

Prayer Items

1. Pray for people in various parts of the world who are suffering from fires, floods, and cyclones. God's mercy and comfort and help for those whose lives have been overturned!
2. Pray for the peace process both in the Middle East and between Ukraine and Russia. Pray for God's mercy on those who suffer so intensely from war.
3. Please pray for Pastor Lee, who is currently in Taiwan for a couple of weeks. Pray for health and energy as he visits with and encourages his mother and also Joyce Shimu's mother, both of whom are elderly.
4. Please pray for our Pastoral Search Committee as it recommits itself to the search for a candidate for an Associate Pastor who will focus largely on the Youth in our church. Pray especially for the time of fasting and praying they are beginning, and for the Board members and others who will be joining them as they pray in this way.
5. Please pray for our Governing Board as it engages the PEAK coaching process. Pray also for the Spirit's leading as we follow God's encouragement to better engage our local community.
6. Please pray for sons and daughters of families among us who are struggling in various ways. Pray for God's help, strength, and wisdom--both for these precious young people and also for their parents as they discern how best to come alongside their children.
7. Please pray for college students who have returned to school--that God will give them peace and joy as they transition back onto their campuses, and that they will be encouraged in their relationship with Jesus during the semester.
8. 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!
9. Please pray for those among us who are struggling with illness and physical challenges -- including those whose allergies this time of year make each day challenging.
10. 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!
11. 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.
12. Please pray that brothers and sisters will have the desire to study God's Word, 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!
13. 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.
14. 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.

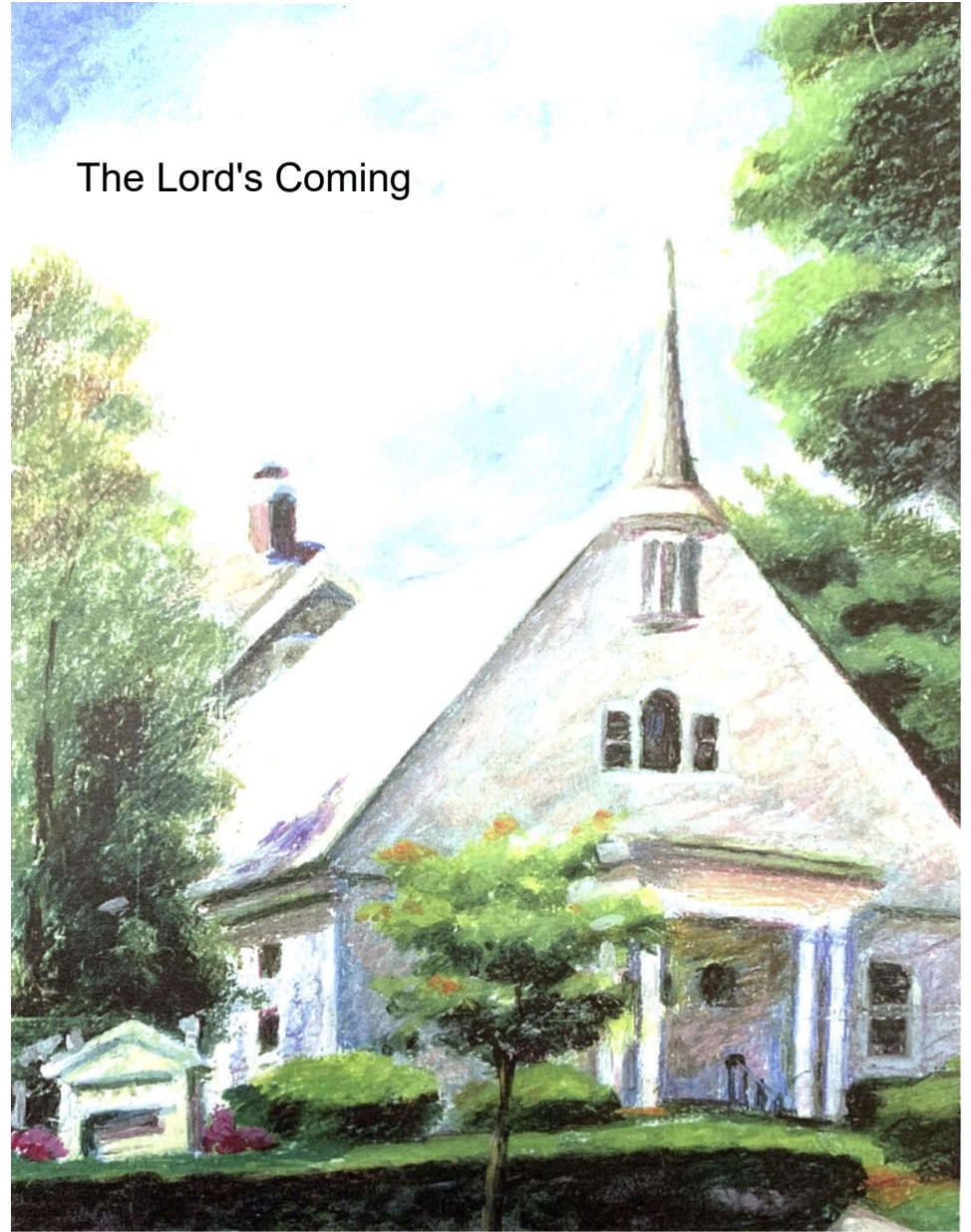
Today's Scripture Reading:

