

Grace *Today*

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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

- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach

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.

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

Farandole, from L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2

Dr. Gwang Kim, Director, University Orchestra • Bizet/Guiraud

Welcome & Prayer

Ring Out, Ye Bells

Dr. Marius Bahnean, Director, University Singers & Orchestra • Garrett–Carlton–Forrest

Hymn 231 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Congregation • Wade/Rutter

Alleluia • Manuel

The First Noel • Teichler

University Singers & Orchestra

Announcements & Offering

All Praise to Thee

University Singers & Orchestra • Hagenberg

Hymn 224 *Joy to the World!*

Congregation

MESSAGE

The Virgin Birth

Phil Johnson • Matthew 1:18–25

In Dulci Jubilo

Organ Postlude • Bach

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Jonathan Nah

Baptisms

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

From the Cradle to the Cross

Joe Zhakevich • Zechariah 12:10–14

Right Hand of Fellowship

Postlude

ANTHEM

All Praise to Thee

All praise to Thee, eternal God,
Who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
Dost take a manger for Thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are Thine alone.
Alleluia!

Thou comest in the darksome night
To make us children of the light,
To make us, in the realms divine—
Like Thine own angels round Thee—shine.
Alleluia!

A little Child, Thou art our Guest,
That weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth,
That we may rise to heaven from earth.
Alleluia!

Lyrics by Martin Luther (1524), anonymous translation (1854)
Music by Elaine Hagenberg (2015)

TODAY

Today's Musical Guests

The music in this morning's services is presented by The Master's University Singers & Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Marius Bahnean and Dr. Gwang Kim.

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 today, December 7.

GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

God's Sovereignty in the Book of Ruth
Ruth 1–4

Main Idea: Believers are to trust God's sovereignty and faithfully follow His commands.

Application: Trust that God is sovereign over good and bad events.

Featured Hymn: *My Jesus I Love Thee* (Hymn 380)

Review: How did God resolve their problems, and why is it important to us today?

Next Week: Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2

Adventure Club

6 pm

Lesson 11: Sin's Curse

Memory Verse: Romans 1:18

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



fellow workers in the truth

The apostle Paul considered the help and support of other believers vital to his ministry. Philippians shows us that Epaphroditus blessed and encouraged Paul, even at the peril of his own life. In Romans, Paul's heart overflows in chapter 16 as he greets various believers, referring to many of them as "fellow workers" or "fellow prisoners." In 2 Timothy 4:11, Paul asks Timothy to bring John Mark to him because Paul considered him "useful to me for service." Timothy himself was regarded by Paul as his "true son in the faith" (1 Timothy 1:2) and "our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ" (1 Thessalonians 3:2).

It is in this spirit of service and love that we send Short-Term Ministry (STM) teams from Grace Community Church each year to support and encourage our missionaries, and it is with great joy and thankfulness that we look back on the 2025 STM season. From April to September, sixteen

teams traveled abroad to support our missionaries. Their reports testify to the grace of God in using humble servants for the building up of the body of Christ around the world.

Reports from the Field

Albania — One of this year's STM teams partnered with a faithful local church in Tirana to serve at an evangelistic youth camp. Throughout the week, the team lived alongside more than a hundred students—sharing meals, participating in activities, and engaging in countless gospel conversations. Through the generosity of Grace Church, full scholarships were provided for several orphans from a nearby orphanage, enabling them to attend the camp. Many students heard the gospel clearly for the first time, and several visited the church the following Sunday—some of whom still attend months later. Because the church maintains an ongoing ministry

with the orphanage, the camp strengthened long-term relationships and opened new doors for discipleship. This trip reflects the heart of all our STMs: to support and strengthen the local church for lasting fruitfulness.

Mexico City — This summer, our 180 Student Ministry sent a team of high school students and leaders to serve alongside Iglesia Cristiana de la Gracia. The week was filled with ministry that stretched and encouraged the students while strengthening the church's ongoing work. The team visited shut-ins, served at a government rehabilitation center, and participated in youth services, cleaning projects, and a youth conference. They cleaned more than 400 chairs owned by the church and spent extended time building relationships with local church members. A major highlight was their boldness in evangelism; in parks and neighborhoods, they eagerly shared the gospel with maturity and courage. Pastor Isaías Muñoz noted how “remarkably bold” the students were in proclaiming Christ. God used the trip to bless the church and disciple our students, who returned home strengthened and more passionate about the Great Commission.

