

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
- Christmas in September
- Grace Global Meeting
- Missionary Service Project
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach
- Walk for Life

12:45 pm

Grace Global Quarterly
Missions Event (T270)

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

Nathan Busenitz, Pastor-Teacher
Bill Brandenstein, Minister of Music

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • Dykes/Sturz

Lift High the Cross • Nicholson/Bock

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude

Hymn 304 *He Was Wounded*

Congregation

Scripture Reading & Prayer

O Wondrous Love

Worship Choir • Cook/Greer

Hymn 289 *In the Cross Alone I Glory*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

Relentless Love

Jaz Hoffman • Habegger/Rice-Brandenstein

MESSAGE

Love Reveals All Things

Brad Klassen • 1 John 4:7–10

Communion

My Savior's Love

Organ Postlude • Gabriel/Sturz

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

Jonathan Nah

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

**How Can a Loving God Send People to Hell?
God's Love, the Great White Throne,
& Eternal Punishment**

Carl Hargrove • Selected Scriptures

Postlude

O Wondrous Love

O wondrous love that will not let me go,
I cling to You with all my strength and soul.
Yet if my hold should ever fail,
This wondrous love will never let me go.

O wondrous love that's come to dwell in me!
Lord, who am I that I should come to know
Your tender voice, assuring me
Your wondrous love will never let me go?

I'm resting in the everlasting arms,
In the ever-faithful heart, the Shepherd of my life.
You carry me on Your mighty wings of grace,
Keeping me until the day I look into Your face.

O wondrous love, O wondrous love!
O wondrous love that sings of Calvary,
The sweetest sound this sinner's ever known;
The song of Your redeeming Son,
Whose wondrous love will never let me go.

I'm resting in the everlasting arms,
In the ever-faithful heart, the Shepherd of my life.
You carry me on Your mighty wings of grace,
Keeping me until the day I look into Your face.

O wondrous love that rushes over me,
I can't escape this river's glorious flow.
You overwhelm my days with good.
Your wondrous love will never let me go.

O wondrous love, O wondrous love!
O wondrous love will never let me go.

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TODAY

Grace Global Quarterly Missions Event

Join us to hear ministry updates from David and Ashley Ellingson, missionaries serving in South Africa; Carlan and Michelle Wendler, missionaries serving in Burundi; and GMI ministry partners serving in Colombia. A light lunch will be available for \$5 while supplies last.

| Today, 12:45–2:45 pm, T270

Our Savior Who Prays

by John MacArthur

The words of Jesus's prayer are plain, yet majestic; simple, yet mysterious. They plunge the reader into the unfathomable depths of the inter-Trinitarian communication between the Father and the Son, and their scope encompasses the entire sweep of redemptive history from election to glorification.

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



GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

Jesus's Temptations

Luke 4:1–15

Main Idea: Jesus obeyed God perfectly in our place.

Application: Do you obey God perfectly?

Featured Hymn: *The Solid Rock* (Hymn 381)

Review: Why did Jesus need to resist temptation?

Next Week: Matthew 4:18–22; 9:9–13

Adventure Club

6 pm

Lesson 3: Satan

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:8

Review: Angels

Next Week: Night of Adventure

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

Prayer That Never Ceases

One of the marks of Jesus's public ministry was His prayer life.

We see in Luke 5:16 that even in the busyness of His ministry, "He Himself would often slip away to the desolate regions and pray."

This aspect of His ministry was picked up by His disciples, who were taught by the Lord to pray and made it a central element in their own lives. The very first activity in which the church participated after the Lord ascended into heaven was prayer. We read in Acts 1:14 that all the disciples gathered together and "with one accord were continually devoting themselves to prayer." When we look at the rest of the book of Acts, we see that prayer was a regular practice of the early church (4:31; 6:6; 9:40; 10:9; 12:12; 13:3; 14:23; 16:25; 20:36).

Throughout the 2,000-year history of the church, prayer continued to be central to its life and mission, no matter what the circumstances. John Chrysostom said, "Prayer is a precious way of communicating with God, it gladdens the soul and gives repose to its affections." Likewise, Martin Luther contended, "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." Jonathan Edwards also claimed, "There is no way that Christians, in a private capacity, can do so much to promote the work of

God and advance the kingdom of Christ as by prayer."

This pattern of prayer continues to this day in the church across the world and here at Grace Community Church. Communion with God in prayer is the lifeblood of the church. In the same way that believers throughout history have relied on the Lord through prayer, we too must depend upon the grace of prayer in our everyday lives.

Through prayer, we express our praise, our requests, our concerns, our joys, our trials, and our gratitude for all that He gives us. Prayer is both individual, in our personal communion with God, and corporate, in our collective unity of mind and spirit. As we make prayer a regular practice in our lives, we obey the command in Scripture that exhorts us to "pray without ceasing."

To that end, we invite you to join us on October 17 as we come together as a church body to pray. During this time, we will pray for the ministries of our church, individual prayer requests from our members and missionaries, the future of our church, and much more.

The life and faithfulness of Grace Church are determined by our devotion to prayer. Let us joyfully participate in communion with our God as we follow Christ's example to step away from the busyness of life to pray.



DAY of PRAYER

Saturday, October 17

6 am – 6 pm

T70

(Tower Basement)

Join us at any point during the day for a day dedicated to prayer. Elders will open each hour with Scripture reading and prayer and will invite you to pray for the specific needs of one another, our ministries, and the world. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet elders and fellow believers, trusting together in the Lord through prayer.

