

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

- Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach
- Short-Term Ministry Team
- VBS Registration

1 pm

Armenian Outreach (T370)
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 livestreams 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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded • Hassler/Sturz

May the Mind of Christ My Savior • Barham-Gould/Sturz

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude

Hymn 196 *I Will Glory in My Redeemer*

Congregation

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

String Quintet & Woodwinds, Piano • Mason/Maddux-Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Jesus Paid It All

Worship Choir • Grape/Sterling-Rice

Hymn 299 *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

Relentless Love

Jaz Hoffman • Habegger/Rice-Brandenstein

MESSAGE

Past, Present, and Future Grace

Josiah Grauman • Selected Scriptures

Communion

The Solid Rock

Organ Postlude • Bradbury/Sturz

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Chris Burnett

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

Putting on Christ: The Believer's Proper Priorities

Mike Riccardi • Colossians 3:15-17

Postlude

INSTRUMENTAL PRAISE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's passing dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

Words by Ray Palmer (1830). Music by Lowell Mason (1832).

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

Grace from Heaven & Joy of Heaven

Compiled by Robert Elmer

These prayers from church history are arranged by topic and time—from praise to petition, morning to evening—so that your prayer life can be interwoven with the rich tapestry of prayers of faithful Christians from the past.

"*Grace from Heaven* now has a home next to my Bible, and I trust it will find a home in your heart, too."

—Joni Eareckson Tada

Available today
for **40% off**
retail at Grace
Books and the
Scholar's Desk.



GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

God Is Glorified by Protecting Judah

2 Kings 18–19

Main Idea: God will always glorify His name.

Application: Repent of failing to glorify God in actions and words.

Featured Hymn: *It Is Well with My Soul* (Hymn 407)

Review: How did God answer Hezekiah's prayer?

Next Week: 2 Kings 21:1–18; 24–25

Adventure Club

6 pm

This week is Review Sunday.

The memory verse for next week is John 1:12.

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

10 Reasons to Pray

Compiled by Nathan Busenitz

Here are ten reminders for Christians about the vital need to cultivate a personal prayer life, as articulated by notable ministers from church history.

1. True effectiveness comes not through methods, but through prayer.

A. C. Dixon: When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do, and so on. Nor am I disposed to undervalue any of these things in their proper place, but when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do.

2. A man's prayer life is indicative of the state of his walk with the Lord.

John Owen: A minister may fill his pews, his communion roll, the mouths of the public, but what that minister is on his knees in secret before God Almighty, that he is and no more.

3. Prayer is a vital means of sanctification.

John R. W. Stott: To pray is not only to be truly godly; it is also to be truly human. For here are human beings, made by God like God and for God, spending time in

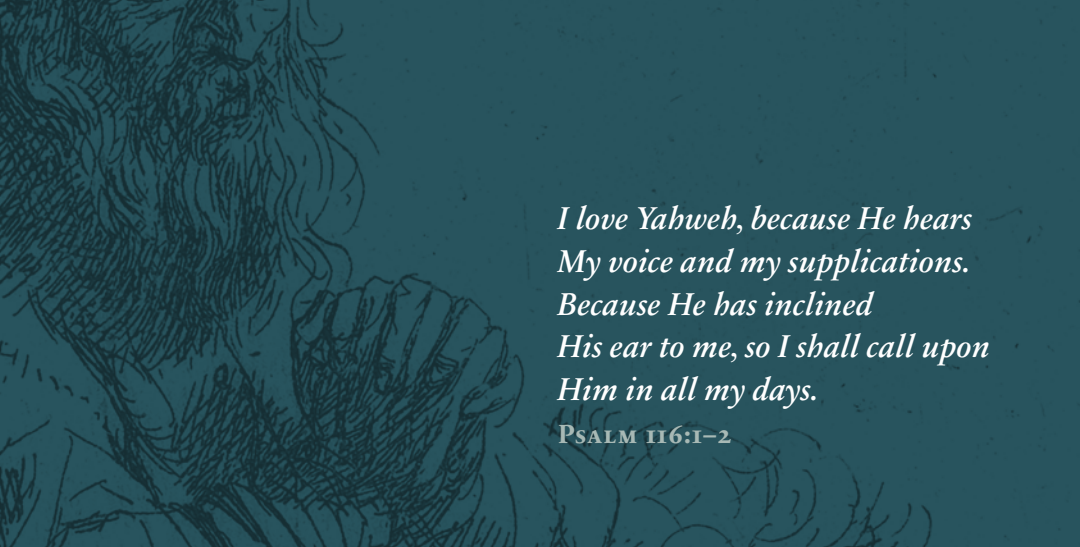
fellowship with God. So prayer is an authentic activity in itself, irrespective of any benefits it may bring us. Yet it is also one of the most effective of all means of grace. I doubt if anybody has ever become at all Christ-like who has not been diligent in prayer.

4. Neglect in prayer leads to vulnerability in temptation.

J. C. Ryle: Bibles read without prayer; sermons heard without prayer; marriages contracted without prayer; journeys undertaken without prayer; residences chosen without prayer; friendships formed without prayer; the daily act of prayer itself hurried over, or gone through without heart: these are the kind of downward steps by which many a Christian descends to a condition of spiritual palsy, or reaches the point where God allows them to have a tremendous fall.

5. Busyness is never a valid excuse for neglecting prayer.

Martin Luther: Work, work from early until late. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.



