

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ! We are so excited about the fresh, new start God is giving us through His Spirit today! If you are visiting, please let us know your name and fill out a visitor's form. We will be so blessed to know you and welcome you to the Grace Church family!

Memory Verse – Ephesians 4:32 – Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Today:

- **Children's Ministry:** 10:00/11:30am
Lesson today: "Paul: From Bad to Worse"
- **Life Prep Classes:** 11:30am
Adults/Youth will meet combined today for a special presentation

Mark the Date:

- 9.17 New Bridge Med. Ctr Volunteering
- 9.20 Homeless Shelter Volunteering
- 9.24 Baptism classes begin - please see Pastor John for information
- 9.30 Mid-Autumn Festival Evangelical Outreach (Mandarin only)
- 10.7 Ridgefield Park Street Fair (9-5pm)
- 10.14 Harvest Trip (TBD)
- 10.15 Mission Sunday
- 10.21 Women of Grace (10am)

2024 Deacon Board Nominations: The board of deacons is beginning the process for nominating deacons for the coming year. Please prayerfully consider members of our church who will fit the Biblical requirements for deacons. The term for deacons is four years. Suggestions for candidates can be made to Pastor John, Minister Chan, or Board members (Ken Kam, Antony Yanuardy, Erin Miu, Alfred Lee) for consideration until 10/1. Thank you for your prayers in this important time in our church.

Volunteers Needed:

- Help with Children Ministry – see Esther
- Bergen Cty Homeless Lunch Serving – Sign up on the announcement bulletin board.
- 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.

Reminder to co-workers: please remember to submit payment requests with receipts in a timely manner to the treasury. Thank you!

Offering: Please make your offering via Zelle: ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com or by check made payable to OCM Grace Church – send to church address, Attn: Treasury (specify for missions or general fund in memo)

<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=A>
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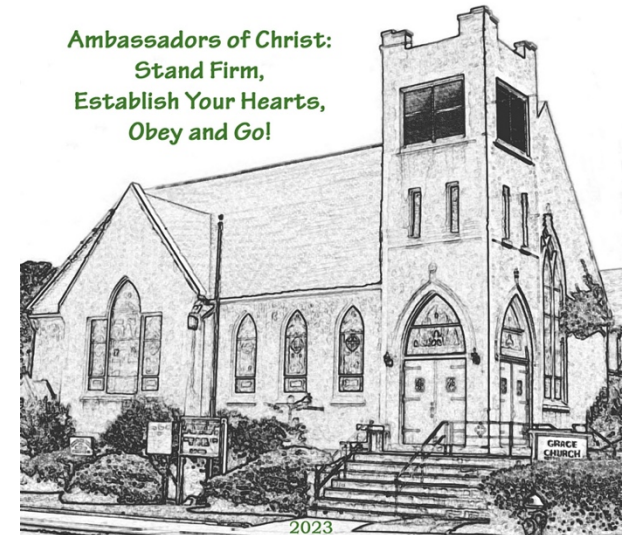
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OCM Grace Church

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Ambassadors of Christ:
Stand Firm,
Establish Your Hearts,
Obey and Go!



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

90 Mt Vernon Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660

OUR PRAYERS

Father, forgive us for not forgiving others as you have forgiven us. Help us to be disciplined in practicing forgiveness as your church. In Jesus' Name, *Amen*.

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

Our church:

- Upcoming deacon nominations

Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: Harumi; Brother Fat Goh; James Loy; Uncle Lemuel; Coty's sister Amy; Gordon Huie; Mrs. Shu; PJ's sister Nancy; Mary Bruno's daughter Lisa and sister Patricia, Peter Konopka; Albert Wong, Toby Lai, Albert Lau; Mongyi Loy; Maria Ho
- 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.
- The Lord's mercy on the people of Libya, Morocco, Asia suffering from flooding, earthquake and hurricanes.
- Pray for persecuted Christians everywhere

Our Nation:

- Just and righteous government
- Provision for the poor and needy
- Spiritual revival and turning to Christ
- An end to violence
- For God's mercy on the people of Maui

Schools/Student:

- For renewal of the Good News Club in Fall/Spring
- College students beginning/returning to school
- All students remain strong in the Lord

Call to Worship		Alfred
Confession of Sin		
Apostles Creed		
Praise		Darren & Maris
Children's Message		
Prayer for Illumination		
Scripture	Matthew 18:21-35	Pat
Sermon:		Pastor John
Three disciplines of a healthy church: 1. Forgiveness		
Song of Response		
Intercessory Prayer		Pastor John
Offering		Alfred
Announcements		Alfred
Benediction		Pastor John

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:8, 9-13

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear
him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear
him.

SERMON NOTES