A Harvest Still Plentiful

These ministry trips would not be possible without the prayers, generosity, and support of the Grace Church family. We are grateful for the many who have given sacrificially—financially, practically, and prayerfully—to advance the work of the gospel.

Today marks the beginning of a new season of STMs. For 2026, fifteen teams have been requested by our missionaries and ministry partners. All Grace Church members 18 and older are invited to apply. These teams will serve in a variety of ministries, including evangelism, supporting conferences, and hosting Vacation Bible Schools with local churches.

To learn more about the 2026 STM trips, join us today for a brief informational meeting. To apply to join a team, visit gracechurch.org/stm.

Informational Meeting

Today, 12:45–1:45 pm, T270

2026 Teams

Albania
Armenia
Jersey, British Channel Islands
Cali, Colombia
Medellín, Colombia
Pereira, Colombia
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
England
Indonesia
Monterrey, Mexico
Mexico City, Mexico
New Zealand
Cape Town, South Africa
Johannesburg, South Africa

stm  **2026**

gracechurch.org/stm

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 **\$12,524**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

CONGREGATIONAL CARE SPOTLIGHT

Homebound Christmas Cards

All are invited to participate in this congregational care ministry by sending a Christmas card to our homebound saints. With your own personal touch, simply make or write a card and drop it off at the Office Center Reception Desk over the coming weeks. For a list of homebound members, contact Pastor Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

Upcoming at Grace

- 12/14 Communion
- 12/18-21 Christmas Concerts
- 12/24-1/2 Christmas Break (Campus closed)

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Concert Tickets

The concert series will run from Thursday, December 18 through Sunday, December 21. To pick up or return extra tickets, visit the reception desk in the Office Center Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm. 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

Upcoming Winter Camps

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
- Cost: \$340
- 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
- Cost: \$340
- 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

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 Ministry Christmas Night

Grace en Español is excited to present Noche Navideña ("Christmas Night"), an evening of music, fellowship, and the preaching of God's Word. This outreach event beautifully celebrates the incarnation of Christ and is a wonderful opportunity to invite your Spanish-speaking family, friends, and neighbors to hear the gospel. Complimentary tickets are available on the Chapel patio on Sunday mornings or at the Spanish Ministry Office during the week.

Friday, December 12, 7:30 pm, Worship Center
Please note, this event will be held in Spanish.

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

With the Lord

Neil Cooper is now in the presence of the Lord. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones (Psalm 116:15).

Joyful Givers

All contributions for calendar year 2025 must be received by the church no later than our December 28 offering or postmarked no later than December 31, 2025. Contributions received or postmarked after Wednesday, December 31, 2025, will be recorded in 2026. The church campus will be closed for the holidays from December 24, 2025 through January 2, 2026, excluding Sundays, when we are open for our worship services.

We invite you to opt in to receive your 2025 Giving Statement via email if you have not already done so. The elders, pastors, and church staff thank each of you for faithfully and sacrificially giving to the Lord.

gracechurch.org/opt-in



Grace to You

Radio: *John MacArthur's Most Memorable Sermon*

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: "Election: Christ's Honor and Our Blessing"

NRBTV Ch. 378 on DirecTV / Sun 6:30 pm

gtv.org

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

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

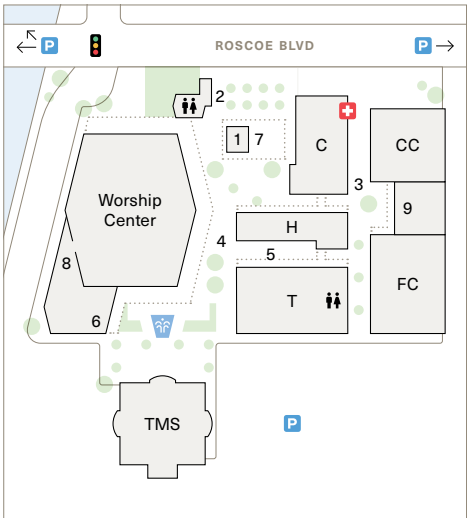
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Public Wi-Fi:
Grace Church Wi-Fi
Password:
Proverbs3:5-6

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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