## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We are filled with joy that you are here to worship with us.

**Memory Verse**: **Psalm 32:8** – I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

## TODAY:

10:00 am: Children's Worship – Gospel Project 11:30 am:

- Children's Sunday School Bible Heroes Adventure
- Youth HS/MS Topic: "Would you rather" (Bergen House)
- Adults Discussion on the Ten Commandments

### Mark the Date:

- 3.04 Women of Grace 10 am
- 3.19 Bergen NB Med Center volunteering
- 4.1 Church Cleaning Day (time TBD)
- 4.2 Palm Sunday
- 4.6 Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:30 pm
- 4.7 Good Friday Worship Service 7:30 pm
- 4.9
  - Easter Sonrise/Worship Services 8:30 am/10 am
  - Baptism Service following Easter Worship
  - Children Ministry Easter Celebration 1:30 3 pm

## Grace Festival Choir:

Call for EM brothers and sisters to join Grace Festival Choir for Good Friday and Easter. Four rehearsals are required. Please see Li-Chan for details.

### Baptism:

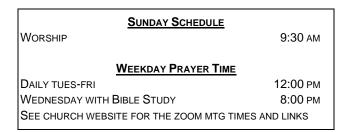
Baptism Service on Easter Sunday, April 9. Baptism classes have begun. See Pastor John to join.

## Earthquake Relief Offering:

In view of the terrible destruction to lives in Turkey and Syria, the executive board has decided to take action to provide our congregation members the opportunity to donate to CAMA (Compassion and Mercy Associates -Missionary Alliance) to help those in need. For the next three Sundays, Feb. 19, 26, and March 5 please make donations through Zelle or check. Checks should be made out to **OCM Grace Church** with <u>Turkey Syria</u> <u>Earthquake Relief Donation 2023</u> in the memo. Please note; any donations received after March 5 will be deposited into the General Fund. The donations will be included in the year-end contribution receipts. Any questions can be addressed to the board.

### Volunteers Needed:

- Help with Children Ministry see Esther
- CEF Good News Club Ridgefield Park see PJ
- Bergen Cty Homeless Food Delivery see PJ for info
- 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.



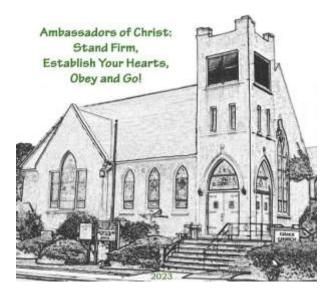
Daily Bible Reading: https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=C

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

OCM Website Please find us on Facebook: www.ocmgrace.org OCM Grace Church

## Oversea Chinese Mission Grace Church

# February 26, 2023



2 Corinthians 5:20a; 1 Corinthians 15:58; James 5:8

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor John Maxham (English Ministry) 908-510-8478 johnsmaxham@gmail.com (Please email or call Pastor John for any prayer requests or personal consultation)

### **OUR PRAYERS**

God of mercy, your word was the sure defense of Jesus in his time of testing. Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation, that we who have been set free from sin by Christ may serve you well into life everlasting. *Amen.* 

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

#### Our church:

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

#### Personal needs:

- <u>Health and recovery</u>: James Loy; 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, Toby Lai, Albert Lau
- <u>Salvation</u>: Mary Bruno's son Mario and daughterin-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.
- God's mercy on Syria and Turkey, devastated by the loss of life and suffering from earthquakes.

#### Our Nation:

- Just and righteous government
- Provision for the poor and needy
- Spiritual revival and turning to Christ
- An increase in care for the mentally ill
- An end to violence in our nation

#### 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		Kit	
Confession of Sin			
Apostles Creed			
Praise		Antony/Youth	
Youth Winter Conference Testimony			
Prayer for Illumination			
Scripture	Matthew 4:1-11	Pat	
Sermon:		Rev Bob Engel	
Fit to Represent: Six Marks of an Ambassador of Christ and His Kingdom			

Marissa

Pastor John

Kit

Song of Response

Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

**Closing Prayer** 

Offering

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32:11

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

#### 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 come 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

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Now and forever

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