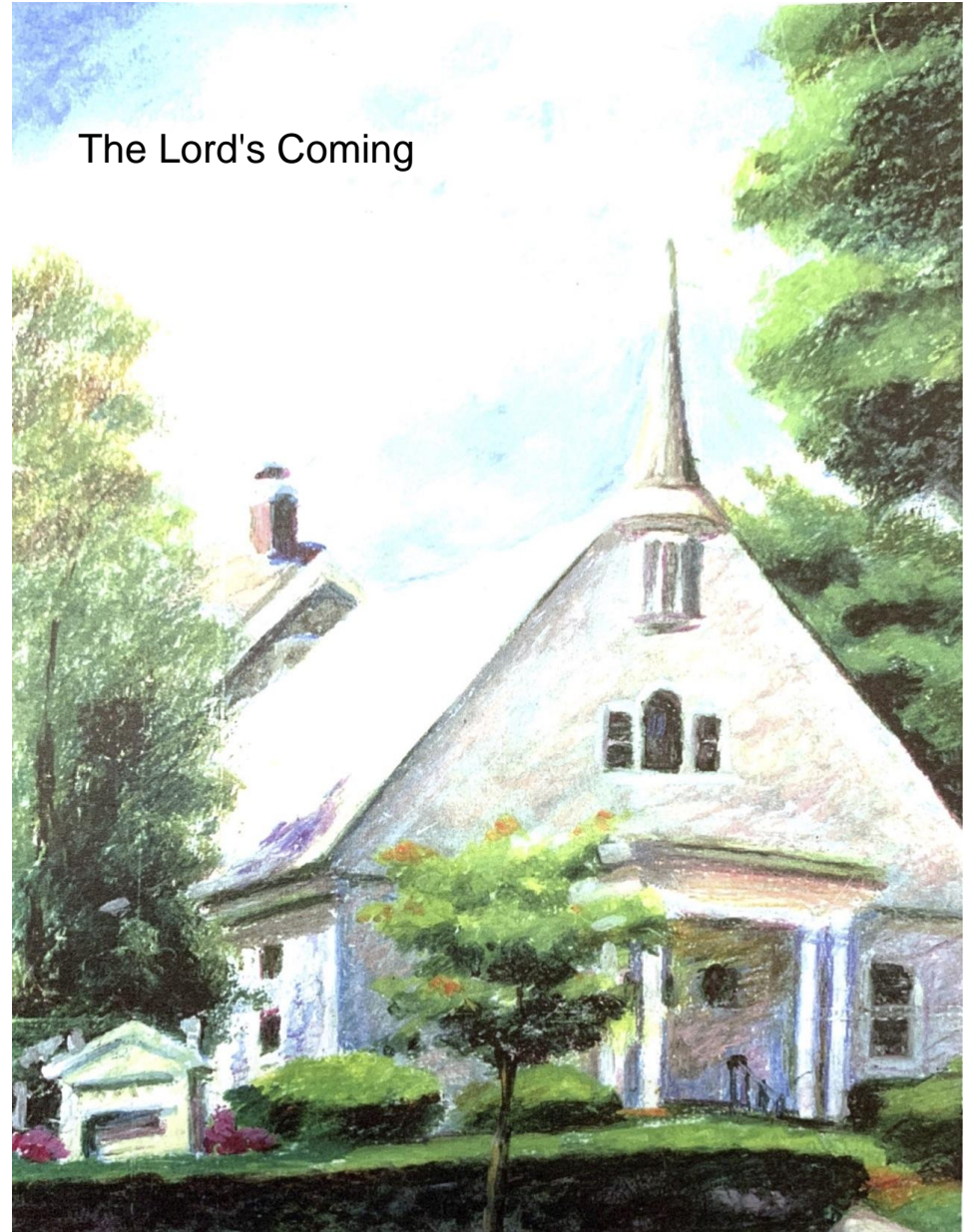


## Prayer Items

1. Please continue to pray for people in our country and throughout the world who are anxious and suffering because of political and financial instability.
2. Praise God that Pastor Lee, Joyce Shimu and the Middle East STM team are safely back home! Please pray for their renewal and adjustment as they transition into their busy lives back home, and also for the many people in Lebanon to whom they ministered!
3. Our church's 2025 annual theme is "The Lord's Coming" (Titus 2:13). Please pray that God will renew our hope in Christ alone!
4. Please pray for those among us who are struggling with illness & physical challenges, including those whose allergies this time of year make each day challenging.
5. Pray for our young people studying in college. Pray for good rest and refreshment during their holiday break. And as they prepare to return to school, please pray for God's peace, joy, encouragement, and strength to be upon them. Pray for a joyful transition into school life, and also that God would draw these young people into an even closer walk with Jesus.
6. Please pray that brothers and sisters will invite new friends to church to attend Sunday worship and bring others to hear the gospel so that they might come to know the truth, and experience rebirth and salvation. Please pray for the salvation of new friends!
7. Pray for God's mercy regarding conflict and violence throughout the world--including, of course, the conflict between Israel, Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran, for families in anguish, for political leaders, and for peace.
8. Please pray for the church's fellowships. Some groups, such as the Sisters' Fellowship and Rock Fellowship, have daily Bible reading. Through reading the Bible together, may brothers and sisters be led to draw closer to God and become more involved in caring ministries. Also, pray for the evangelism efforts of the groups, asking God to bring new friends to each group. During this joyful season, may we invite more people to join in fellowship activities.
9. Please continue to pray for our search for an Associate Pastor (who will focus largely on the Youth ministry). Pray especially for the Pastoral Search Committee and its work, as they "reboot" the search process.
