

Grace *Today*

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*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

Today at Grace

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups
Grace Kids
Spanish Ministries

After Morning Services

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

On the Patio

- Christmas Concert Tickets
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach

1 pm

Neighborhood Outreach
(Tower Basement)

5 pm

Prayer Meeting (H114)

6 pm

Thanksgiving Communion
Service

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

Prelude in B Minor

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Dupré

Call to Worship

Hymn 9 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

Hymn 11 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Congregation

Baptism

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Praise to the Lord

High School Choir, directed by Susi Johnson • LaBarr

Hymn 7 *Sing Praise to the Lord*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Shaniee Kennedy, clarinet; Beth Busenitz, piano • Trad./Rice

MESSAGE

More Than a Meal

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 8:1–9

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Organ Postlude • Croft/Sturz

INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominion, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

Lyrics by Aurelius C. Prudentius (4th century), translated by John M. Neale and Henry W. Baker. Music: plainchant (c. 13th century); arranged by Mark Rice.

Thanksgiving Communion Service — 6 pm

Redeemed

I Will Sing of the Mercies

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Butler/Sturz, Fillmore/Sturz

Call to Worship

Hymn 431 *God of Our Fathers*

Hymn 436 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Congregation

Anthem of Praise

Worship Choir, Orchestra • Clydesdale

Doxology

Elmer Serquina • Naish/Mathes

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Agnus Dei

Worship Choir, Orchestra • Smith/Nugent

Offering

Thank You Jesus for the Blood

Lisa Martin • Gayle-Kennedy-Musso-Gentiles-McCleery/Galbraith

Hymn 374 *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*

Congregation

MESSAGE

A Sacrifice of Praise

Nathan Busenitz • Hebrews 13:12–16

Communion

And Can It Be?

Organ Postlude • Campbell/Sturz

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



Annual Bible Sale

All Bibles are discounted **30–50%** off retail, while supplies last.

Sale ends December 7.

GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

God Uses Samson to Deliver Israel

Judges 13–16

Main Idea: God uses the gifts that He gives for His glory.

Application: Repent of the sin that you pursue instead of obeying God.

Featured Hymn: *Jesus! What a*

Friend for Sinners (Hymn 206)

Review: How did God accomplish

His will in Samson's life?

Next Week: Review Sunday

Due to this evening's Thanksgiving communion service, Adventure Club will not be meeting. Nursery will be available for children three and under.

