

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 – Ecclesiastes 3:11 “He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.”

TODAY:

- **Children's Ministry:** 10:00/11:30am

Lesson today: “Tripp the Trapezia Crab – David and Jonathan”

There are no Adult/Youth Life Prep Classes today. Classes will resume next Sunday.

Mark the Date:

- 12.31 - New Year's Eve Prayer Service 7:30 pm
- 1.5 - Youth Fellowship 8 pm
- 1.6 - Women of Grace
- 1.7 - Rev Bob Engel preaches
- 1.19 - Youth Fellowship 8 pm

Condolences: The mother of John Shih, Mary P. Shih, went home to be with the Lord last Saturday. Please keep John and his family in prayer during their time of loss. The funeral will be on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024 at Wah Wing Sang Funeral Home (26 Mulberry St NYC 10013). Viewing 9 am; service 10 am

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)

Offering Summary		General Fund	Mission Fund
Target % of Budget Received (YTD)	358/365 days	98%	98%
Actual % of Budget Received (YTD)	Thru 12/25/2023	78%	90%

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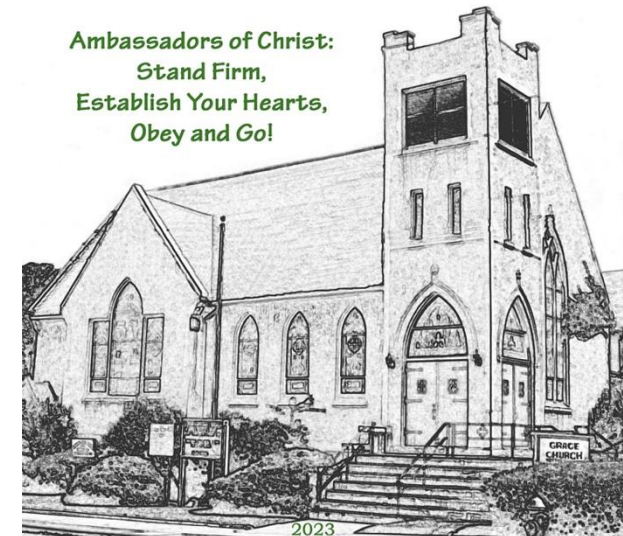
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2 Corinthians 5:20a; 1 Corinthians 15:58; James 5:8

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OUR PRAYERS

Dear Lord,
as we come to the end of this year
and enter by your grace into a new year,
we give you praise.

We also pray for Your wisdom to guide us
and help us to live according to Your will.

You have made everything beautiful in its time
and put eternity in our hearts.

Help us to have the wisdom to appreciate all that
You are and have given to us,
living every moment for Your glory.
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 Susan

Confession of Sin

Apostles Creed

Praise Pastor John

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Pat

Sermon: Pastor John

A Time For God's Wisdom

Song of Response

Intercessory Prayer Yacer

Offering Susan

Announcements Susan

Benediction Pastor John

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm:148-11-14

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;

his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the LORD!

SERMON NOTES