gracechurch.org/newsletter).

## 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*

- Custodian, PT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Hospitality Coordinator, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Patrol, PT
- Social Media/Marketing Creator, FT

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



### The Master's Academy International

- Director of Marketing & Communications, FT

For a full description of jobs and to apply, visit [tmai.org/jobs](https://tmai.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/opportunitysheet](https://gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet).

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

— Luke 2:13–14



# 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

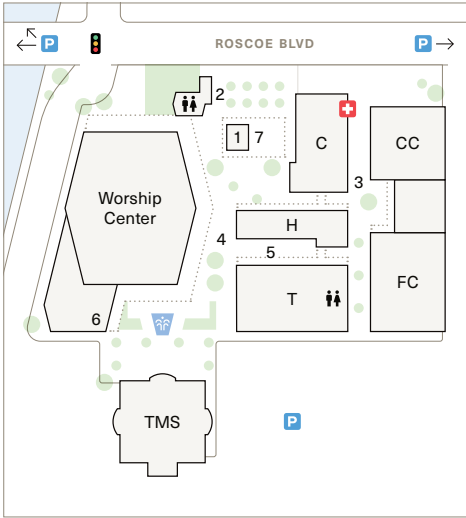
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Network:  
Grace Church Wi-Fi  
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Proverbs3:5-6

## 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.*

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## Family of Ministries

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

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[tms.edu](http://tms.edu)

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

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