

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ! Let us worship the Lord with gladness! 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 to the Grace Church family!

**Memory Verse – Isaiah 40:1** “Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.”

### TODAY:

- **Children’s Ministry:** 10:00/11:30am  
Lesson today: “Claus, the Clownfish – David in Saul’s Service”
- **Life Prep Classes:** 11:30am  
**Youth (MS/HS):** “Celebrity Status 2”  
**Adults:** Advent Promises Fulfilled

### Mark the Date:

- 12.16 - Advent Sing-along Concert
- 12.17 - New Bridge Volunteering
- 12.20 - Homeless Lunch
- 12.22 - Youth Fellowship – Christmas Celebration
- 12.24 - Christmas Eve Worship Service, 11am
- 12.31 - New Year’s Eve Prayer Service

### 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.

**Offering:** Please make your offering via Zelle: [ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com](mailto: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)

**Attendance:** 28 (12/3/2023)

<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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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PASTORAL STAFF

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

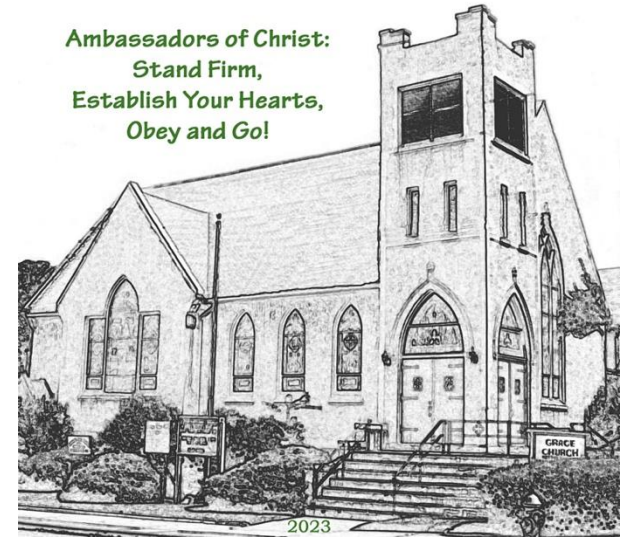
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## OCM Grace Church

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**December 10, 2023**

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



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

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## OUR PRAYERS

Loving Father in Heaven,  
Help us to say these words from Your word:  
I will listen to what God the Lord says;  
he promises peace to his people,  
his faithful servants – but let them not turn to folly.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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

### Our church:

- Chinese Congregation Pastoral Search

### Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: Harumi; Coty's sister Amy; Gordon Huie; Mrs. Shu; PJ's sister Nancy; Peter Konopka; Albert Wong, Toby Lai, Albert Lau, Mongyi Loy; Maria Ho; Lillian Yee; Celine Murakami; Esther's mother and sister
- 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.
- Pray for persecuted Christians everywhere
- Pray for mercy and peace in the Middle East

### Our Nation:

- Just and righteous government
- Provision for the poor and needy
- Spiritual revival and turning to Christ
- An end to violence

Call to Worship Alex

Confession of Sin

Apostles Creed

Praise Antony & family

Advent Candle Lighting: Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7) Paul

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Beverly

Sermon: Pastor John

### The Lord speaks peace to all his people

Song of Response

Holy Communion

Intercessory Prayer Yacer

Offering Alex

Announcements Alex

Benediction Pastor John

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that her warfare<sup>[a]</sup> is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries:<sup>[b]</sup>

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

## SERMON NOTES