

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

- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach
- Women's Fall Event

1 pm

Armenian Outreach (T370)
Korean Outreach (H222-224)
Neighborhood Outreach
(Tower Basement)

4:45 pm

Junior Choir (T360)
Middle School Choir (T260)
High School Choir (T270)

5 pm

Prayer Meeting (H114)
Primary Choir (Chapel)

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.

We preach Christ,
continuing the legacy of
Pastor John MacArthur
(served 1969–2025).

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Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

Bill Brandenstein, Minister of Music

I Sing the Mighty Power of God Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Trad./Sturz, Runyan/Sturz

Call to Worship

Hymn 404 *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

Hymn 383 *God Almighty, Strong, Secure*

Congregation

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Let Nothing Ever Grieve You

Worship Choir • J. Brahms

Hymn 55 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Michael Bohr • Luther/Green

MESSAGE

Truth vs. Tradition

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 7:1–13

Communion

To God Be the Glory

Organ Postlude • Doane/Sturz

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Riley Seid

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

The Supremacy of Jesus Christ, Part 1

Mike Riccardi • Colossians 1:15–17

Postlude

ANTHEM

Let Nothing Ever Grieve You
(Geistliches Lied, Op. 30)

Let nothing ever grieve you	<i>Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauern</i>
With sorrow; Be still, then!	<i>Mit Trauern, Sei stille!</i>
As God ordains, So may content My will be.	<i>Wie Gott es fügt, So sei vergnügt Mein Wille.</i>
Why worry anymore Of tomorrow? The Father, Who holds command, Will give to you What's fitting.	<i>Was willst du heute sorgen Auf morgen? Der Eine steht allem für; Der gibt auch dir das Deine.</i>
In everything be constant; Unchanging; Stand firmly! What God decrees, That is (and means) The best.	<i>Sei nur in allem Handel Ohn Wandel, Steh feste! Was Gott beschleußt, Das ist und heißt das Beste.</i>
Amen.	<i>Amen.</i>

Original German lyrics: No. 7 of the *Odes*
by Paul Flemming (1609-1640);
music by Johannes Brahms (1856).

TODAY

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.

FEATURED BOOK

Union With Christ

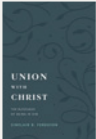
by Sinclair Ferguson

This book unpacks the defining reality of the Christian life which helps believers live out of the fullness of joy, purpose, and assurance that the gospel brings.

"This is a book to read and reread."

—Ian Hamilton

Available today
for **\$5** at Grace
Books and
the Scholar's Desk.



GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

Review Sunday

Joshua 5:13–6:27

Main Idea: God blesses those who are obedient to His Word.

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

Featured Hymn: *O Worship the King* (Hymn 135)

Review: How can we be obedient to God?

Next Week: Grace for the Children (No Sunday School)

Adventure Club

6 pm

Lesson 6: Ethnicity & Nations

Memory Verse: Acts 17:26

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

The DISTINCTION & DEVOTION *of* STAFF ELDERS

*T*he New Testament makes clear that God has entrusted the care of His church to elders. Paul charged the Ephesian elders to “shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). Peter exhorted elders to “shepherd the flock of God among you... not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God” (1 Peter 5:2). Elders are overseers, shepherds, and examples to the people of God. Their responsibility is spiritual leadership—teaching, protecting, guiding, and caring for the flock that Christ has redeemed.

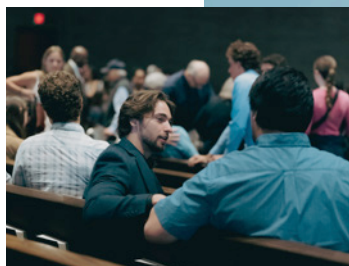
At Grace Community Church, as in any healthy church, this biblical model of shared leadership is essential. Yet among our elders, there is a distinction worth noting: some serve as lay elders, and others as staff elders (1 Timothy 5:17–18). Both are equally called and qualified according to the standards of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, yet they serve in different capacities.

Lay elders are men who shepherd faithfully while also maintaining their full-time occupations outside the church. They devote countless hours to prayer, oversight, discipleship, and decision-making, while still carrying the responsibilities of their

vocations and families. Their ministry is a living testimony that shepherding is not reserved for a professional class but is the calling of qualified men raised up by God within the congregation.

Staff elders, on the other hand, are those whose full-time employment is in the ministry of the church (Galatians 6:6). They share the same qualifications, the same spiritual authority, and the same accountability as lay elders. However, their daily responsibilities are devoted entirely to shepherding the flock through teaching, counseling, leadership, and administration. Their lives are given fully to the care of God’s people.

Both lay elders and staff elders serve side by side in one unified body of leadership. This plurality ensures that no man stands alone in authority, but that together they discern the will of Christ for His church. The presence of staff elders, in particular, provides the church with men who can labor with undivided attention, devoting themselves to the Word of God and the ministry of prayer (Acts 6:4). Their constant presence strengthens the oversight of the church and provides stability and continuity in leadership.



For this reason, we give thanks to God for the staff elders He has graciously provided to Grace Church. They are a gift of Christ to His body, equipping the saints, guarding the truth, and shepherding the flock with diligence and love. We are deeply grateful for their faithful service, and above all, for the Chief Shepherd who has given them to us.

