Grace *Today*

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The Evangelistic Opportunity of the Christmas Concerts

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Membership Class (11 am only)

After Morning Services
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Member Center
Grace Books
Scholar's Desk
Steeple House Coffee

On the Patio
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach

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 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

Concerto I: Allegro
Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Handel

Hymn 326 ***Come, Thou Almighty King***
Hymn 98 ***My Worth Is Not in What I Own***
Congregation

A Choral Ascription of Praise
Worship Choir • Marshall

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Ain'-a That Good News!
Worship Choir • Dawson

Hymn 423 ***On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand***
Congregation

Announcements & Offering

Oh, I Want to Know You More
Michael Bohr • Fry/Mauldin

MESSAGE

The Right Way to Give
Nathan Busenitz • Selected Scriptures

Now Thank We All Our God
Organ Postlude • Crüger/Thompson

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Prelude

Songs of Praise
Jonathan Nah

Parent Dedication

Baptism

Announcements & Offering

MESSAGE

'Twas the Fight Before Christmas: Biblical Conflict Resolution
Brian Biedebach • Luke 17:3–10

Postlude

ANTHEM

A Choral Ascription of Praise

Now to Him who is able to keep you
from falling,
And to present you without blemish before
the presence of His glory,
Present you with rejoicing to the only God,
Our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Be glory, majesty, dominion, and
authority,
Before all time and now and forever.
Now to Him who is able to keep you
from falling.
Amen.

Words from Jude 24–25 (RSV).
Music by Jane M. Marshall (1963).

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 Parables
Matthew 13:1–23
Main Idea: Citizenship in God's kingdom requires a heartfelt response.
Application: Listen carefully to God's Word and respond in obedience.
Featured Hymn: *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (Hymn 391)
Review: What do the soils in Jesus's parable represent?
Next Week: Matthew 16:13–17:13

Adventure Club

6 pm

The Church Edifies Believers
Memory Verse: Romans 12:9–10
Review: The Church Worships
Next Week: Thanksgiving Communion (No Adventure Club)

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

Ain'-a That Good News!

I got a crown up in-a the kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I got a crown up in-a the kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this world, goin'-a shoulder up-a my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news,
good news!

I got a harp up in-a the kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I got a harp up in-a the kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this world, goin'-a shoulder up-a my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news,
good news!

I got a robe up in-a the kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I got a robe up in-a the kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this world, goin'-a shoulder up-a my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news!

I got a Savior in-a the kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I got a Savior in-a the kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this world, goin'-a shoulder up-a my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news,
Good news, good news, my Lord!
A-ain'-a that good news, good news, my Lord!
A-ain'-a that good news!

Words & music from an American spiritual.
Arranged by William L. Dawson (© 1937, renewed 1965; revised 1974).



Serving Our Homebound Saints

At Grace Church, we have the joy and privilege of serving our homebound saints. These are dear brothers and sisters who have faithfully loved and served our church for many years but who are now able to fellowship with us primarily through the livestream because of injury, illness, or limitations related to their season of life. Many of these members were here when Pastor John MacArthur began his ministry at Grace Church! Some have children and even grandchildren attending Grace Church today. Though they are not able to be with us in person, they are still a vital part of our church body.

Every year, as we approach the holiday season, we are reminded of how important it is to reach out to these special people and let them know that they are loved and appreciated. There are many ways we can express our care, including sending cards, visiting them, and organizing groups to sing with them. These simple expressions of love are a tremendous blessing, and we know that God is glorified as we serve these faithful saints.

Homebound Christmas Cards

All are invited to send a Christmas card to our homebound saints. Simply make or write a card with your own creative touch, making sure to write the name of the homebound saint in the center of the card, and we can do the rest. Hand your cards in at the Office Center through December 23, and we'll deliver these special messages of encouragement through the holiday season. To send a Christmas card directly, contact Pastor Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

Homebound Members

Erika Burdorf
Shennell Davis
Vaughn & Cathy DeWaay
Gloria Duke
Kam Franklin
Sondra Fox
Jane Gordon
Ria Guirguis
Joy Hall
Marlene Hulett
Bridget Husen
June Leos
Shelley Louden
William Mack
Trudy Manter
Ellen Menditto
Tom & Joyce Mossman
Greg & Paula Nixon
Kimiko (Alice) Ohye
Laura Osorio
Linda Reagan
Fritz Reitter
Margaret Rudy
Sandra Smith
Gloria Stegall
Sandra Vrchota
Maxine Whaley
Ralph White
Jean Williams
Dawn Zuber

An Invitation That Changed Everything



The Evangelistic Opportunity of the Christmas Concerts

Rolando almost didn't go. In 2022, a coworker of his girlfriend, Lesminda, invited the couple to Grace Community Church's Christmas Concert. Rolando wasn't particularly interested. But when he learned she already had tickets, he assumed she had paid for them and felt obligated to go—not realizing the concert was free!

He didn't expect the evening to leave such a lasting impression.

As the congregation sang together, Rolando remembers being struck by the warmth of hundreds of voices lifted in praise. But it was the children's choir that affected him most. Watching the children sing, he was overcome with emotion. Having lost his own father to gang violence when he was young, Rolando now faced the responsibilities of fatherhood himself. He began thinking about his three children and the kind of legacy he would leave them. He wanted to make sure they would be cared for if something happened to him.



But his thoughts turned to something more important. "I was convicted that God being a Savior is what I needed," he recalls.