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

PRAYERS *of a* THANKFUL HEART

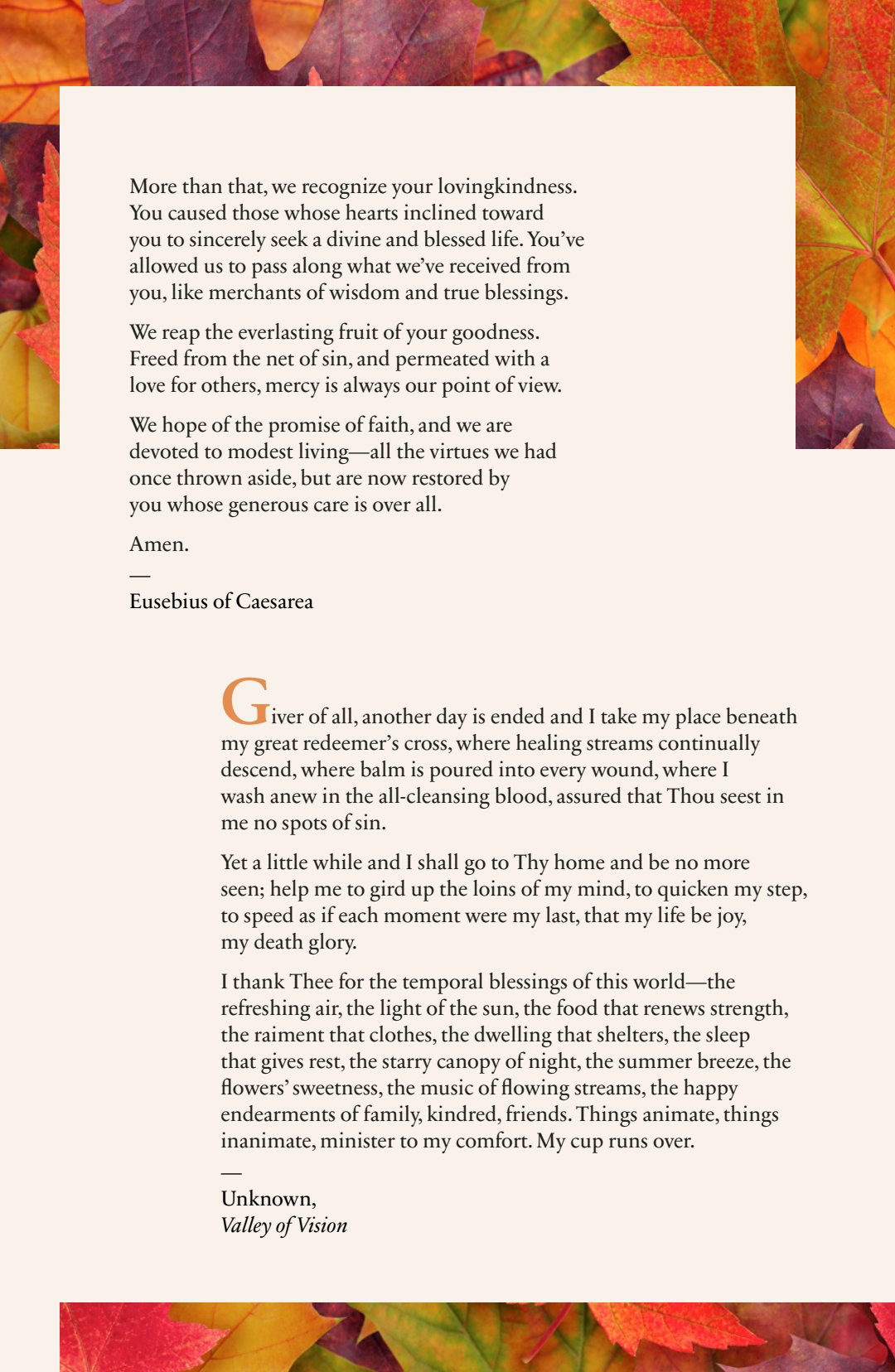
In this season of thanksgiving, we remember the words of 1 Chronicles 16:34: “O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.” On this Lord’s Day, we want to focus our hearts on what it means to be thankful to God. The following is a short collection of prayers from faithful men throughout church history that remind us what the outworking of thankfulness looks like in the life of a believer.

We give you thanks, Lord God, for all the benefits we continue to receive from your generous hand. You not only give us what we need in this life, but in your free mercy you have fashioned us anew into an assured hope of a far better life—declared to us in the gospel.

—
John Knox,
Grace From Heaven

We give you thanks, our God and Savior, and to you, O Christ, in our own feeble way. You are the supreme providence of the mighty Father, who both saves us from evil and teaches us in the way of truth.

I say these things not to praise, but simply to give thanks. Who among us is worthy to give you praise? You called creation into being from nothing. You illuminated it with your light. You regulated the confusion of the elements by your laws of harmony and order.



More than that, we recognize your lovingkindness.
You caused those whose hearts inclined toward
you to sincerely seek a divine and blessed life. You've
allowed us to pass along what we've received from
you, like merchants of wisdom and true blessings.

We reap the everlasting fruit of your goodness.
Freed from the net of sin, and permeated with a
love for others, mercy is always our point of view.

We hope of the promise of faith, and we are
devoted to modest living—all the virtues we had
once thrown aside, but are now restored by
you whose generous care is over all.

Amen.

Eusebius of Caesarea

Giver of all, another day is ended and I take my place beneath
my great redeemer's cross, where healing streams continually
descend, where balm is poured into every wound, where I
wash anew in the all-cleansing blood, assured that Thou seest in
me no spots of sin.

Yet a little while and I shall go to Thy home and be no more
seen; help me to gird up the loins of my mind, to quicken my step,
to speed as if each moment were my last, that my life be joy,
my death glory.

I thank Thee for the temporal blessings of this world—the
refreshing air, the light of the sun, the food that renews strength,
the raiment that clothes, the dwelling that shelters, the sleep
that gives rest, the starry canopy of night, the summer breeze, the
flowers' sweetness, the music of flowing streams, the happy
endearments of family, kindred, friends. Things animate, things
inanimate, minister to my comfort. My cup runs over.

