

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 for the Week – Esther 4:14

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Summer schedule: During July and August, our worship begins at 10 am and is held in the fellowship hall. Life Prep Groups are on break and restarting on September 6. Children's Ministry continues during worship throughout the summer. Pre-worship prayer meets at 9:30am in the church office.

Today:

• Children's Ministry:

Lesson today: When I Grow Up – Movie Maker

Weekdays:

• Bible Study and Prayer via Zoom on **Wednesdays** at 8 pm.

Current study is in 1 & 2 Thessalonians

• Noontime Prayer: **Tuesday through Friday** via Zoom.

Besides general intercessions, daily prayer focuses are:

Missions (Tues.), Church Ministries (Wed.), Children and Youth (Thurs.),

Unsaved Family and Friends/Listening Prayer (Fri.). All are encouraged to join.

Fellowship groups:

• **Men of Grace: Monday evening** via Zoom. Please talk to Don for information.

• **Women of Grace:** Monthly Zoom fellowship meetings are currently on summer break. Please talk to Candi for more information.

Mark the Date:

09.04 - 07 – Main Church Summer Conference (youth attending)

09.06 – September Birthday Lunch

09.06 – Fall schedule starts: Worship 9:30 am; Life Prep 11:30 am

09.12 – Family & Youth Fellowship - Trivia Night 4 pm

09.20 – New Bridge Volunteering (youth)

09.30 – Homeless Shelter Lunch Volunteering

Volunteering Opportunities:

Bergen New Bridge Medical Center; Homeless Shelter - see PJ

Pastoral Search Committee:

Alfred, Alex, Candi, Maris, Marissa, Sebastian, Susan, and Yacer.

Offering:

Two ways of giving: Zelle via church account, ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com; mail checks payable to OCM Grace Church to 90 Mt. Vernon St, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660, Attn: Treasury (specify for missions or general fund in memo)

Attendance for 8/23: 42

OCM Grace Church

August 30, 2026

Keep Your Lamps Burning!



"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. Luke 12:35-37"

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Call to Worship

Alfred

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for his own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Confession of Sins

Apostles Creed

Praise

Antony

Blessing for the Children

Pastor John

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Esther 4:10-17

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Sermon

Pastor John

People of God Who Stood in the Gap #3: Esther

Song of Response

Intercessory Prayer

Candi

Offering

Alfred

Announcements

Alfred

Benediction

Pastor John

Silent Prayer

OUR PRAYERS

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

Dear Lord, As I share the joy of love, may it shine brightly, illuminating dark places and warming cold hearts, causing a ripple effect of kindness, compassion, and unity in my community and beyond. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Praise:

- "Praise the Lord that the Board of Ed of Ridgefield Park approved the CEF Good News Club to meet again this year at Roosevelt Elementary School!
- Praise the Lord for the Bible and prayer table Marissa and Don set up outside the church on Wednesday! And for the passers-by (especially young people) who stopped by to talk and took books home with them.

Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: Celine's father; Coty's sister Amy; PJ's sister Nancy; Peter Konopka; James Loy; Willie's wife Lyndell; Kwong and Kwong's mother; Albert; Marco's dad (Brother Kin Fat Chen)
- Peace and strength: Yacer
- Special protection: Peter Mui; Mary Bruno

Our Church:

- The theme this year, *Keep Your Lamps Burning*, will take root in our lives through the Holy Spirit.
- The growth of children and youth ministries.
- The young adults group will form a strong bond and encourage one another to walk closely with Jesus while navigating new stages of their lives.
- Need deacons for the next term, beginning in Jan. 2027.
- Search for the new Pastor.

Our Nation:

- For all levels of government and all public servants to humbly seek God's wisdom and lead in His love and righteousness.
- For God's Spirit to bring reason, calm, justice, and peace to the nation.
- For Spiritual revival and turning to Christ

Our World:

- For peace; for the suffering in all war-affected areas.
- For all who suffered under extreme weather and natural disasters.
- For Japan, Venezuela, Colombia and all those impacted by the earthquakes.
- Please pray for Nepal flood victims, and the ongoing flood rescue mission

Missions:

- For the Gospel of God's love and salvation to reach every nation.
- For missionaries we support: Donna Baptiste, Calvin Chan; Kenny/Cindy Chau; Daniel/Karla Grenz; Paul and Dorothy Lacy; Gordon Law; Linda Schramm; Jerry Schmoyer; Esther T.