Grace *Today*

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Featured

Serve at Shepherds Conference 2027

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
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach
- Titus Two

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 morning and evening 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 I, Movement III
Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Bach

Hymn *Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me*
Congregation

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Him Hath God Exalted
Worship Choir • Sullivan

Announcements & Offering

Keep Me True
Jaz Hoffman • Cymbala/Wells

Hymn 377 *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*
Congregation

MESSAGE

One Nation Under Fraud
Nathan Busenitz • Mark 12:38–44

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee
Organ Postlude • Bach

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise
John Martin

Baptism Service

Announcements & Offering

Right Hand of Fellowship

Postlude

ANTHEM

Him Hath God Exalted

Recitative (Acts 5:31):

Him hath God exalted with His right hand,
To be a Prince and a Saviour for to give repentance
to Israel,
And forgiveness of sins.

Fugue (Revelation 12:10):

Now is come salvation, salvation and strength,
And the kingdom of our God and the power
of His Christ.

(Galatians 1:4–5)

Who gave Himself for our sins,
That He might deliver us from the present evil world
According to the will of God and our Father,

Finale, Maestoso:

To Whom be glory for ever and ever,
Amen, Amen!

The final chorus from the oratorio *The Light of the World* (1873). Music by Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842–1900). Lyrics adapted from the King James Bible by the composer. Presented in memory of Fredric R. Judkins (1953–2022).

TODAY

New Here?

- **The Welcome Center** hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday morning service.
- **The Member Center** has information about membership and baptism following each Sunday morning service.
- **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

The Birth of the King: A Christmas Devotional

by Abner Chou

At the first Christmas, God arranged the entire world to welcome His Son. *The Birth of the King* is designed to help us prepare our hearts to welcome Him as we celebrate Christmas.



Available today for **$9** at Grace Books and the Scholar's Desk.

Annual Bible Sale

All Bibles are up to **50% off retail** throughout November.

GRACE KIDS

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

Jesus's Sermons
Matthew 7:13–29
Main Idea: True faith comes from the heart, not works.
Application: Build your life on Jesus.
Featured Hymn: *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (Hymn 391)
Review: What do the narrow and wide paths represent?
Next Week: Matthew 13:1–23

Adventure Club

6 pm

The Church Worships
Memory Verse: John 4:23
Review: The Church Is the Body of Christ
Next Week: The Church Edifies Believers

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

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

Verse 1
What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer;
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

Refrain 1
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 2
The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.

Refrain 2
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 3
No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

Refrain 3

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

Refrain 4

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
(Repeat)

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SERVING the NEXT GENERATION of SHEPHERDS

All members of Grace Community Church have the privilege and joy of using their spiritual gifts to serve and strengthen the body of Christ. One of the most exciting opportunities to do this is to serve at Shepherds Conference, a ministry that allows our church family to discover, develop, and diligently use the gifts the Lord has granted them. This is a unique opportunity to sacrificially serve, especially those who are on the front lines of pastoral ministry.

"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."
— Galatians 6:9–10



Every March, our church unites to host thousands of pastors and leaders from around the world for Shepherds Conference. Together, we have the privilege of expressing our gratitude to Christ and to His under-shepherds through humble, tireless, and joyful service. Whether it's greeting guests, preparing meals, assisting with campus needs, or serving behind the scenes, every act of service helps refresh and encourage those who labor faithfully in the Word.

The theme for Shepherds Conference 2027 is "The Pastor: His Character, Convictions, and Calling." The conference is designed to encourage pastors and church leaders in personal holiness, sound doctrine, and ministry faithfulness. Our guests will hear from men who have remained steadfast in proclaiming the Word of God—men whose lives and ministries will challenge, refresh, and encourage these leaders as they shepherd Christ's church for the glory of God.

As volunteers, we have a special opportunity to honor the Lord by caring for those who shepherd His flock. Every meal served, every guest welcomed, and every task completed is an act of worship that magnifies Christ and supports His work throughout the world.

"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







Important Information for Volunteers

We invite you to prayerfully consider joining the volunteer team for Shepherds Conference 2027.

- Volunteer registration opens **Sunday, January 10, 2027, and closes on Sunday, January 24**. Registration will be available only during this time (no exceptions).
- **First-time volunteers** must register in person at the Patio table after either morning service on January 10, 17, or 24.
- **Returning volunteers** must register online from January 10 through January 24 at **gracechurch.org/shepherdsconference**.
- To volunteer, **you must be a member of Grace Church**. The membership process must be fully completed prior to serving at the conference.
- While the conference will be held from Wednesday, March 10, to Friday, March 12, **volunteers are needed for the entire week**, including setup and teardown in the days before and after the conference. You are welcome to volunteer for as many days as you are available.
- **A prayer meeting for all volunteers** will be held on Sunday, January 31, in the Family Center from 1 to 2:30 pm. This meeting is mandatory for all volunteers.

