

# Grace *Today*

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# Today at Grace

## 9 and 11 am

Worship Services  
Fellowship Groups  
Grace Kids  
Spanish Ministries  
Membership Class  
(11 am only)

## 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
- Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic
- Women of the Word

## 1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach  
(Tower Basement)  
Russian Outreach (CC230)

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

## Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

### Scherzo from Symphony No. 2

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Vienne

### Call to Worship

### Hymn 89 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

Congregation

### All Creatures of Our God and King

Orchestra & Organ • Trad./Rice

### Scripture Reading & Prayer

### And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth

Worship Choir • Mendelssohn

### Hymn 29 *Creation Sings*

Congregation

### Announcements & Offering

### Called to Holiness

Meagan Carlson • Liles-Borop/Rice

## MESSAGE

### A Clash of Kingdoms, Part 2

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 6:7–30

### Prelude in Classic Style

Organ Postlude • Young

## Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

### Prelude

### Songs of Praise

Manuel Herrera

### Baptism

### Announcements & Offering

## MESSAGE

### Thanks to God for Grace to You

Mike Riccardi • Colossians 1:3–8

### Postlude

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## ANTHEM

### *And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth*

And then shall your light break forth as the light of  
morning breaketh;  
And your health shall speedily spring forth then,  
And the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you.

Lord, our Creator, how excellent Thy name is  
in all the nations!  
Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory.

Amen.

*Lyrics adapted from Isaiah 58:8 and Psalm 8:1; music by Felix  
Mendelssohn (1846) from Elijah.*

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## TODAY

### 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.

| Today, 1 pm, T370

### 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, following both the morning and evening services.

*See back for locations.*

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## FEATURED BOOK

### *Psalms of Grace*

The sequel to the *Hymns of Grace* hymnal, *Psalms of Grace* is filled with over 500 songs adapted from the Psalms. Each chapter begins with the Psalter text accompanied by short commentaries, as well as adaptations of prayers from church history.

“For hundreds of years, the church has sung the Psalms. This is intended to give a legacy of Psalm-oriented music to learn and sing Scripture.”

—John MacArthur

Available today  
for **\$9** at Grace  
Books and the  
Scholar's Desk.



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## GRACE KIDS

### Sunday School

9 and 11 am

**God Promises to Bless or Curse**  
Deuteronomy 28

**Main Idea:** God blesses obedience and punishes disobedience.

**Application:** Demonstrate love for God through obedience to His Word.

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

**Review:** Are there consequences for disobedience today?

**Next Week:** Joshua 1:1–9

### Adventure Club

6 pm

**Lesson 2:** Man in God's Image  
**Memory Verse:** Genesis 1:27

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





# *The Puritan Legacy: Learning from a Courageous Heritage*

**I**n every generation, God raises up faithful men and women who courageously live for His glory, leaving behind a testimony that still speaks today. The Puritans were such people. They were not cultural conformists or spiritual minimalists, but believers who sought to order their entire lives around the authority of God's Word. Their devotion, endurance, and zeal for truth form a rich legacy for us to learn from in our own day.

Living in an age of compromise, the Puritans stood firmly on Scripture. They pursued holiness not as a legalistic burden but as the joyful response of a heart captivated by Christ. Their writings remind us that true religion is not outward ritual, but inward devotion springing into every area of life. Richard Baxter once wrote, "Christ is not sweet until the sinner is made bitter to himself." Such statements reveal the depth of their understanding of sin and grace, and their boldness in proclaiming it without apology.

The Puritans also modeled courage.

Many suffered exile, imprisonment, and even death for their convictions. Yet, they pressed on, seeing themselves as pilgrims bound for a heavenly city. Their vision of life—centered on the glory of God—empowers us today to stand unshaken amid the shifting sands of culture. They teach us to endure affliction, embrace obedience, and set our gaze on eternity.

Why should modern Christians recover this legacy? Because we live in similarly challenging times. Distractions, shallow spirituality, and doctrinal compromise abound. What the Puritans handed down to us—through their writings, sermons, and faithful examples—is a well of truth that equips us to live courageously in our generation. By learning from them, we rediscover how to cultivate a God-centered life, how to shepherd our families, how to endure trials, and how to worship with reverence and awe.

This is why the Puritan Conference exists. It is more than a gathering—it is a call to remember our heritage and be





# PURITAN CONFERENCE

OCT. 3-4, 2025

strengthened by the courage of those who went before us. At this conference, you will hear today's leading theologians and pastors unpack the theology, preaching, and pastoral heart of the Puritans. You will discover how their writings remain profoundly relevant, equipping us for worship, discipleship, and evangelism today.

