# Grace Today

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Minister of Music



### 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)

- Local Outreach
- · Fundamentals of the Faith
- Missionary Calendar
- Shepherds Conference Volunteers

Grace Books Scholar's Desk Steeple House Coffee

#### 1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach (T370)

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 available in the Worship Center. Foreign language livestreams for the 11 am service are available at gracechurch.org/live.

### Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

### "Scherzo" from Symphony No. 2

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude · Vierne

### Call to Worship

Hymn 113 Join All the Glorious Names Hymn 136 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Congregation

### Fairest Lord Jesus

Strings & Woodwinds • Maddox-Rice

### Scripture Reading & Prayer

### My Jesus, I Love Thee

Worship Choir • Gordon/Sjolund

### Hymn 180 And Can It Be?

Congregation

### **Announcements & Offering**

#### Blessed Redeemer

Grace Chung • Hall & Herms/Rice

#### **MESSAGE**

### The Sufficiency and Sovereignty of Christ

Steven J. Lawson • Colossians 2:9-15

### Prelude in Classic Style

Organ Postlude · Young

### Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

#### Prelude

### Songs of Praise

Bill Brandenstein

### **Baptism**

### Announcements & Offering

#### MESSAGE

### Keep On Keeping On

Derek Thomas • Philippians 2:12–13

#### Postlude

#### INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

### Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son: Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Words from an anonymous German hymn (1677); music from a German folk tune (1842).

#### **TODAY**

### **Today's Guest Speakers**

Steven J. Lawson is the president of OnePassion Ministries and dean of DMin studies and professor of preaching at The Master's Seminary. He further serves as a teaching fellow and board member with Ligonier Ministries and is executive editor of *Expositor* magazine. He and his wife, Anne, have four children.

Derek Thomas is the Robert Strong Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary and has recently retired from being senior minister at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. He also serves as a teaching fellow with Ligonier Ministries and as a visiting professor for The Master's Seminary's DMin program. He and his wife, Rosemary, have two children and two grandchildren.

### **Pray for Winter Camps**

Pray for our Juniors, Jr. High, and High School students as they are away at winter camp. Note, Juniors, Xchange, and 180 will not be meeting today.

#### **FEATURED BOOK**

# Essential Christian Doctrine

by John MacArthur

Doctrine not only equips you with more knowledge about God, it also shapes your affections toward Him and directs your actions for Him—but it can be difficult to know where to begin. This concise handbook, developed from Pastor John's larger work *Biblical Doctrine*, is an entry point for studying theology.

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



#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

### **Sunday School**

9 and 11 am

### Jesus Defines Discipleship

Mark 8:27-38

Main Idea: Follow the Messiah. Application: Memorize Mark 8:34. Featured Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

(Hymn 107)

Review: Who do you say that Jesus is?

Next Week: Luke 9:27-36

### **Adventure Club**

6 pm

Lesson 9: Man Cannot Please God Memory Verse: Romans 3:10–11

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

# **Meet Our Elders**

In Ephesians 4:11–14, the apostle Paul writes that church leaders are God's agents in building the church as they equip the saints for the work of the ministry. Our church has been blessed with godly elders who shepherd us willingly, eagerly, and humbly. As we begin a new year, take a moment to become familiar with our elders, along with their primary areas of service.



