

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 – John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

TODAY:

- **Children's Ministry:** 10:00/11:30am
Lesson today: “7 Days of Creation - The Beginning”
- **Life Prep Classes:** 11:30am
Youth (MS/HS): “Triggered 1”
Adults: The Beatitudes

Mark the Date:

- 1.19 - Youth Fellowship 7 pm
- 1.21 - New Bridge Volunteering
- 1.24 - Homeless Lunch Serving
- 1.28 - Chinese New Year Luncheon

Executive Board: We are grateful to God for Ken Kam and Antony Yanuary and their faithful service over the last four years. Please pray for the Lord to call additional board members in His timing.

Tithes and Offerings: Below is the church budget for this year. Please prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for the Lord's work. Let's remember what is written in God's Word. 2 Corinthians 9:7 *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2024 Church Budget: Please contact Treasury Team

2024 Mission Fund Budget: Please contact Treasury Team

Church theme: We have joyfully decided to continue another year with the same theme as last year but have added an important sub-theme: “Proclaiming to the next generation.” (Psalm 145:4) Please pray for the Lord's blessing so that we live out this theme in both word and action.

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)	365/365 days	100%	100%
Actual % of Budget Received (YTD)	Thru 12/31/2023	80%	91%

Attendance for 12/31: 32

<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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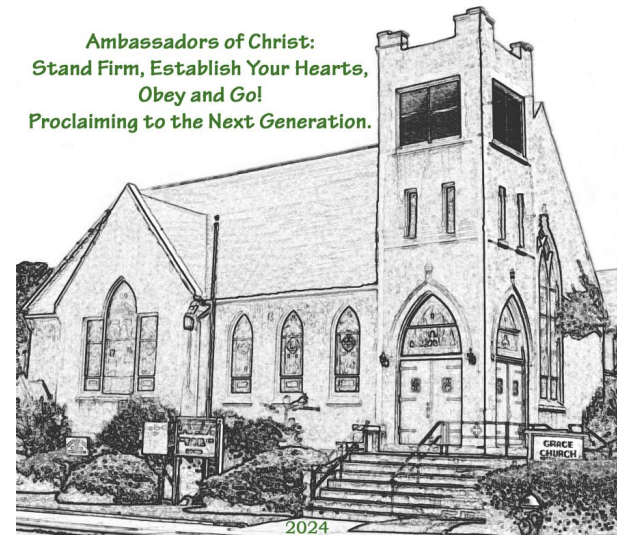
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2 Corinthians 5:20a; 1 Corinthians 15:58;
James 5:8; Psalm 145:4

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OUR PRAYERS

Dear Father in Heaven,
You sent Your beloved Son Jesus into the world to save sinners. As written in Your Word, when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us. Not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit, poured out through Jesus Christ our Savior. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

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

Our church:

- Chinese Congregation Pastoral Search
- Deacon nomination

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, Lillian Yee; Celine Murakami; James Loy; Candi; Marissa.
- 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 Pastor John & Li-Chan

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Mark 1:4-11 Betty

Sermon: Rev Bob Engel

An Epiphany: The Only Hope for Humanity in 2024

Song of Response

Intercessory Prayer Pastor John

Offering Alex

Announcements Alex

Benediction Rev Bob Engel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29:1-2

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

SERMON NOTES