That evening marked the beginning of a spiritual journey for Rolando and Lesminda. They continued attending Grace Church, and what began as curiosity grew into a hunger to know God. Through the preaching and teaching of Scripture, they began to understand who God is and, in turn, their own need for repentance. After participating in Commissioned and getting their children involved in the church's children's ministry, both embraced Christ in saving faith. They eventually married through Grace Church.

Their family's story has continued to unfold. Rolando and Lesminda now make a point of inviting unbelieving relatives to



the Christmas Concert each year. Rolando's mother, Anna, has also come to faith in Christ and is now involved in Commissioned and taking Fundamentals of the Faith classes. And this year, their daughter is rehearsing with the children's choir for the very concert that first stirred her father's heart.

Their story is one of many reminders of what God can do through the faithful proclamation of the gospel. For some, a Christmas concert may be the first—and perhaps only—occasion when they are willing to step inside a church. It is an opportunity to hear the good news announced by the angel: "I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10).

That is precisely why Grace Church hosts these concerts. This Christmas, consider who might come if you simply invited them. A coworker, neighbor, friend, or family member may be more willing than you think. Secure tickets and give them an opportunity to hear the message of the Savior who came to save sinners.

Christmas Concerts

Thursday–Sunday
December 17–20

Free Christmas Concert tickets are available on the Patio after morning services today and next Sunday. Beginning November 23, tickets will also be available at the Office Center reception desk, 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.

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gracechurch.org/concert

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 **$8,745**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

> gracechurch.org/fp

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Hope Bible Study

Hope Bible Study is a transitional ministry that labors to encourage those who have been beset by life-dominating sin, such as drugs and alcohol, with the hope of Christ, the changing power of His Word, and the fellowship of His church. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, email hbs@gracechurch.org or call 818-909-5770.

> Mondays, 7 pm, H221–222
> gracechurch.org/hope-bible-study

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

Thanksgiving Communion Service

Join us next Sunday evening for our Thanksgiving Communion Service, a special evening of praise to give thanks to our Lord, featuring the Grace Church Orchestra and Worship Choir. A family room will be available in the Grace Grill (Fireside) for parents with young children.

> Please also note that the campus will be closed for Thanksgiving break, November 25–27.

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, November 21, 9 am, CC130
> Info: Pastor Rick McLean, 818-909-5519

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 on the first and third Tuesday of every month, 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.

ANNUAL BIBLE SALE

All Bibles are up to
50% off retail
throughout November
at Grace Books.



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

Ministry Highlight

Prayer Ministry

Every week, there are opportunities to pray together as a church family. There are prayer meetings on Sunday evenings at 5 pm in H114 and on Monday mornings at 9 am in the Welcome Center. There is also an opportunity to pray with our pastors and leaders each Wednesday morning from 7 to 7:30 am via Zoom.

All are invited to join us as we come together to praise the Lord and submit our requests to Him. You may also subscribe to a weekly email that includes a brief devotional and a prayer focus for the week.

> For more information, email prayer@gracechurch.org or visit gracechurch.org/prayer.

Giving to Winter Camps

You can bless a Juniors or middle school student by supporting their trip to camp this winter.

> To give, visit gracechurch.org/give, scroll down, and select "Juniors Camp Scholarships" or "Middle School Camp Scholarships."

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: 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: *Discernment: Spiritual Survival for a Church in Crisis*
VIDEO: "Giving Thanks for Salvation"

> gty.org

Job Openings

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

Grace Church

Applicants must, upon employment, be members of Grace Church and biblically qualified as deacons or deaconesses.

- **Accounting Manager,** FT
- **Chief Financial Officer,** FT
- **Customer Service Representative,** PT
- **Dishwasher,** PT
- **Nursery Supervisor,** PT
- **Grace Academy Substitute Teacher (Long-Term/Short-Term),** PT
- **Security Patrol,** PT
- **Special Projects Accountant,** FT
- **Web Developer,** FT

> For job descriptions and benefits, visit gracechurch.org/jobs. To request an application, contact hr@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

The Master's Academy International

- **VP of Finance and Accounting,** FT

> For more information, visit tmai.org/jobs or email hr@tmai.org.

The Master's Seminary

- **Director of Marketing,** FT

> For more information, visit masters.edu/jobs or email humanresources@masters.edu.

The Master's University

- **General Maintenance**
- **HVAC Technician**
- **History & Social Studies Teacher, grades 6–12 (Legacy Christian Academy)**

> For the maintenance and HVAC positions, email humanresources@masters.edu. For the teaching position, apply at legacy-christian.com/about-us/employment-opportunities. For more information, visit masters.edu/jobs.

Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

- **Registered Nurse,** FT/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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Grace Church Wi-Fi

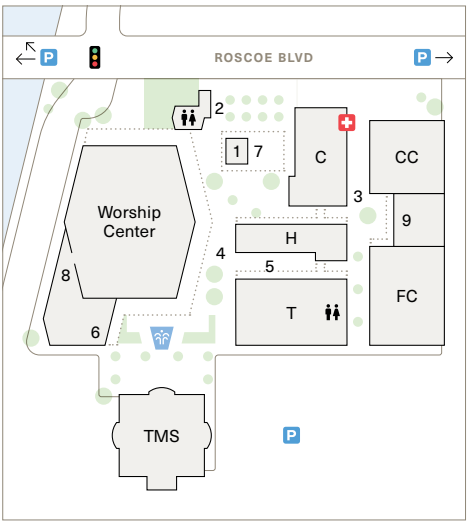
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Proverbs3:5-6

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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