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Dave Amandus
GraceLife, FOF



Rodney Andersen Commissioned, International Outreach



**Brad Armstrong**Commissioned



John Bates Steadfast



**Brian Biedebach** Steadfast



Irv Busenitz
Commissioned



Nathan Busenitz
Cornerstone, FOF



**Don Carr** Commissioned



Abner Chou Sojourners



Luis Contreras Grace en Español



**George Crawford**Anchored, Alzheimer'sDementia Ministry



Austin Duncan
Crossroads



**Josiah Grauman** Grace en Español



Chris Hamilton
Foundation



**Rich Harasick** Children's Ministry



Carl Hargrove Anchored, Grace Advance



**Bob Hotton**Joint Heirs



Phil Johnson GraceLife



**Brad Klassen**Commissioned,
Men of the Word



**Tom Leman**Anchored,
Special Ministries



**Jay Lennington**Jr. High Ministry,
Children's Ministry



Phil Manly
Hospital Chaplaincy



**Rick McLean**Joint Heirs,
Special Ministries



**Brian Milam**Steadfast,
International Outreach



Dave Muxlow
Facilities



**Tom Patton**Joint Heirs,
Congregational Care



Matt Poladian High School Ministry



Mike Riccardi GraceLife, Local Outreach



**Jon Scott**Jr. High Ministry,
Foundation



**Bill Shannon**Anchored, Counseling



John Street
Joint Heirs



Mark Tatlock
Cornerstone,
International Outreach



Harry Walls
Cornerstone



Joe Zhakevich
Sojourners, Foundation



Mark Zhakevich Crossroads, Foundation

#### **GRACE AROUND THE WORLD**



### The Mollica Family

Massimo & Susanna, Alessandro, Eliana, Gianluca, Giuliano

#### Serving in Italy since 2010

Pray for the seed of the gospel to fall on receptive hearts, such that we might see the miracle of regeneration this season. Pray also that the Lord helps us all to be faithful to honor Him in the opportunities He brings our way.

gracechurch.org/mollica

### **Faith Promise**

Last week you generously gave \$69,967. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

#### **LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT**

### **Neighborhood Outreach**

This ministry brings the good news of God's grace to our local community on Sunday afternoons. After a potluck meal, participants go out into the neighborhood to present the gospel, invite our neighbors to church, and learn about any needs our church may be able to meet. The ministry also does street evangelism at the North Hollywood Metro Station. Please note, while we normally meet in H221–222, this Sunday we are meeting in T370.

Sundays, 1 pm, T370 Info: 818-909-5721

## Upcoming at Grace

1/13 Men's Conference

1/18 Elders Meeting

1/21 Communion

1/31 Men of the Word Hymnology Event

gracechurch.org/news

#### HIGHLIGHTS

### Shepherds Conference Scholarships

Help a pastor in financial need attend the Shepherds Conference with a gift of any amount.

gracechurch.org/scholarship

### **Upcoming in Women's Ministry**

**Joint Heirs Ladies TEA** with Lauren Brown teaching on Jeremiah 32:38–39.

Tomorrow, January 8, 6:45 pm, T270

**Titus Two**, focused on the topic, "Looking to Jesus' Glory through the Lives of John and Betty Stam."

Tuesday, January 9, 7 pm
For locations, email titus2@gracechurch.org.

### Men's Conference

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

### 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, 818-909-5581

### **Grace Equip Courses**

- Consejería Biblical 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

#### Grace to You

Radio: Foundations, Vol. 2

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 Messiah's Mission"

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

### Grace Church Job Openings

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 or 818-909-5672.

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

- · Custodian, PT
- · Director of Information Technology, FT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Help Desk Technician, PT
- Hospitality Coordinator, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Patrol, PT
- Social Media/Marketing Creator, FT

#### **Grace Academy**

Secondary School Teacher, PT/FT

For a full description of jobs and benefits, visit gracechurch.org/jobs.



### The Master's Academy International Job Opening

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

Director of Marketing & Communications, FT
 For a full description of jobs and to apply, visit tmai.org/jobs.

### 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) Not meeting today Pastor: Jay Lennington

#### 11 am

180 (High School)

Not meeting today
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.

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

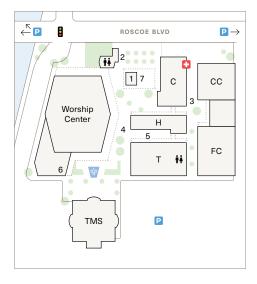
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#### Legend

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

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