

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We are so glad that you are here to worship the Lord together!

Memory Verse: John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace, In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Life Preparation Groups: 11:30 – 12:30 pm

- **Adults:** Sermon open discussion
- **HS/MS Youth:** Lectionary/Worldview
- **Children Ministry:** Gospel Project lessons

Mark the date:

- 12.12 – HS Youth Fellowship 1:30 pm – Philippian's study led by Nicole
- 12.24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30 pm
- 12.28-29 – Online Chinese Mission Conference 5-10 pm EST
- 12.31 – New Year's Eve Prayer 8 pm

Housing Authority of Bergen County Homeless Clothing Drive: We will continue the collection through Christmas. Please bring new coats, winter undergarments, thermal shirts and socks sizes XL through 3XL and place them in the box in the fellowship hall.

Benevolent Fund: A check for \$200.00 was donated to St. Francis Food Pantry in Ridgefield Park to help local residents in need.

Regulations for parking at 76 Bergen Ave.

- Parking spaces in the driveway are reserved for pastoral staff only.
- On Sunday, the spaces are only to be used by pastoral staff, including guest speakers.

Thank you for your cooperation!

If you have purchased things for Grace Church in 2021, please submit your receipt(s) to your Dept. Chairman for reimbursement as soon as possible.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP	9:30 AM
LIFE PREP GROUPS	11:30 AM
CHILDREN MINISTRY	11:30 AM

WEEKDAY PRAYER TIME

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

Daily Bible Reading:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=B>

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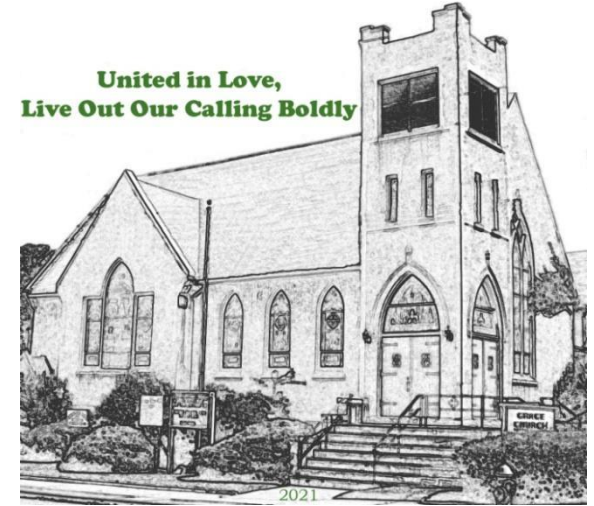
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(Please email or call Pastor John for any prayer requests or personal consultation)

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Oversea Chinese Mission Grace Church

December 12, 2021



John 17:23, Acts 20:24

OUR PRAYERS

Dear Heavenly Father,
On this Third Advent Sunday we rejoice you that you are a God who restores His people through His Son Jesus Christ. When we read that you are in our midst and are mighty to save we can't help but feel hope. Next we read that you rejoice over us in gladness. We should be the ones who rejoice over you. Praise your Name! Then, we read that you quiet us by your love. How secure and filled with peace we are when we hear these words! You just continue to amaze us by saying that you exult over all of us with singing! You just turn things around, and overwhelm us with your love for us! Thank you, sweet Father for this Advent gift! We rejoice over you; we love you; we exult back towards you with singing! Amen.

Pray supplications, prayers, intercession for all people. For leaders in high positions. 1 Tim. 2:1-2

Praise: For the sureness of knowing that God is in our midst. He is our Savior, and He rejoices over us, loves us, and exults over us with singing!

Our church:

- God's timing for a youth director
- New deacon nomination

Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: James Loy; Auntie Ruth and Uncle Lemuel; Coty's mother, and sister Ammy; Albert Lau; Helen Chung; Gordon Huie; Minister Silas Shu, Mrs. Shu; Grace Hine's son; Kit Wong's mom, and for Kaitlyn; Susan Chien's mom; Chris Lee's aunt; PJ's sister Nancy and brother-in-law Peter; Willie's mom; Casey's father; Shu Lam's mother; Stephanie, Sally's sister's daughter-in-law; Brendan's father
- Salvation: Mary Bruno's son Mario and daughter-in-law Yvonne; missionary friend Sarah
- Special protection: Peter Mui.
- Covid-19: Those who are affected health-wise and financially; the distribution of the vaccines.

The world:

- May the Lord help us to bring about justice, champion the oppressed, give the orphan his rights, plead the widow's cause (Isaiah 1:17)
- For the situation in Myanmar we humbly pray.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Call to Worship Sally

Confession of Sin

Apostles Creed

Praise Antony

Advent Candle Lighting and Reading Eric & Christy
The Candle of Joy Isaiah 12:2-6

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Zephaniah 3:14-20 Pat

Sermon Pastor John

"Sing aloud! Shout!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart!"

Song of Response

Intercessory Prayer Marissa

Lord's Supper Pastor John

Offering

Announcements

Benediction Pastor John

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.