

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We are so joyful you are here!

Memory Verse: Isaiah 7:14 – “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

TODAY:

10 am: Children’s Worship – Gospel Project

11:30 am:

- Children’s Sunday School: Bible Heroes Adventure
- Youth – MS/HS meet at Bergen House
- Adults: Sermon Discussion

Mark the Date

- Dec 23 – Candlelight Service 7:30 pm
- Dec 25 – Christmas Sunday Worship 9:30 am
- Dec 31 – New Year’s Eve Prayer Fellowship 7:30 pm
- Jan 1 – New Year’s Sunday Combined Worship 10:00 am

Volunteers Needed:

1. Help with Children Ministry – see Esther
2. New Bridge Care Center – see PJ
3. CEF Good News Club Ridgefield Park – see PJ

Nursery: Although there is no immediate need for Nursery help at this time, we are praying in faith for what we hope for, and assurance about what we do not see (Heb. 11:1). Please see Esther if you would like to be on the team ready to serve.

2023 Executive Board Nominations: The Executive Board of Grace Church is pleased to present Erin Miu and Alfred Lee as Executive Board members beginning in 2023.

Condolences: Sister Lai So Wong Mark (Willie Mark’s mother), who loved the Lord faithfully all her life, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord in Hong Kong last Saturday (December 10, 2022). Please remember Brother Willie and his family in prayer.

<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>	
WORSHIP	9:30 AM
<u>WEEKDAY PRAYER TIME</u>	
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=C>

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PASTORAL STAFF

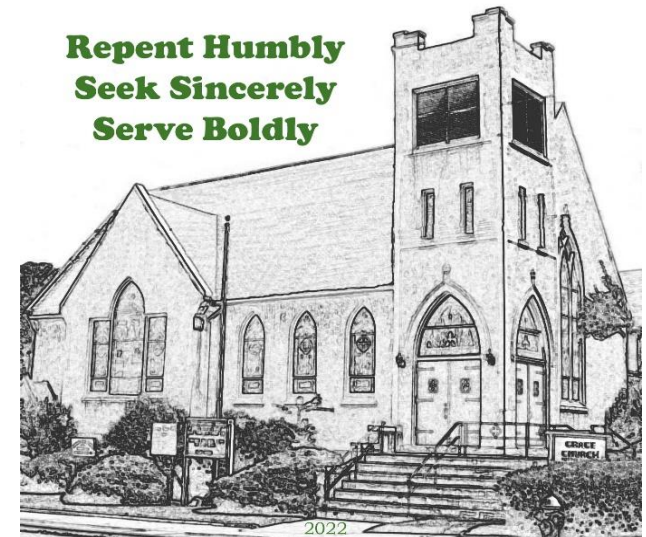
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Oversea Chinese Mission Grace Church

December 18, 2022

**Repent Humbly
Seek Sincerely
Serve Boldly**



2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 3:2, 6:33

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OUR PRAYERS

Dear Heavenly Father,
we worship you today and
thank you with all our hearts
because You are not far off,
but very near to us
through Your Son Jesus Christ.
We know that because you sent Him,
God is with us.
In Jesus' Name. Amen!

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

Our church:

- Youth director
- Fear of God
- Not to shrink back but to hold fast in faith
- Let us not neglect to meet together
- Missionaries with whom we partner

Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: James Loy; Auntie Ruth and Uncle Lemuel; Coty's sister Amy; Gordon Huie; Mrs. Shu; PJ's sister Nancy and brother-in-law Peter; Mary Bruno's daughter Lisa and sister Patricia, Peter Konopka; Albert Wong
- Salvation: Mary Bruno's son Mario and daughter-in-law Yvonne; missionary friend Sarah
- Special protection: Peter Mui.

The world:

- Mercy and Justice for the poor, oppressed, and under-privileged. (Isaiah 1:17)
- For the Ukraine-Russia war; the political situation Burkina Faso; other areas of the world that suffer from unrest and oppression.

Our Nation:

- Fear of Gpd
- Just and righteous government
- Provision for the poor and needy
- Spiritual revival and turning to Christ

Schools/Students:

- For Ridgefield Park Board of Ed to allow CEF Good News Club to meet at Roosevelt School
- For safety and blessing of Christ's love on all students, teachers and administrations

Call to Worship		Susan
Advent Candle Lighting		Pastor John
Confession of Sin		
Apostles Creed		
Praise		Chu/Patsy
Memory Verse		
Children's Message		Pastor John
Prayer for Illumination		
Scripture	Isaiah 7:10-16	Betty
Sermon:		Pastor John
	"He will come as a baby"	
Song of Response		
Intercessory Prayer		Marissa
Offering		
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		Pastor John

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:1-4

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known
your faithfulness to all generations.

²For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish
your faithfulness."

³You have said, "I have made a covenant with
my chosen one;

I have sworn to David my servant:

⁴"I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations."

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.

Confession of Sin:

Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against
You in thought, word, and deed
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with
our whole heart and mind and strength
We have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves

In Your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways
to the glory of Your holy name

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be Your name

Your kingdom comes
Your will be done
On earth as in heav'n

Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us

Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are Yours

Now and forever

Amen!