

Grace *Today*

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Today at Grace

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups
Grace Kids
Spanish Ministries
Membership Class

After Morning Services

Welcome Center
Member Center
Grace Books
Scholar's Desk
Steeple House Coffee

On the Patio

- Christmas in September
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach
- Titus Two

1 pm

Korean Outreach (H222-224)
Neighborhood Outreach
(Tower Basement)

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 live-
streams for the 11 am and
6 pm services are available at
gracechurch.org/live.

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Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

Michael Bohr, Director

Sonata VI: Movement I

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Bach

Call to Worship

Hymn 1 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Hymn 2 *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Congregation

Come, Thou Fount

Brass & Percussion Ensemble • Trad./Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Worship Choir • Trad./Kirkland

Hymn 31 *This Is My Father's World*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

A Mighty Fortress

Men's Quartet • Luther/Erb-Rice

MESSAGE

A Clash of Kingdoms

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 6:7-30

Festal March

Organ Postlude • Handel

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Jonathan Nah

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ:

An Introduction to Colossians

Mike Riccardi • Colossians 1:1-2

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that
made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and
built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to
rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and
all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that
filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and
then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed
wherever I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze
upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but
makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by
order from Thy throne,
While all that borrows life from Thee
is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God
art present there.
I sing the mighty power of God!

Words by Isaac Watts (1715); music from
Gesangbuch der Herzogl (1784).

TODAY

Membership Classes

If you're interested in becoming part of our church family, a new cycle of Membership Matters classes begins today. For more information on the membership process, visit the Member Center any Sunday after either morning service.

Beginning today, 9 and 11 am, TMS Library (West)
gracechurch.org/membership

Lessons from the Upper Room

by Sinclair Ferguson

Dr. Ferguson unpacks Jesus' final evening and teaching before the cross. Discover the masterpiece of those final words to His disciples and what they mean for us today.

Available today
for **\$3** at Grace
Books and the
Scholar's Desk.



GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

God Calls Israel to Love Through Obedience

Main Idea: God calls us to meditate on and obey His Word.

Application: Memorize Scripture to meditate on throughout the day.

Featured Hymn: *Take My Life and Let It Be* (Hymn 393)

Review: How can we apply God's Word to our lives?

Next Week: Deuteronomy 28

Adventure Club

6 pm

Lesson 1: Man Is Created

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:26

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

Become *a* Fellow Worker *for the Gospel*

There are many great men and women in Scripture whose faith we strive to emulate. Whether it is Abraham and his resolute faith in the promises of God, or Paul and his tireless labors for those who had not heard the gospel, we hold these notable heroes of the faith as examples and desire to imitate their devotion to God. Alongside these giants of the faith, there are more minor characters in Scripture who appear only briefly in the biblical narrative, but whose impact was profound and whose faithfulness is exemplary—particularly as it comes to the all-important work of missions.

Epaphroditus is one such unsung hero. When we meet him in Philippians, ten years had passed since Paul founded the church in Philippi. During that time, Paul moved around the world on various missionary journeys, and while the Philippian church's care and prayers for him never waned,

Philippians 4:10 mentions that, at one point, they lacked the opportunity to directly communicate or show their devotion to him.

However, in God's perfect timing, when the church at Philippi finally realized Paul's location and his trials in the Roman jail, they sent a messenger to express their unconditional support and provide a sacrificial financial gift to Paul. Epaphroditus was selected to fulfill this urgent mission.

The journey before Epaphroditus was arduous and perilous, requiring over 800 miles of travel. It is certain Epaphroditus counted the cost but knew the life-changing impact that this refreshment and edification would bring to Paul in this challenging season. In the end, Paul was incredibly grateful Epaphroditus made the trip and praised him as a fellow worker and soldier. He reminded the Philippians to, "Receive him then in the Lord



with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to fulfill what was lacking in your service to me" (Philippians 2:29–30). Epaphroditus was a living example of the bond of unity that God creates between a church and the missionaries they faithfully support.

Here at Grace Church, and like the church in Philippi, we strive to support our missionaries in their sacrificial work for the sake of the gospel. We have long been committed to this, with the hope of glorifying Christ and making disciples of all the nations. And we can only do this because of your individual prayers and support through efforts such as Christmas in September—our annual campaign to encourage our missionaries who are far from home during the Christmas season.

Christmas in September is an opportunity to be like Epaphroditus: a fellow laborer in bringing the gospel to another country through sacrificial love. While many of us are not called to undertake the same perilous journey as Epaphroditus, we can still sacrifice our time and effort to be an encouragement to those laboring among the lost.



Your prayers and support are an eternal investment and enable you to play an active role in our missionaries' efforts. Whether this is your first step in supporting the work of missions, or a way to further your continued support, now is a perfect time to get involved. ●

There are three ways to direct your encouragement and support to our missionaries for the 2025 Christmas season.

1. Visit gracechurch.org/sendacard to write a personalized card online, with the option of including a photo of your family.
2. Visit the Christmas in September table on GraceWalk any Sunday from September 7 to October 5 and pick up a physical card to write to a missionary family.
3. Give a financial gift. You may drop off your gift at the Patio table or give online at gracechurch.org/cis.



