

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Memory Verse:** Ps 126:5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Life Prep Groups:** 11:30 am Adults: Sermon discussion; Youth: New Testament Essentials

**Children Program:** Begins at 2 p.m.

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

### Mark the date:

- Thursday, Dec 24 Candlelight Service  
7:30 pm (Virtual)
- Thursday, Dec 31 New Year's Eve Prayer  
Mtg 8 pm (Virtual)

<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>	
WORSHIP	9:30 AM
LIFE PREP GROUPS	11:15 AM
<u>WEEKDAY PRAYER TIME</u>	
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

OCM Website [www.ocmgracechurch.org](http://www.ocmgracechurch.org)

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### PASTORAL STAFF

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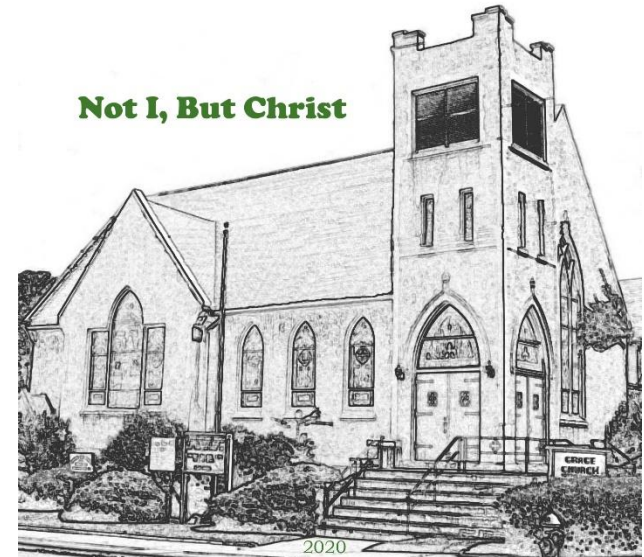
(Please email or call Pastor John for any prayer requests or personal consultation)

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## Oversea Chinese Mission Grace Church

*December 13, 2020*

**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

Merciful God of peace,  
your work, spoken by the prophets,  
restores your people's life and hope.  
Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace,  
that we may hold fast to your great goodness  
and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the  
world. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Pray for all leaders and nations. 1 Tim. 1:21

### 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 Bruno's son Mario's salvation, her daughter-in-law Yvonne (suffered a stroke), and for her own health; Grace's son Lukas Kowalski; Minister Silas Shu; 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.

### 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	Kit Wong
Advent Candle Lighting	Pastor John/Kit/Evan
Confession of Sin	
Apostles Creed	
Praise	Chu and Patsy Ho
Children's Message/Prayer of Blessing	
Corporate Prayer	
Scripture	Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11
Sermon	Pastor John
<b><i>Rejoicing Messengers of God's Good News</i></b>	
Song of Response	
Lord's Supper	Pastor John
Offering	
Announcements	
Benediction	Pastor John
Lord's Prayer	

## CALL TO WORSHIP

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.  
<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!  
<sup>5</sup> Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!  
<sup>6</sup> He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.

*Psalm 126:1-6 ESV*

## 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.