ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome everyone to OCM Grace Church! We are happy that you are here to worship the Lord together! May the Lord bless you richly with His steadfast love and joy!

Memory Verse – John 10:11

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

TODAY:

- <u>Children's Ministry:</u> 10:00/11:30 am
 The Colors of Christmas Program (Kids Party)
- Life Prep Classes:

Youth and Adult Life Prep groups will not meet today and next week (12.29). They will resume January 5.

Mark the Date:

- 12.24 Christmas Candlelight Worship Service
 7:30 pm
- 12.29 Rev Donna Baptiste preaches
- 12.31 New Year's Eve Prayer Gathering 7:30 pm
- 1.04 Women of Grace Fellowship
- 1.22 Homeless Shelter Volunteering (see sign up list on bulletin board to participate in 2025)

Pastor John will be on sabbatical 1/1 - 2/28. Your prayers are much appreciated.

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)

Attendance for 12/15: 41

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

PRAYER 9:00 AM

WORSHIP 9:30 AM

WEEKDAY PRAYER TIME

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=B

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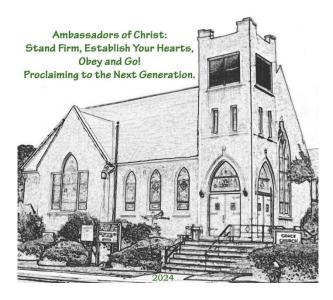
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2 Corinthians 5:20a; 1 Corinthians 15:58; James 5:8; Psalm 145:4

OUR PRAYERS

Dear Jesus, We thank you that you are the good shepherd who came into the world to lay down your life for us as your sheep. We pray that we will always remember your great love for us, and we pray that we will love you with the same love.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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

Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: Harumi; Coty's sister
 Amy; Gordon Huie; Mrs. Shu; PJ's sister
 Nancy; Peter Konopka; James Loy; Candi;
 Kaling's mother; Celine's father; Willie's wife
 Lyndell; Chris Lee's mother and father
- Special protection: Peter Mui

Missions:

Pray for our missionaries.

The world:

- Mercy and Justice for the poor, oppressed, and under-privileged. (Isaiah 1:17)
- Pray for justice and mercy for the people of Burkina Faso, Sudan, Haiti
- 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
- Pray for mercy/provision for victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton
- Leadership in government that is God-fearing

Call to Worship /

Advent Candle Lighting

Susan

Confession of Sin

Apostles Creed

Praise Antony / Youth

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Micah 5:2-5a Chris

Sermon: Pastor John

Advent Week 4: The Coming of the Lord, Our Shepherd

Song of Response – Hymn #103

Intercessory Prayer Marissa

Offering Susan

Announcements Susan

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jubilate Deo Grace Festival Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 John 4:9-10

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

SERMON NOTES