

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Memory Verse: Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Summer Plan: After worship all ages are welcome to remain for a discussion on the sermon topic. We will be split into groups to have a time of fellowship and then rejoined to begin the discussion from 11:15-12 noon.

Children Program: 2:00 p.m.

All groups meet via zoom; info on church website Children link will be sent separately

Mark the date:

Next Sunday:

We will have a special "moving up" presentation and prayer for the new middle-schoolers.

We will also be having a special mission minute with missionary Subhash Matthew from International Students Inc.

Church Reopening Plan: Since the end of April, Brother Chris Lee has been meeting weekly with a team from both Chinese and English congregation members to discuss the matter of planning the reopening of the church building. The team has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation and government regulations carefully to decide what is the most safe and biblical approach for the good of the Grace Church family. For any questions, please see Chris Lee and keep the team in your prayers.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP	9:30 AM
LIFE PREP GROUPS	11:15 AM

WEEKDAY PRAYER TIME

DAILY TUES- FRI	12:00 PM
TUESDAY EVENING	9:00 PM
WEDNESDAY WITH BIBLE STUDY	8:00 PM
SEE WEBSITE FOR THE ZOOM MTG TIMES AND LINKS	

WE WANT TO HELP

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ANY KIND OF ASSISTANCE

CALL OR WRITE PASTOR JOHN or MINISTER KAN

CONTACT INFORMATION

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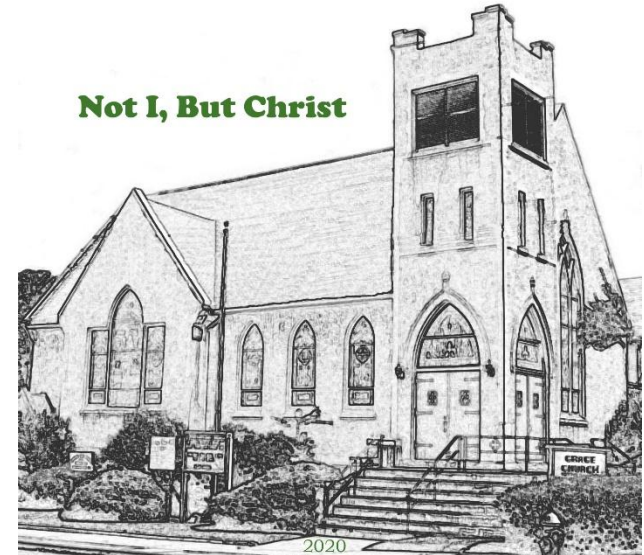
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Grace Church

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Not I, But Christ



And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

OUR PRAYERS

Dear Jesus, You know us. We are your church, made up of believers in you. Some of us are young in faith, some more mature, all trying to make our way in this difficult world, struggling to make sense of it. Some of us are drinking milk fed to us by others, some are eating more solid food, able to seek you in Your Word each day, and sharing the Word with others. You desire for us all to mature in faith. Whatever our stage in our lives as your children, may we today waken to Your voice calling us to repentance of whatever we need to repent from and turn to you. Help us to remember what being Your follower means, so that that which is dead in us will live through Your Holy Spirit's awakening. Awaken us, Holy Spirit! To the glory of God through Jesus Christ, Amen.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions be made for all people, for kings, and for all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 1 Tim 2:1

Our Church:

Please pray for the Board of Deacons: Alexandra Lee, Christopher Lee, Ken Kam, Antony Yanuardy, Pastor John, and Minister Chan. Pray for all the many co-workers in Grace Church. Pray for a youth director in God's timing.

Keep in prayer:

Auntie Ruth; Coty's sister Ammy; Mrs. Shu; Stephen and Helen Chung; Sue Lam's mother; Harumi; Gordon Huie; Mary's son Mario's salvation, her friend Judy (cancer), and for her own health; Grace's son Lukas Kowalski; Minister Silas Shu and the entire Shu family; Peter Mui, Casey & Lily's friends Eugene and Jane Su; Yacer; Don's nephew; James Loy; All those affected by the Covid-19 virus, decisions for the school openings and our church re-opening; our college students; those without work or facing financial challenges. Renewed strength each day in the Lord for all people.

Our Military:

Peter Fenske's son Eric serving in the Air Force

Our Missionaries:

Please pray for the following organizations / missionaries we support: Donna Baptiste Ministries; E.T. (Middle East); P&D Anglican Frontier Mission (Asia); Karla and Daniel Grenz (Underground House of Prayer); Shirley Innis (ISI - FDU); Kenny Chau (ISI - NYU); Jonathan Castellano (Cru - NJ College Ministry) Calvin Chan (InterVarsity NYC Music Colleges)

Call to Worship	Susan Chien
Confession of Sin	
Apostles Creed	
Praise	Liang Kurniady
Children's Message/Prayer of Blessing	
Corporate Prayer	Pastor John Maxham
Special Scripture Presentation	Luke 13: 22-30 Kit Wong
Sermon Scripture	Revelation 3:1-6
Sermon	Pastor John Maxham
The Revelation of Jesus Christ: Message to the Church in Sardis	
Song of Response	
Offering	
Announcements	
Benediction	
Postlude	

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

How great are your works, Lord, how profound your thoughts!
Psalm 92: 1-5 (NIV)

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.