10. Praise the Lord that there are many new young people attending our Youth Group. Please pray that our Youth Group members will continue to be drawn into a closer and closer knowledge of God, and a deeper walk with Jesus.
11. Please pray that brothers and sisters will have the desire to study God's words, and that they will not only have regular devotional time, but also intimate time with God. Pray also that the Lord would equip and encourage them, so that they might use their gifts to serve God, to benefit others and to glorify our King!
12. Please pray for each fellowship group so that new people can join. Pray also for the group leaders of the fellowship, asking God to give them wisdom and strength to lead these groups and make them a source of love, fellowship and spreading the gospel. The fellowship also invites many gospel friends to participate through evangelistic meetings.
13. Please pray for all the various missionaries and missions endeavors we support, including the UConn outreach, Pastor Rebecca Mao and COCM in England/Europe, and Pastor Ed Stuart and his work with SALT (Support and Leadership Training). Please pray especially for Pastor Achara -- not only for her

ministry with the Pakping Church and Christian School in Khaolak, Thailand -- but also for her health.

## The Lord's Coming



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English Worship

11:30 AM

# Chinese Alliance Church of Westchester

## English Worship Service

May 18th, 2025, 11:30 a.m

Psalm 47:5-9

<sup>5</sup> God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.<sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.<sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.<sup>9</sup> The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

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### ➤ GATHERING TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

- ❖ Call to Worship (Psalm 47:5-9)
- ❖ Praise and Worship in Song
- ❖ Pastoral Prayer
- ❖ Greeting One Another

### ➤ HEARING AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD

- ❖ Message - **Blessed Exiles** (Pastor Alan)
- ❖ Scripture Reading (1 Peter 1:1-2)

### ➤ RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

- ❖ Song of Response
- ❖ Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

### ➤ BEING SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE

- ❖ Community Life
- ❖ Benediction

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### Theme verse for May, 2025

