

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

- Christmas in September
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach
- Walk for Life

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.

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

Sonata V in C Major: Movement I

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Bach

Hymn 181 *His Robes for Mine*

Congregation

Whiter Than Snow

Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble, Piano • Fischer/Rice

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Praise Him

Worship Choir • Bach/Steele

Hymn 24 *O My Soul, Bless God the Father*

Congregation

Announcements & Offering

First Peter

Lesley Castellino • O'Brien/Rice

MESSAGE

Traps, Taxes, and True Worship

Nathan Busenitz • Mark 12:13–17

Postlude from Celebrate Life

Organ Postlude • Red

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise

John Martin

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

What Are We Going to Do Forever in Heaven?

Mark Zhakevich • Revelation 21–22

Right Hand of Fellowship

Postlude

Whiter Than Snow

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want Thee forever to live in my soul.
Break down every idol, cast out every foe—
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow—
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Your throne in the skies
And help me to make a complete sacrifice.
I give up myself and whatever I know—
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow—
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, before You I patiently wait;
Come now and within me a new heart create.
To those who have sought You, You never said, “No”—
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow—
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Words by James L. Nicholson, 1872. Music by William G. Fischer, 1896.

TODAY

Children's & Youth Choirs

Children's and youth choirs begin today and are available for children from 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.

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.

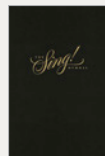
See back for locations.

The Sing! Hymnal

by Keith and Kristyn Getty

This collection brings together beloved hymns, Scripture, and prayers drawn from the breadth of church history. Whether for gathered worship or private devotion, this is a treasured resource you can carry with you through life.

Available today for
50% off retail
at Grace Books and
the Scholar's Desk.



GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

Jesus and His Disciples

Matthew 4:18–22; 9:9–13

Main Idea: Jesus calls sinners to follow Him.

Application: Go to Jesus for forgiveness of your sins.

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

Review: What did Matthew (Levi) do before following Jesus?

Next Week: Mark 4:35–41

Adventure Club

6 pm

Night of Adventure

Review: Satan

Next Week: Spiritual Warfare

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

Your Gift Your Place Your Impact



Every believer has received a gift to steward. The question is not whether you have something to contribute to the church, but whether you are willing to use what God has entrusted to you in the service of others.

We at Grace Community Church are equipped for both the purpose and the practice of giftedness. Spiritual gifts are not spiritual trophies, personality labels, or reasons to compare ourselves with other believers. They are gracious provisions from God, given for faithful service. Their value is seen when they are exercised in love, humility, and harmony for the good of the church. A

gift left unused may represent a missed opportunity to encourage, teach, help, show mercy to, or serve someone else.

Our church family needs members who welcome visitors, pray faithfully, disciple children, encourage weary saints, help families, serve students, show compassion, offer practical assistance, and support the work of the gospel behind the scenes. Some ministries are public; many are quiet. All are significant when they are offered to Christ and used to edify His people.

Scripture emphasizes the importance of spiritually gifted believers ministering to one another with biblical wisdom, encouragement, discernment, compassion, and help. The goal is not to draw attention to ourselves or make people dependent on us. Faithful service points people back to the all-sufficient Savior and His Word. When you serve, you serve like Christ with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps you have hesitated because you do not know your gift. You can begin with the clear commands of





“As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

1 Peter 4:10



Scripture: love one another, encourage one another, bear one another's burdens, show hospitality, and make disciples. Then ask other members where they see opportunities and strengths in your life. You do not need perfect confidence before taking a faithful first step. Join a ministry, learn from those already serving, and exercise your giftedness by coming alongside others in our church family.

If you are already serving in one ministry, prayerfully consider whether the Lord may be leading you to join an additional ministry—not to collect titles or simply fill your schedule, but to strengthen the body of Christ and bless people who need the ministry God has equipped you to provide. Adding another ministry should be approached with wisdom as you consider your current responsibilities and commitments. Seek counsel, communicate honestly, and choose a place where you can serve consistently rather than impulsively. The aim is not busyness; it is obedient usefulness.

