

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 – Philippians “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”

TODAY:

- **Children's Ministry:** 10:00/11:30am
Lesson today: “Stella, the Starfish – David and Goliath”
- **Life Prep Classes:** 11:30am
Youth (MS/HS): “Celebrity Status 3”
Adults: Advent Promises Fulfilled

Mark the Date:

- 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 or by check made payable to OCM Grace Church – send to church address, Attn: Treasury (specify for missions or general fund in memo)

A kind reminder from the Treasury Department: All departments and individuals who made purchases for Grace Church, please submit your 2023 expense receipts and vouchers (with approved signatures) to the treasury department by December 30, 2023 for yearend closing.

Please let the Treasury know if anyone has an address, email or phone change, so we can update the church directory, and send out 2023 Contribution Receipts.

Attendance: (12/10/2023)

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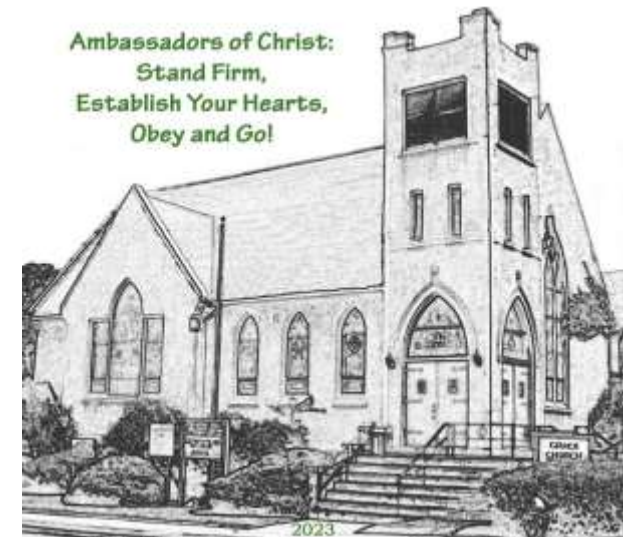
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(Please email or call Pastor John for any prayer requests or personal consultation)

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December 17, 2023



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

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OUR PRAYERS

Merciful God of peace,
your work, spoken by the prophets,
restores your people's life and hope.
Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace,
that we may hold fast to your great goodness
and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the world.
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 Kit

Confession of Sin

Apostles Creed

Praise Antony / Youth

Advent Candle Lighting: Joy (Isaiah 61:10-11) Sebastian

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Luke 1:46b-55 Pat

Sermon: Pastor John

My Spirit Rejoices in God, My Savior!

Song of Response

Intercessory Prayer Pastor John

Offering Kit

Announcements Kit

Benediction Pastor John

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:1-5

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SERMON NOTES