

# 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
- Short Term Ministry Team

## 1 pm

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](http://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

### *Fugue in G Minor*

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Dupré

### Hymn 161 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### Hymn 332 *Oh, How Good It Is*

Congregation

### *Canon in D*

String Ensemble, Harpsichord • Pachelbel

### Scripture Reading & Prayer

### *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Worship Choir • Bach

### Hymn 366 *My Soul Longs for the Lord*

Congregation

### Announcements & Offering

### *Were It Not for Grace*

John Martin • McHugh-Hamilton

### MESSAGE

### What God Has Joined Together

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 10:1–12

### *My Hope Is in the Lord*

Organ Postlude • Clayton/Sturz

## Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

### Prelude

### Songs of Praise

John Martin

### Baptism

### Announcements & Offering

### MESSAGE

### The Gospel Goes to Work: Employees, Bosses, and Slaves of Christ

Mike Riccardi • Colossians 3:22–4:1

### Postlude

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## ANTHEM

### *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom, love most bright,  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned  
With the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, singing 'round Thy throne.

Music by J. S. Bach (BWV 147), 1716.  
Lyrics by Robert Bridges, c. 1906.

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## 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.*

### Our Mission

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.

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## FEATURED BOOK

### *Little Hymns of Grace*

*Little Hymns of Grace* is a children's songbook featuring twenty-four hymns—old and new—each with chords, a melody line, a short story, a Scripture verse, and a beautiful illustration.



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

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## GRACE KIDS

### Sunday School

9 and 11 am

#### **God Shows Mercy to Jonah and Nineveh**

Jonah 1–4

**Main Idea:** God is gracious and compassionate.

**Application:** Thank God for being merciful to sinners.

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

**Review:** Why did Jonah not want to preach to Nineveh?

**Next Week:** Review Sunday

### Adventure Club

6 pm

This week will be "A Night of Adventure." The memory verses for next week are 2 Corinthians 3:18 and John 10:27–28.

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



# Echoes of the Gospel

## *Celebrating Foster Care Awareness Month*

Every year at Grace Church, our church family has the opportunity to reflect on the beauty of adoption as we consider what Foster Care Awareness Month means for us. For many Christian parents, living out the doctrine of adoption has meant opening their homes to children who need one.

But parents who choose to foster children are quickly confronted by a difficult reality: fostering a child is not the same as adopting one. While some foster children do need a permanent adoptive home, the primary goal of foster care is to eventually reunify the child with his or her biological family. When a social worker drops a child off at a foster parent's home, the foster parent steps into a world of uncertainty. They have no idea what tomorrow, next month, or next year will hold. A child might stay in their home for a single weekend or grow under their care for multiple years, only to

leave when their biological family is ready to receive them.

In the face of these difficulties, however, it is Christian parents who are the most equipped to persist in the sacrificial love that foster care requires. Christians are humbled by the reality of our own adoption, knowing that we were once estranged from God (1 Peter 2:10) and by nature children of wrath (Ephesians 2:1-3). Yet, according to the good pleasure of His will, God predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:5). He legally transferred us from the kingdom of darkness into His family, where we now enjoy full rights as heirs of the living God (Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 4:4-5). Christians have laid hold of the precious reality that God first loved us when we were helpless.

In light of this, welcoming a vulnerable child into our homes through foster care is not merely an act of humanitarian kindness; it is a tangible, earthly echo of the gospel. Just as God sovereignly sought us out when we were helpless and brought us into His family, foster care is an opportunity to



step into the messiness of a fractured and imperfect system to provide safety, grace, and love. Most importantly, it is an opportunity to point these precious little ones—and often their families who also need Christ—to the ultimate hope of forgiveness in Christ.

Finally, Christians understand not only what God has done, but what He continues to do. They have the comfort of knowing that God is sovereign and in control of all things, and that He will always accomplish His good pleasure (Isaiah 46:10). He works all things together for good in the lives of His people (Romans 8:28), so even when circumstances are difficult or uncertain, He can be trusted.

If you are praying about how to extend Christ's love to needy children and their families, we encourage you to consider foster care and adoption. The need is great, and while the challenges are undeniable, we can assure you that loving others in a way that so closely mirrors the way the Father has loved you brings rich blessings and indescribable joys.

## Foster Care Awareness Month

Our Hands for Hope ministry provides counsel and resources for families considering foster care and adoption.

As many children await a family through adoption, there is currently a great need for foster families, along with opportunities through Safe Families for Children to provide short-term respite care for children without entering the foster care system. To learn more about either of these opportunities, visit [gracechurch.org/handsforhope](http://gracechurch.org/handsforhope).





## Alejandro & Monica Peluffo

### Serving in Argentina since 2013

Pray for Alejandro's health, that the Lord would strengthen him so he can serve in the church and training center. Pray for Alejandro as he writes his PhD dissertation. Please also pray for the salvation of Alejandro's father.