The Viguier Family

Philippe & Sophia, Elena, Timothée, Clarice, Adeline, Celeste

Serving in France since 2014

Pray for the hundreds of unsaved people that have heard the gospel through our services and events in the past few months. Pray also for wisdom as we manage multiple projects.

| gracechurch.org/viguier

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$6,480**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Russian-Speaking Outreach Bible Study

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian-speaking community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday, September 14,
1 pm, CC230

| gracechurch.org/russian-outreach

Upcoming at Grace

- 9/11-13 Spanish Expositors Conference
- 9/18 Elders Meeting
- 9/21 Communion
- 9/28 Right Hand of Fellowship
- 10/3-4 Puritan Conference

| gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

Short-Term Ministries Highlight

Team Madagascar

Pray for our Madagascar team, which is serving through tomorrow, September 8. Team Madagascar is facilitating an evangelistic concert in a rural church and serving at two camps for teenagers and young adults.

| For more information or to support a team, visit gracechurch.org/stm.

Upcoming in Women's Ministries

All women are invited to join us as women's ministries resume meeting this September.

One with Christ

Tomorrow, September 8, 9:30 am, T172

Joint Heirs T.E.A.

Tomorrow, September 8, 6:45 pm, T270

Titus Two

Tuesday, September 9, 7 pm, Off Campus

| For more information on any of these studies, visit gracechurch.org/women.



Open House with Missionary Ellen Parker

Join us for a time of fellowship and ministry updates from Ellen Parker, missionary serving in Mexico City. A light lunch will be provided, while supplies last.

| Next Sunday, September 14, 1 pm, T370

Grace Evangelism

As a ten-week, interactive course, Grace Evangelism is designed to equip believers with a clear, understandable, and faithful gospel message. Learn the vital components of the gospel and the implications of a God-centered message and receive practical application and guidance for how to proclaim the gospel faithfully.

Beginning September 21, 9 am

Sign up: gracechurch.org/evangelism

Service Opportunities

Facilities Team

Volunteers are needed for watering plants and groundskeeping on campus. Experience is helpful, but not necessary.

Maintenance Team

Volunteers are needed for light ongoing maintenance and campus repairs. Responsibilities vary; current tasks include replacing HVAC filters and light bulbs, as well as retouching trim and molding on campus. Experience is helpful, but not necessary.

To apply, contact Morgan Hughes at mhughes@gracechurch.org.

Grace to You

Radio: *Myths About Salvation*

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 Unshakable Kingdom"

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.

gtu.org

Thank you for faithfully partnering in the ministry of our church as an act of worship to our Lord. Give during any of today's services or at gracechurch.org/giving.



Spanish Expositors Conference

Proclaim the Word

Because the name of Jesus Christ deserves to be proclaimed with all excellence, this year we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Expositors Conference under the theme "Proclaim the Word." For three days—September 11, 12, and 13—we will gather on campus to highlight the centrality of biblical exposition in strengthening the local church. Please be in prayer for our attendees, speakers, and volunteers.

We also encourage any bilingual Spanish-speakers in our congregation to join us via livestream by visiting conferenciaexpositores.org.

Job Opening

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

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 or 818-909-5672.

• Nursery Supervisor, PT

For a full description of job and benefits, visit gracechurch.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**
Pastor: Carl Hargrove
- Cornerstone T370**
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz, Mark Tatlock, Mark Zhakevich
- GraceLife Family Center**
Pastors: Phil Johnson, Mike Riccardi
- Steadfast T270**
Pastors: Brian Biedebach, Brian Milam
- Xchange (Middle School) 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 Adults) Family Center**
- Joint Heirs T360**
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street
- Sojourners T370**
Pastors: Abner Chou, Joe Zhakevich

9 and 11 am

- Grace Kids**
For room locations, visit *Children's Check-in*.
Pastor: Jay Lennington
- Developmentally Disabled CC130E**
Pastor: Rick McLean
- Spanish Adult Sunday School T260**
Pastor: Josiah Grauman
- Spanish Worship Services Chapel**
Pastors: Josiah Grauman, Rubén Pidal, Tom Rios

Campus Map

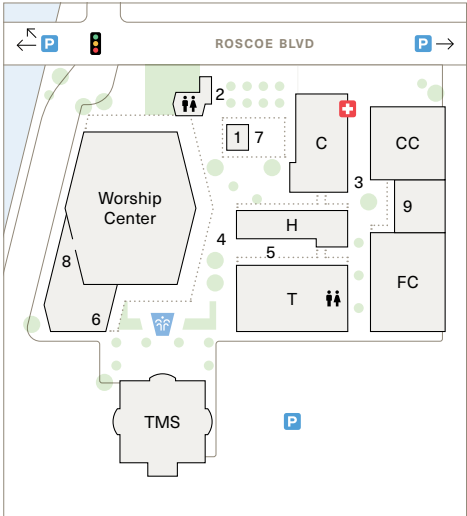
13248 Roscoe Blvd
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818-909-5500
gracechurch.org

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

Please note that today's worship services are being livestreamed and recorded. In addition, your likeness may be recorded or photographed while on campus. Your presence on campus constitutes your permission to Grace Community Church to use images or video of your likeness.

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
- 8 Prayer Room
- 9 Well-Baby Cry Room
- PM Location:
Welcome Center (1)



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**
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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