Unknown,
Valley of Vision

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

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$9,919**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Adoption Awareness Month

Every November here at Grace Church, we celebrate Adoption Awareness Month. As a ministry of our Local Outreach Department, Hands for Hope exists as a support base for those interested in or new to adoption and foster care, as well as a loving network of families who understand the experience.

| Info: Hands for Hope, 818-909-5721, handsforhope@gracechurch.org.

Upcoming at Grace

- 11/26–28 Thanksgiving Break (Campus closed)
- 12/7 Right Hand of Fellowship
- 12/14 Communion Service
- 12/18–21 Christmas Concerts
- 12/24–1/2 Christmas Break (Campus closed)

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

Thanksgiving Break

Please note that the campus will be closed for Thanksgiving break, November 26–28.

STM Kick-Off Event

Join us as we launch the 2026 season of Short-Term Ministries. Come hear where our teams will be serving around the world next summer and learn how you can get involved through prayer, giving, or going. A light lunch will be provided, while supplies last.

| Sunday, December 7, 12:45–1:45 pm, T270
gracechurch.org/stm

Upcoming Winter Camps

Early bird sign-ups for both Juniors and Xchange winter camps end tonight.

Juniors

Students grades 3–5 are invited to join us for winter camp this January, focused on the theme, “Bigger than You Think: A Look at God’s Greatness.”

| January 9–11, Forest Home \$295
(\$340 after today)
Register: gracechurch.org/gracekids/juniors

Xchange

Students grades 6–8 are invited to join us for winter camp this January.

| January 9–11, Forest Home \$295
(\$340 after today)
Register: gracechurch.org/xchange

Giving to Winter Camps

Bless a Juniors or middle school student by supporting their trip to camp this winter.

| gracechurch.org/give

Primary Christmas Party

Students grades 1–2 are invited to our Primary Christmas Party. Children should dress in game-appropriate attire and bring a sack lunch, along with canned goods for needy families. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

Saturday, December 6, 9:45 am–12 pm
Info: childrens@gracechurch.org

Walk through the Bible Seminar

All are invited to the Walk through the Bible seminar, hosted by Cornerstone and taught by Hal Hays. This seminar focuses on the people, events, key themes, and flow of the Old Testament and is designed to give you a foundational understanding of its story in just a few hours.

January 4, 1–5:30 pm, T370
\$30/person, \$100 max per family (includes a workbook and lunch)
Register: gracechurch.org/cornerstone

The Master's University Winter 5K

All are invited to join the annual winter 5K at TMU on Saturday, January 17. This year's race will include a Kids 1K, a competitive 5K race (the 5K Challenge), and a 5K Run/Walk. The course is scenic and flat with varying terrain, perfect for participants of all ages and abilities. All participants are invited to stay after for food and fun.

Register: gomustangs.com/5k

Grace to You

Radio: *"In Everything Give Thanks,"*

"Fundamental Christian Attitudes: Thankfulness," and *"Four Portraits of the Thankful Redeemed"*

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: *"Freedom in Christ, 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.

gty.org



Christmas Concert Tickets

Christmas Concert tickets will be available on the Patio today after both morning services. In addition, beginning tomorrow, November 24, tickets will be available at the Office Center reception desk, Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm, while supplies last. The concert series will run from Thursday, December 18 through Sunday, December 21. Please prayerfully consider bringing your unsaved friends, coworkers, or family members as a way of sharing with them the true meaning of Christmas.

gracechurch.org/concert

Job Openings

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

gracechurch.org/jobs

The Master's University

- Assistant Athletic Trainer, FT

masters.edu/jobs

The Master's Academy International

- Donor Relations Manager, PT

tmai.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.



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

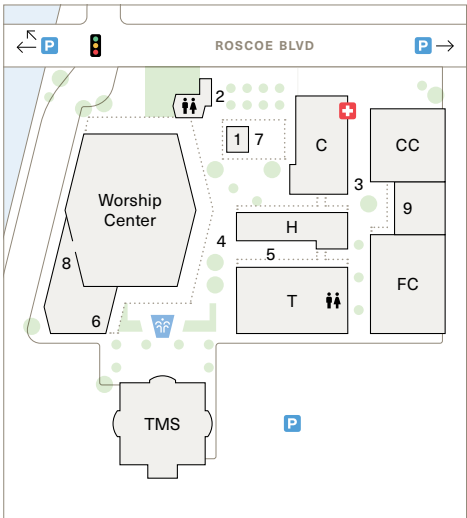
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Public Wi-Fi:
Grace Church Wi-Fi
Password:
Proverbs3:5-6

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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