GRACE AROUND THE WORLD

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 **$18,495**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Armenian Outreach Bible Study

Every third Sunday afternoon, a group of Armenian believers from our congregation meets for fellowship, prayer, worship, and sound Bible teaching and discussion in their native tongue. If you speak Armenian, join us next Sunday. If you do not speak Armenian, but know someone who does, consider inviting them to our study.

Next Sunday, November 15, 1 pm, T370
gracechurch.org/armenian-outreach

Upcoming at Grace

11/19	Elders Meeting
11/22	Thanksgiving Communion Service, 6 pm
11/25–27	Thanksgiving Break, Campus Closed

gracechurch.org/calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

Joint Heirs Ladies T.E.A.

All women are invited to join us as Karen Cowhick teaches, "Contending Together in Humility" from Philippians 2:1–18.

Tomorrow, November 9, 6:45 pm, T270

Titus Two

All women are invited to join us for Titus Two as we continue studying *The Life and Times in Church History: Why Church History Matters to Women Today*. Our topic this week is "The Life of Augustine of Hippo: Understanding Sin, Grace, and the Human Heart." Augustine lived in the fourth century AD and profoundly influenced Western philosophy and Christian theology.

Tuesday, November 10, 7 pm
For locations, email titus2@gracechurch.org.
gracechurch.org/t2t

Ladies for Haiti Boutique

This two-day fundraiser supports the training and equipping of pastors in Haiti. Men and women are needed to help with setup November 9–12 in Santa Clarita. Volunteers may serve for one, two, or three hours between 9:30 am and 4 pm. You can also help by donating high-end, gently used items; baking for the bake sale; shopping at the boutique November 13–14; or giving financially. For more information, contact Thomas (818-675-7286) or Polonia Herrera (818-353-9586).

pastorsofthecaribbean.org/ministries/ladies-for-haiti

JUNIORS WINTER CAMP

LOST AND FOUND

The Heart of Jesus

January 8–10, 2027
Forest Home

Grades 3–5

Speaker:
Trent Mabs
Children's Pastor

JUNIORS

Registration
Early Bird: $320 (Nov 8–29)
Regular: $375 (starts Nov 30)

gracechurch.org/juniorswintercamp

Christmas Concerts

Thursday–Sunday
December 17–20, 2026

Christmas Concert tickets will be available on the Patio beginning next Sunday, November 15, after morning services. In addition, tickets will be available during the week at the Office Center reception desk beginning November 23, Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm (closed November 25–27 for Thanksgiving), while supplies last. The concert series will run from Thursday, December 17, through Sunday, December 20. Please prayerfully consider bringing your unsaved friends, coworkers, or family members as a way of sharing the true meaning of Christmas with them.

gracechurch.org/concert





Primary Christmas Party

Students in grades 1–2 are invited to our Primary Christmas Party. Children should dress in game-appropriate attire and bring a sack lunch, along with canned goods for needy families. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

> Saturday, December 5, 9:45 am–12 pm
> Info: childrens@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5631

Grace to You

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: *Don't Be Afraid to Ask* & "A Pattern of Prayer from a Man of Prayer"
VIDEO: "Gratitude for a Faithful Church, 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.

- **Customer Service Representative,** PT
- **Dishwasher,** PT
- **Nursery Supervisor,** PT
- **Grace Academy Substitute Teacher (Long-term/Short-term)**

> For full job descriptions and benefits information, visit gracechurch.org/jobs.

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic is seeking qualified candidates for three paid positions:

- **Registered Nurse,** FT/PT
- **Client Services Associate,** FT
- **Manager of Development,** PT

> To request the job descriptions or apply, email debi@openarmspregnancy.com. Please include a cover letter and resume when applying.

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

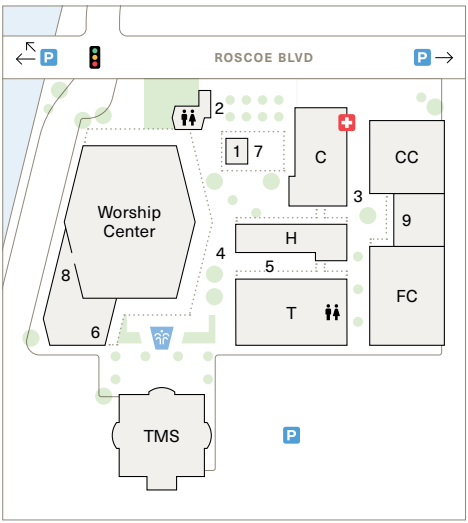
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Proverbs3:5-6

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)



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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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