

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 – Hebrews 2:1

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

TODAY:

- **Children's Ministry:** 10:00/11:30 am
Lesson today: The Resurrection
- **Life Prep Classes:**
Youth (MS/HS): "Crisis Management 1"
Adults: Life from the Upside, Seeing God at Work in the World

Mark the Date:

- 1.11 - Youth Fellowship
- 1.19 - Chinese New Year celebration
Lunch will be served. Please bring fruit or drinks to share.
- 1.22 - Homeless Shelter Volunteering
See sign up list on bulletin board to participate
- 1.25 - Youth Fellowship
- 2.15 - Youth Winter Conference 2025

Church Theme 2025: Let your light shine!

Scripture: *Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven*

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.

2025 Church Budget: Please contact Treasury

2025 Mission Fund Budget: Please contact Treasury

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)	366/366 days	100%	100%
Actual % of Budget Received (YTD)	Thru 12/31/2024	87%	124%

Attendance for 12/29: 29

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

<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>	
PRAYER	9:00 AM
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=B>

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January 5, 2025



Matthew 5:16

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OUR PRAYERS

Dear Lord, our God, may You fill us with exceedingly great joy when we gaze our eyes upon Jesus, our righteous Savior and Upholder.
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; 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

Our community:

- For an elderly couple in Ridgefield Pk who lost their home to fire on Christmas Day.
- Safety for Ridgefield Pk Emergency Responders

Call to Worship		Alex
Confession of Sin		
Apostles Creed		
Praise		Darren & Maris
Children's Message		Marissa
Prayer for Illumination		
Scripture	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:1	Betty
Sermon		Rev Bob Engel
The Revealing of the Upholder		
Song of Response		
Intercessory Prayer		Candi
Offering		Alex
Announcements		Alex
Benediction		Rev Bob Engel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 2:9-10

⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

SERMON NOTES