

## 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 – Matthew 2:10

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

### TODAY:

- **Children's Ministry:**  
Lesson today: Elijah and the Widow
- **Life Prep Classes:**  
**Youth (MS/HS):** A Christmas Story 4  
**Adult:** Grace In A Tree Stump, by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

### Mark the Date:

12.20 -Youth Fellowship  
12.21 -New Bridge Volunteering  
12.24 -Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30 pm  
12.31 -New Year's Eve Prayer Mtg 7:30 pm

**Offering:** Please make your offering via Zelle: [ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com](mailto: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 12/7:** 42

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

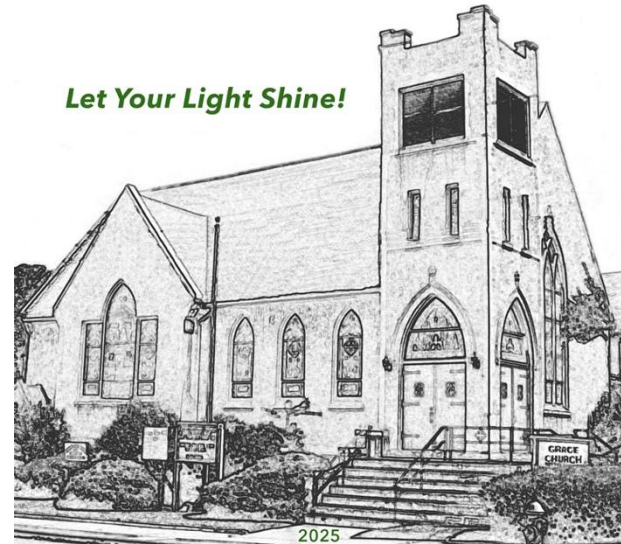
PRAYER 9:00 AM  
WORSHIP 9:30 AM

#### 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

## OCM Grace Church

December 14, 2025



*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. Matthew 5:16*

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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(Please email or call Pastor John for any prayer requests or personal consultation)

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Erin Miu (Christian Education, Building/Service; Treasury)  
Alfred Lee (Fellowship; Mission; Secretary)

Advent Candle Lighting

Betty

Call to Worship

Susan

**Isaiah 35:1-2, 10**

<sup>35</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

<sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Confession of Sins

Apostles Creed

Praise

Sebastian

Blessing for the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor John

Scripture

Luke 1:46-55

Alex

Sermon

Pastor John

**Mary's Song of Joy**

Song of Response

Holy Communion

Intercessory Prayer

Pastor John

Offering

Susan

Announcements

Susan

Benediction

Pastor John

Silent Prayer

**OUR PRAYERS**

Dear Heavenly Father, Our hearts are filled with joy as we celebrate the advent of Your Son, Jesus, who came to save us. We rejoice in our Savior's birth and in His coming again. In His Name, Amen.

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

**Our Church:**

- Deacon Nominations: Please pray for the Lord to call new deacons to serve.

**Praise:**

- We praise God for His faithfulness and steadfast love displayed in Jesus' miraculous birth.

**Personal needs:**

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

**Missions:**

- Pray for our missionaries: Donna Baptiste, Calvin Chan; Kenny/Cindy Chau; Daniel/Karla Grenz; Paul and Dorothy Lacy; Gordon Law; Linda Schramm; Jerry Schmoyer; Esther T.

**Our World:**

- Mercy and Justice for the poor, oppressed, and those under war-induced sufferings, in particular Burkina Faso, Sudan, Haiti, Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel and Iran
- Pray for those who perished, are affected by, and are suffering from the fire in Hong Kong
- Pray for persecuted Christians everywhere
- For Sri-Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand suffering from cyclone Ditwah

**Our Nation:**

- Just and righteous government and God-fearing leadership
- Provision for the poor and needy
- Spiritual revival and turning to Christ
- An end to violence
- Pray for mercy/provision for victims of natural disasters