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

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$7,727**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

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

### LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

## Chess Outreach

Every Saturday afternoon, Grace Church provides space and supplies for people from our local community to play chess and hear the gospel.

People come to learn and play chess, and halfway through, there is a gospel presentation. We invite our church family to demonstrate Christlike competition and use the time between games as a chance to proclaim the gospel and help make disciples.

| Saturdays, 3:30 pm, T371  
Info: 818-909-5721

## Upcoming at Grace

6/23-26 Vacation Bible School  
7/12 70th Anniversary Celebration  
[gracechurch.org/calendar](http://gracechurch.org/calendar)

### HIGHLIGHTS

## Short-Term Ministries Highlight:

### Team Ecuador

Pray for our Ecuador team, which departs for the field this Friday, June 5, and returns June 15. Team Ecuador will assist a church with essential building improvements and serve the surrounding community through evangelism and outreach.

Team Members: Agustin Estela, Jeff Larson, Jorge del Cid, Mark Isomaki, Misael Portillo, Raul Correa, Sean Cullen, Tim Deaver, Wilson Ubillus

| [gracechurch.org/stm/teams](http://gracechurch.org/stm/teams)

## Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

### Baby Bottle Campaign

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic is a local clinic that ministers to those who are facing unplanned pregnancies by offering pregnancy testing, ultrasound exams, prenatal and parenting education, and material resources. Through the month of June, OAPC will be handing out baby bottles for their annual fundraiser. Beginning June 7, pick up a baby bottle, fill it with change, and return it to the Welcome Center. This is a great way to raise support for the vital ministry of OAPC.

| Each Sunday in June  
[openarmspregnancy.com](http://openarmspregnancy.com)

### Job Opportunity

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic has a part-time (20-24 hours per week) paid position available for a male client services associate (CSA). CSAs provide life-affirming pregnancy decision coaching to fathers and seek to engage in gospel conversations with them.

| For more information, visit  
[gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet](http://gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet).

## Membership Classes

If you're interested in becoming part of our church family, a new cycle of Membership Matters classes begins next Sunday. For more information on the membership process, visit the Member Center any Sunday after either morning service.

Beginning next Sunday, June 7, 11 am,  
TMS Library (West)  
[gracechurch.org/membership](http://gracechurch.org/membership)

## 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 two-week preview course begins June 10.

Cost: \$50. Register:  
[graceeducation.org/hebrew-curriculum](http://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](http://gracechurch.org/xchange)

## Vacation Bible School Registration

At this year's VBS, our kids will learn about how God reveals Himself in Scripture as the God of Light. Registration is open for kids going into grades K–6 this fall.

Tuesday–Friday, June 23–26, 9 am–12:40 pm  
Register by June 2: [gracechurch.org/vbs](http://gracechurch.org/vbs)

## Math3ma Symposium 2026

The Math3ma Symposium, hosted by The Master's University, June 26–27, invites Christians faithfully serving in various disciplines within the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics for a time of fellowship and encouragement.

Register: [math3ma.institute/symposium](http://math3ma.institute/symposium)

## 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!

## Grace to You

Find us online

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](http://gty.org)

Listen on the radio

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

Watch on TV

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

## 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](mailto:hr@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.*

- Barista, PT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Grace Academy K–8 Teachers, PT/FT
- Grace Academy K–8 Teacher Assistants, PT
- Livestream Camera Operator, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Patrol, PT
- Steeple House Manager, PT

For a full description of jobs and benefits, visit [gracechurch.org/jobs](http://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](http://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*  
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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Sun Valley, CA 91352  
818-909-5500  
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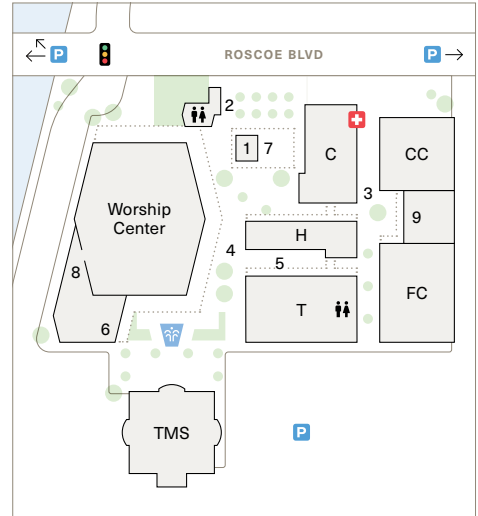
Public Wi-Fi:  
Grace Church Wi-Fi

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**  
[gty.org](http://gty.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**  
[jmacarthurtrust.org](http://jmacarthurtrust.org)

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