*I love Yahweh, because He hears
My voice and my supplications.
Because He has inclined
His ear to me, so I shall call upon
Him in all my days.*

PSALM 116:1-2

6. Prayer relies on the power of the Spirit to accomplish His work in preaching the Word.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon: Shall I give you yet another reason why you should pray? Hitherto all other means have been used without effect. God is my witness how often I have striven in this pulpit to be the means of the conversion of men. I have preached my very heart out. . . . My hearers, I have done my utmost. . . . Will not your prayers accomplish that which my preaching fails to do? . . . Have we not tried to preach without trying to pray? Is it not likely that the church has been putting forth its preaching hand but not its praying hand? O dear friends! Let us agonize in prayer.

7. Prayer stamps truth onto the heart.

John Bunyan: The truths that I know best I have learned on my knees. . . . I never know a thing well, till it is burned into my heart by prayer.

8. Interceding for others reminds us that the Lord Jesus is also interceding for them and for us.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne: If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies.

Yet distance makes no difference; He is praying for me.

9. Prayer knits your heart to people.

William Law: There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him; and when you can do this sincerely for any man, you have fitted your soul for the performance of everything that is kind and civil toward him.

10. God calls Christians to pray boldly and also to work diligently.

George Müller: Here is the great secret of success, my Christian reader. Work with all your might; but trust not in the least in your work. Pray with all your might for the blessing in God; but work at the same time with all diligence, with all patience, with all perseverance. Pray, then, and work. Work and pray. And still again pray, and then work. And so on, all the days of your life. The result will surely be abundant blessing. Whether you see much fruit or little fruit, such kind service will be blessed.

For more resources, visit the Prayer and Church History sections at Grace Books, or visit gracebooks.com.



The Torres Family

Heber & Olga, Alejandra, Lucia, Benjamin

Serving in Spain since 2015

Pray for the salvation of our children. Please also pray for Olga's father, whose health has declined, leading to several hospital visits and continuous care.

| gracechurch.org/madrid

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$33,922**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Neighborhood Outreach

This ministry brings the good news of God's grace to our local community on Sunday afternoons. After a potluck meal, participants go out into the neighborhood to present the gospel, invite our neighbors to church, and learn about any needs our church may be able to meet. The ministry also does street evangelism at the North Hollywood Metro Station.

Sundays, 1 pm, T70 (Tower Basement)
gracechurch.org/neighborhood-outreach

Upcoming at Grace

- 5/24 Right Hand of Fellowship
- 5/25 Memorial Day (Campus closed)
- 7/12 70th Anniversary Celebration

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

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, May 23, 9 am, CC130
| Info: Pastor Rick McLean, 818-909-5519

Grace Education Biblical Hebrew Online Course

Grace Education is excited to debut a new online course series on biblical Hebrew, designed for students sixth grade and up. These short-term online courses include recorded video lessons, student assignments, and periodic live sessions with an engaging instructor. These courses are a useful resource for building an early foundation and love for biblical languages.

A special two-week preview course begins June 10.

| Cost: \$50, Register:
graceeducation.org/hebrew-curriculum

Middle School Summer Camp

Students entering grades 7–8 this fall are invited to join us for summer camp this June.

| June 19–22, Forest Home Ojai, Cost: \$450
| Register by June 5: gracechurch.org/xchange

Giving to Summer Camps

Bless a middle school or high school student by supporting their trip to camp this summer.

| Middle School: gracechurch.org/xchange
| High School: gracechurch.org/180

Grace Community Church 70th Anniversary Celebration

Join us on **Sunday, July 12**, as we commemorate our church's 70th anniversary. Sunday morning worship services will include a time reflecting on our church's history and a commemorative video, followed by lunch for all in attendance. The day will conclude with a vesper service. We look forward to celebrating God's faithfulness together as a church family!



Women's Cancer Ministry

A prayer group for women whose lives or families have been touched by cancer and other health challenges. We meet via video call every first and third Tuesday, from 8 to 9 pm.

For more information, call Sonjeh Drainer (510-648-9925), Jacalyn Williams (818-744-0728), or Gretchen Sibayan (818-818-7601).
gracechurch.org/womenscancer

Grace to You

Radio: *Richer than You Think*

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 Promise of Peace in a Worried World"

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

gty.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.



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.

- Custodian, PT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Events Server, PT
- Grace Academy K-8 Teachers, PT/FT
- Grace Academy K-8 Teacher Assistants, PT
- Grace Curriculum Customer Service Manager, FT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Director, FT
- Security Patrol, PT
- Staff Accountant, FT

For a full description of jobs and benefits, visit gracechurch.org/jobs.

The Master's Academy International

- Donor Relations Manager, PT

For a full description of jobs and to apply, visit 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
Pastor: Steve Crawford

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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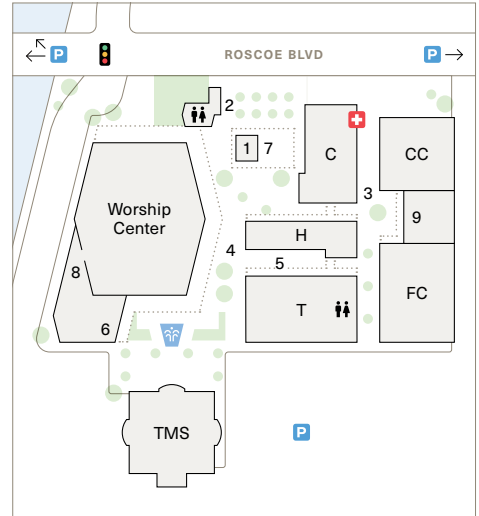
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Grace Church Wi-Fi

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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
gty.org

The Master's Seminary
tms.edu

The Master's University
masters.edu

The Master's Academy International
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John MacArthur Trust
jmacarthurtrust.org

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