Our Staff Elders

Rodney Andersen is the director of our international outreach ministry, Grace Ministries International (GMI), and co-pastor of the Commissioned Fellowship Group.

Nathan Busenitz serves as the pastor of Grace Church staff and co-pastors the Cornerstone Fellowship Group.

Josiah Grauman pastors our Spanish ministry, *Grace en Español*.

Carl Hargrove pastors the Anchored Fellowship Group and serves as the director of Grace Advance.

Jay Lennington pastors our middle school ministry, Xchange, along with our children's ministry, Grace Kids.

Rick McLean pastors Special Ministries and co-pastors the Joint Heirs Fellowship Group.

Brian Milam co-pastors Steadfast Fellowship Group and serves in Grace Ministries International.

Isaías Muñoz pastors our high school ministry, 180.

Tom Patton co-pastors the Joint Heirs Fellowship Group and serves in Grace Advance, congregational care, and the biblical counseling ministry.

Mike Riccardi co-pastors the Grace Life Fellowship Group and helps oversee the local outreach ministries.

Tom Rios co-pastors our Spanish ministry, *Grace en Español*.

Mark Zhakevich serves as Administrative Pastor and co-pastors the Cornerstone Fellowship Group.



The Wilhelmsson Family

Miska & Alison, Jeremiah, Simeon, Zakarias, Elijah, and Gideon

Serving in Finland since 2017

Pray for wisdom for our church leaders. Pray also for Alison as she homeschools the boys and Miska as he seeks to faithfully preach God's Word.

| gracechurch.org/wilhelmsson

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$12,357**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

CONGREGATIONAL CARE SPOTLIGHT

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship. Loved ones with dementia are welcome, and we offer activities and care for these family members during a portion of our meeting.

Saturday, November 1, 9 am, CC230
Info: Pastor Rick McLean,
818-909-5519

Upcoming at Grace

- 10/21 TMS Preview Day
- 10/25 Family Fair
- 10/26 Grace for the Children
Parent Dedication
Right Hand of Fellowship
gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

Worship Choir Openings

As we prepare for the holidays, there are several opportunities to serve in the Worship Choir. If you can sing, read some music, and would like to be a part of this ministry, contact music@gracechurch.org. Auditions close Friday, October 31.

Women's Ministries Fall Event

This year's fall event will focus on the theme, "Jesus Is Coming Back, Are You Ready?" We invite all women to join us as we look at God's big picture through His prophecies, purposes, and promises. We also invite children ages 5-15 to register to attend alongside their mothers.

Speaker: Logan Carr
Saturday, November 8, 8:30 am-2:30 pm,
Worship Center
Register: gracechurch.org/fallevent

Grace to You

Radio: *The Pillars of Christian Character*

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 Walk of the True Christian, Part 1"

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

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.



Let the Children Come

Jesus loved children and their families and wanted them to come to Him (Mark 10:13–16). Here at Grace Church, our desire is to honor Christ by reflecting His love for children through building up the families of our church. Our prayer is that, through Grace for the Children weekend, we as a church family would be encouraged toward further service for the sake of the gospel and the continued support of the families of our church.



GRACE FOR THE CHILDREN SUNDAY

Next Sunday, October 26, 9 and 11 am,
Worship Center

Join us for our Sunday morning services to worship our Lord Jesus Christ alongside the families and children of our church. To allow families to participate together in Sunday's worship services, Grace Kids, Juniors, and Xchange will not be meeting. Nursery will still be provided for children ages three and under, with overflow available in the Family Center. We encourage all families to attend the worship service they normally would.



FAMILY FAIR

This Saturday, October 25, 12–4 pm,
Grace Church campus

Families are invited to an afternoon of games, food, fellowship, and more—for parents and children alike—as we kick off Grace for the Children weekend. Game tickets and food will be available for purchase, with plenty of prizes for all. This is a sweet time of fellowship for the families of our church, but it is also a perfect opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to visit our church campus for the first time and to learn more about our ministries for both children and parents.



Please pray for these events and join us in seeking to honor the Lord by loving the children and families of our church.

gracechurch.org/children

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

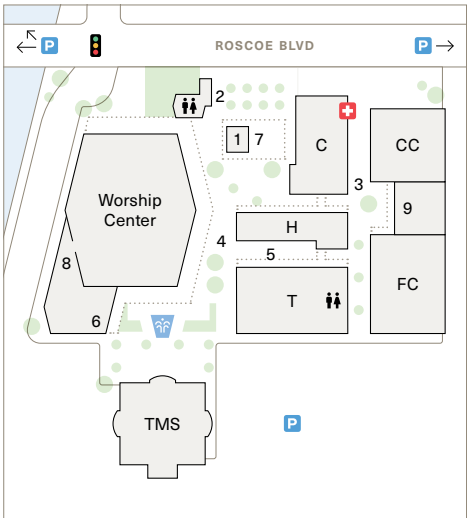
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Public Wi-Fi:
Grace Church Wi-Fi
Password:
Proverbs3:5-6

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)



Pastor John MacArthur was pastor-teacher of Grace Community Church for 56 years (1969–2025). His weekly verse-by-verse exposition of God's Word firmly rooted our church family in truth. Grace Church continues that legacy, seeking to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel.

Family of Ministries

- Grace to You**
gtv.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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