The Puritan Conference is not simply about history; it is about transformation. As you learn from their example, you will be equipped to live more faithfully in your own walk with Christ, your family, and your church. It is an opportunity to be reminded that the same God who sustained the Puritans in times of trial is the same God who strengthens His people today.



We invite our church family to join us for this life-changing conference on October 3-4, 2025, here at Grace Church, centered on the theme: "Living for God's Glory." Come and be encouraged, instructed, and inspired by the enduring legacy of the Puritans—and discover anew the joy of living courageously for Christ. Register by Thursday, September 18 at [puritanconference.org](http://puritanconference.org).

Many conferences held here on our campus provide an opportunity to serve, and our church family is consistently faithful to fill these needs with humility and sacrifice. Yet our hope is that this conference, with a limited need for volunteers, provides our church family with an opportunity to be refreshed through fellowship with other members of the body and through biblical teaching at this conference.

## Pray for Our Missionaries

Pray for our missionaries as they endeavor to make disciples of all nations, to the glory of God

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

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$21,553**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

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

### LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

## Chinese Outreach

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

| Saturday, September 20, 10 am, T260  
Info: Oliver Lan, 805-807-6881  
[gracechurch.org/chinese-outreach](http://gracechurch.org/chinese-outreach)

## Upcoming at Grace

- 9/18 Elders Meeting, Family Center
- 9/21 Communion
- 9/28 Right Hand of Fellowship
- 10/3-4 Puritan Conference

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

## Sojourners Women's Fellowship

All women are invited to join us as Phil Manly shares his experience from life as a hospital chaplain.

| Thursday, September 18, 9:30 am, T270  
Info: 818-909-5521

## Elders Meeting

Join our elders for another time of reflection on lessons learned from the life of Pastor John, along with a time of prayer. Open to our church family.

| Thursday, September 18, 7 pm, Family Center

## 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 next Sunday, September 21, 9 am  
Sign up: [gracechurch.org/evangelism](http://gracechurch.org/evangelism)

O Yahweh, You are my God;  
I will exalt You, I will give thanks  
to Your name;  
For You have worked wonders,  
Counsels formed long ago, with  
perfect faithfulness.

ISAIAH 25:1

## The Selfless Conference: Feelings or Truth?

All women are invited to attend The Selfless Conference, an annual conference hosted by The Master's University designed to equip women to live in light of Scripture's truth and apply it to every aspect of life. Featuring speakers Jonny Ardavanis and Brianna Harris, this year's conference will focus on living by truth in a world driven by feelings.

Friday–Saturday, September 26–27,  
The Master's University  
Register: [masters.edu/selfless-conference](https://masters.edu/selfless-conference)

## Parent Dedication

This is a time when parents commit to raising their children according to the principles of God's Word. Parents who are members of Grace Church and whose babies are 24 months of age or younger may sign up by emailing [childrens@gracechurch.org](mailto:childrens@gracechurch.org). Sign-ups close October 3 or when capacity is met.

Sunday, October 12, 6 pm, Worship Center

## Family Fair

Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of games, bounce houses, food, fellowship, and more on Saturday, October 25 from 12 to 4 pm. Game tickets and lunch will be available for purchase.

### Volunteers Needed

If you are a member and would like to volunteer, sign up at [gracechurch.org/childrens](https://gracechurch.org/childrens). A volunteer meeting will take place on October 12 at 1 pm in T370.

## 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](mailto: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: "Why Integrity Matters"

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.

[gtty.org](https://gtty.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](mailto:hr@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.*

#### • Nursery Supervisor, PT

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

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](https://gracechurch.org/giving).



# 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**  
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

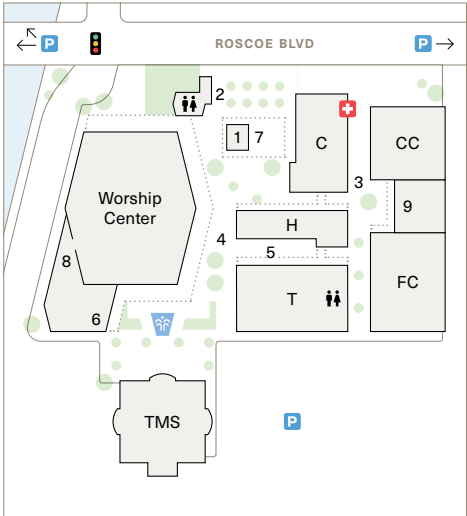
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Sun Valley, CA 91352  
818-909-5500  
[gracechurch.org](http://gracechurch.org)

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](http://gti.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**  
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