Submit prayer cards at the Patio table before or after services on October 4 and 11, or turn your cards in at the Office Center reception desk throughout the week.

gracechurch.org/dayofprayer



The Ransom Family

*Sean & Jessica, Tyler, Isabella,
Josiah, Evangeline*

Missionaries since 2004 Serving in the Philippines

After our recent furlough, pray for us to get back into a rhythm and settle back into life and ministry in the Philippines. Please also pray for the faithful studies of the four men Sean is mentoring through their MDiv studies.

| gracechurch.org/ransom

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$11,651**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Volleyball Outreach

Every Monday night, the Family Center is open to those in the surrounding community who enjoy playing volleyball. Play lasts until 7 pm, with a halftime break for a gospel presentation. This is a great opportunity for our church family to model how to compete in a Christlike manner and personally engage our friends with the gospel.

| Mondays, 5 pm, Family Center
gracechurch.org/volleyball-outreach

Upcoming at Grace

- 10/10 Crossroads Conference
- 10/11 Installation Service & Celebration for Pastor Nathan Busenitz
- 10/16 Sam Britten Memorial
- 10/17 Day of Prayer
- 10/24 Family Fair
- 10/25 Grace for the Children
- 11/6-7 Sufficiency of Scripture Summit (TMU)

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

All women are invited to join as Linda Damarjian teaches on "Pursuing a Heart of Humility."

| Thursday, September 24, 9:30 am, T270
Contact Women's Ministries: 818-909-5521

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Families affected by Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, compassionate shepherding, and warm fellowship. Activities and care are provided for loved ones with dementia during part of the meeting.

| Saturday, September 26, 9 am, CC130
Info: Pastor Rick McLean, 818-909-5519

Children's & Youth Choirs

Children's and youth choirs begin next Sunday, September 27, and are available for children age 6 through grade 12. A mandatory meeting for new parents begins at 4 pm, followed by the first rehearsals at 4:45 or 5 pm. No audition is required.

| New and returning families can register
at gracechurch.org/childrenschoir
or gracechurch.org/youthchoir.

Installation Service & Celebration for Pastor Nathan Busenitz

Join us on Sunday, October 11, as Nathan Busenitz is formally installed as our senior pastor. Sinclair Ferguson will preach during the morning service, and Pastor Nathan and his wife, Beth, will join us for a Q&A during the evening service. The day will conclude with a Plaza Fellowship.

TONIGHT, 6 PM

How Can a Loving God Send People to Hell?

God's Love, the Great White
Throne, & Eternal Punishment

Carl Hargrove

Sunday evening series

**How the Story Ends:
God's Plan for the Future**

Christmas in September

Every September, we gather notes of encouragement and financial gifts from our church family, which are then collected and given to our missionary families in December.

Visit the Patio table today to handwrite a card for our missionaries or for information about sending physical or digital cards to our classified missionaries.

To create a digital Christmas card, visit gracechurch.org/sendacard.

To give a financial gift, visit gracechurch.org/cis.



Family Fair

Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of games, bounce houses, food, fellowship, and more. Game tickets and lunch will be available for purchase.

Saturday, October 24, 12–4 pm
gracechurch.org/familyfair

Women's Fall Bake-Off

As part of our annual Family Fair, Women's Ministries is excited to host "The Great Fall Bake-Off." All women are invited to put their baking skills and creativity to the test in a friendly pie competition.

Sign up by Monday, October 19 at
gracechurch.org/bakeoff.



Worship Choir Openings

If the Lord has gifted you in singing and you have basic music-reading ability, we invite you to prayerfully consider serving in the Worship Choir. This is an excellent time to get involved as we prepare for the fall and Christmas seasons, and there are openings available in all sections.

To schedule an audition or for more information, contact music@gracechurch.org.

Grace To You: Sermons Anytime, Anywhere

GTY provides easy access to John MacArthur's extensive sermon archive. Download the GTY app, subscribe to the podcast and YouTube channel, and find your local radio station or television broadcast by visiting gty.org.

GTY Featured Sermons

AUDIO: *Without Excuse: Principles of God's Judgment*

VIDEO: "Why You Can Trust Scripture, Part 1"

| gty.org

Job Openings

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

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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.

- Barista, PT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Patrol, PT

For full job descriptions and benefits information,

| visit gracechurch.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: 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: Adam Bossom

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: Trent Mabs
- Developmentally Disabled CC130E**
Pastor: Rick McLean
- Spanish Ministries Chapel**
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

Campus Map

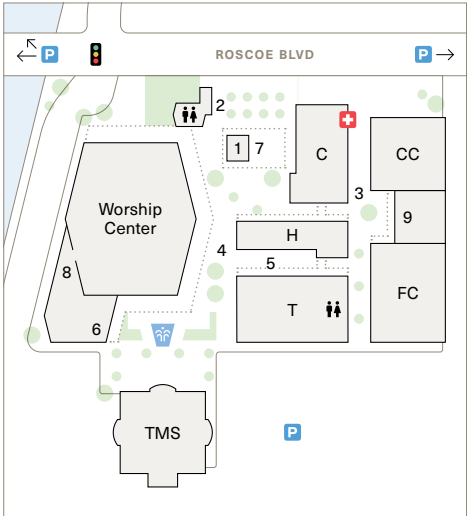
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Proverbs3:5-6

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)



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.

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.

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