Colossians 3:1-2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

## Announcements

1. We are so glad that you have joined us for today's worship. God's blessing on you and your family!
2. Save the date! On Saturday, May 31st, our church will host a booth at this year's Asian American Heritage Festival. The event will be held on Saturday, May 31 at Kensico Dam Plaza in White Plains. Feel free to stop by and help us be present to the community! To volunteer, please contact Sister Jingjing.
3. Our annual church picnic will be on Saturday 6/14 at the Holmes Retreat Center. Please plan on coming to enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship! In addition to everything else, we will gather for a special time of sharing by the Middle East Missions team. It should be a great day!
4. Today's Adult Sunday School, 5/18, Brother Xu Jun will be speaking about African missions, starting at 11:30AM. The topic is "Crown of Righteousness". All are welcome!
5. 2025 New York Summer Conference (NYSC) will be held on the university campus in the form of an onsite gathering. Location: University of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown, New Jersey. Time: 7/3 evening ~ 7/6 noon. Please register online as early as possible and arrange your own accommodation. ([www.nysummerconference.org](http://www.nysummerconference.org))
6. The Chinese Gospel Seekers Class will meet at church in the Parsonage building at 11:30AM, which includes gospel lessons through 10 topics such as "Is there a God?", "Is Bible reliable?", "Science and Christian Faith", "Am I a sinner?" and "Who is Jesus?" etc. Please invite your gospel friends to join.
7. Everyone is welcome to join a fellowship group, to live a godly life, study the Bible together and live out the teachings of the Bible!
8. The English Bible Study meets on Friday evenings at 7:45PM. All are welcome to join for our new study in the Book of Mark. We gather in the basement of the church, and are also available online for those who cannot attend in person. For more information contact Jim Anderson.
9. You are welcome to invite your family, neighbors, and visiting friends to attend the church's Sunday worship and other related activities. May God bless you and your family with joy and peace!
10. Encourage brothers and sisters to participate in a Bible reading plan -- especially as we launch this new year! Read the Bible daily, pray, recite the scriptures continuously, and keep the word of God in their hearts, so that it will become a daily strength.
11. Brothers and sisters are welcome to join the Wednesday prayer meeting. The prayers of the saints are powerful, pleasing to God, and effective. All are welcome to attend, starting at 8:30pm for English (except first Wed of the month when it starts at 8pm). Online information on prayer meetings can be obtained from the pastor.
12. We sincerely invite brothers and sisters to serve in various ways to support our Sunday gatherings. The signup sheet is posted in the lobby. Please sign up to become a greeter at Chinese Services, for altar flowers, or for lunch helpers.

14. 2025 church financials: March income was \$33.3K and expense \$26.6K resulting in a surplus of \$8.7K. YTD March income was \$95.4K and expense \$77k, resulting in a surplus of \$18.3K. In addition, year-to-date Great Commission Fund collection amounted to \$4,074. May the Lord bless cheerful givers.
15. Our CACW Youth Group will be attending the C&MA Life Conference this summer from July 4 - July 8. Life Conference is a national youth conference that we attend every 3 years. This year, it will be held in Indianapolis, IN. We have a team of 16 attending. Please pray for our team as we prepare our hearts to glorify God in worship, word, and community.
16. The Youth Group will be holding a bake today, to raise funds for the Life Conference. Please join us downstairs during lunch to enjoy some tasty treats. Our fundraising goal is \$7,200.
17. Pastor Lee will share the Word of God in the Chinese service next Sunday, May 25. Pastor Alan will preach in the English service.

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### Church Prayer, Fellowship & Sunday School

**Church Prayer Meeting** 1st Wed at 8pm combined with Chinese congregation, all other Weds at 8:30pm via Zoom. There's great power in Corporate prayers and it's easy to join! Contact Pastor Alan for Zoom details.

**English Adult Sunday School** Please join us every Sun at 10am in person or via Zoom. Contact: Teshun@gmail.com

**English Bible Study Fellowship** The Friday Night English Bible Study Fellowship will begin a study in the book of Proverbs. Join us in person at church or via zoom at 7:45pm. Contact cacwbiblestudy@gmail.com

**Saturday Youth Fellowship:** unior or Senior High school students. Every Sat at 7pm at church. Contact: sister Ruth @ ruthwchan@gmail.com