In this new, exciting season of ministry, we offer many avenues for service through children's ministry, student ministry, music, outreach, prayer, special events, campus care, and practical member support. Our church body is strengthened when every member does its part. There is room for your hands, your voice, your prayers, your compassion, and your faithfulness. For the glory of Christ and the edification of His church, consider where else you might serve in this season. ●

Learn more about serving

Consider how you might steward your gifts by signing up to serve at gracechurch.org/serve or by contacting the Membership Department at 818-909-5644 or membership@gracechurch.org.





The Johnston Family

*Matthew & Johanna, Alice,
Noelle, Robert*

**Missionaries since 2013
Serving in Italy**

Pray that the Lord would add to our number, sending us people with sensitive hearts while opening our eyes to see gospel opportunities. Please also pray that we would grow in our love and awareness for one another and that we would practically meet the needs of the church body.

| gracechurch.org/johnston

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$7,562**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

| gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Russian-Speaking Outreach Bible Study

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian-speaking community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

| Next Sunday, October 4, 1 pm, CC230
gracechurch.org/russian-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

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

Thank You from Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

Through this year's baby bottle fundraiser, Grace Church gave **\$23,250** to Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic. We praise the Lord for your kindness and generosity. Your gifts will help us provide life-affirming services and the hope of the gospel to vulnerable women and couples in our community. Thank you for demonstrating God's love to those in need in such a tangible and selfless way.

| openarmspregnancy.com

Crossroads Equipping Conference

College students and anyone ages 18-25 are invited to our first-ever Crossroads Equipping Conference, a one-day event designed to equip this particular demographic with biblical answers to some of life's most pressing issues. The conference theme is "Created in God's Image," and Pastor Steve Crawford will unpack what the Bible says about human life, race and ethnicity, gender, and sexuality.

| Saturday, October 10, 9 am-5 pm
Register: gracechurch.org/crossroadsconference

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 there will be an afternoon service at 3 pm, featuring a Q&A with Pastor Nathan and his wife, Beth. The afternoon will conclude with a Plaza Fellowship.

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.



Ladies for Haiti Boutique

This two-day fundraiser supports the training and equipping of pastors in Haiti. Men and women are needed to volunteer for this year's event, held November 13–14 in Santa Clarita. You can also help by donating high-end, gently used items; baking for the bake sale; shopping; or giving financially.

For more information, contact Thomas (818-675-7286) or Polonia Herrera (818-353-9586).

pastorsofthecaribbean.org/ministries/ladies-for-haiti



TONIGHT, 6 PM

What Are We Going to Do Forever in Heaven?

Mark Zhakevich

Sunday evening series

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

Grace to You: Sermons Anytime, Anywhere

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GTY Featured Sermons

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

VIDEO: "Why You Can Trust Scripture, Part 2"

| gty.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.

- Dishwasher, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, 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

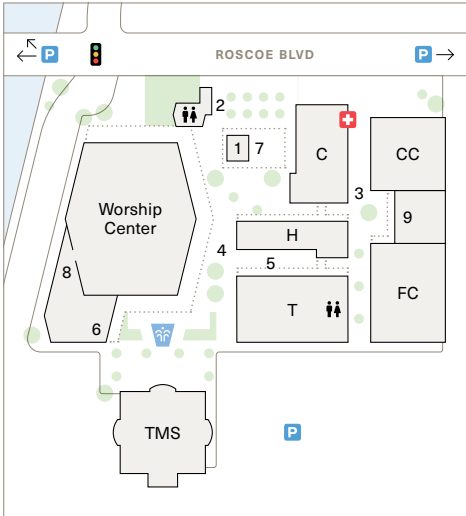
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Public Wi-Fi:
Grace Church Wi-Fi
Password:
Proverbs3:5-6

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)



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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