Matthew 1:18-23; 28:16-20
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¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (with us). ¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

¹⁸ 耶穌基督降生的事記在下面：他母親馬利亞已經許配了約瑟，還沒有迎娶，馬利亞就從聖靈懷了孕。¹⁹ 他丈夫約瑟是個義人，不願意明明的羞辱他，想要暗暗的把他休了。²⁰ 正思念這事的時候，有主的使者向他夢中顯現，說：大衛的子孫約瑟，不要怕！只管娶過你的妻子馬利亞來，因他所懷的孕是從聖靈來的。²¹ 他將要生一個兒子，你要給他起名叫耶穌，因他要將自己的百姓從罪惡裡救出來。²² 這一切的事成就是要應驗主藉先知所說的話，²³ 說：必有童女懷孕生子；人要稱他的名為以馬內利。（以馬內利翻出來就是神與我們同在。）¹⁶ 十一個門徒往加利利去，到了耶穌約定的山上。¹⁷ 他們見了耶穌就拜他，然而還有人疑惑。¹⁸ 耶穌進前來，對他們說：天上地下所有的權柄都賜給我了。¹⁹ 所以，你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒，奉父、子、聖靈的名給他們施洗（或作：給他們施洗，歸於父、子、聖靈的名）。²⁰ 凡我所吩咐你們的，都教訓他們遵守，我就常與你們同在，直到世界的末了。

The Lord's Coming



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English Worship

11:30 AM

Chinese Alliance Church of Westchester

English Worship Service

December 14th, 2025, 11:30 a.m

Psalm 146:1-2, 10

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. ² I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. ¹⁰ The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

➤ GATHERING TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

- ❖ Call to Worship (Psalm 146:1-2, 10)
- ❖ Praise and Worship in Song
- ❖ Pastoral Prayer
- ❖ Greeting One Another

➤ HEARING AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD

- ❖ Message - **I Am With You** (Deborah Fung)
- ❖ Scripture Reading (Matthew 1:18-23; 28:16-20)

➤ RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

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

➤ BEING SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE

- ❖ Community Life
- ❖ Benediction

Theme verse for December, 2025

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Announcements

1. We are so glad that you have joined us for today's worship Service. God's blessing on you and your family!
2. Thank You for all of the members that participated in our election process. This year's candidates as well as our budget for 2026 have been confirmed with a majority vote. As a reminder this year's candidates are: Teshun Chan for Secretary (standing for reelection), Eileen Dang for Caring (standing for reelection), Peter Khoo for Worship, and Thomas Chin for Building Services.
3. Please make sure to join us for our special Christmas worship services this year! Our combined Christmas Sunday service (Chinese and English together) will be held on December 21 at 10:00AM. Our Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held on December 24 at 7:30PM. Don't miss these special gatherings in which we can together welcome Jesus, who is truly "the reason for the season."
4. Next Sunday (Dec 21) at 1:30pm, after combined service and after lunch, we are planning on having a Christmas Celebration. We invite all fellowship groups and individuals to present some performance in celebration of Christmas. Let us have a joyful time together. If you are interested in performing, please reach out to Thomas Chin to register your act. If not, please still join us for the celebration!
5. Food & Clothing Drive 2025: Winter is coming. Let's extend Christ's love by food and winter clothing to those in need in our community. See the poster for details. Donations can be placed in the collection boxes in our church. The deadline is today May the Lord's love fill you and bless your giving!
6. The GCF fund which is dedicated to supporting C&MA missionaries has an annual target of \$30,000. The current balance is \$25,000. If you wish to contribute to GCF please specify GCF when making an offering.
7. It is Christmas season in December. Brothers and sisters are welcome to invite family and friends to church for worship. May the Lord's peace and joy be with you all!
8. Our 2026 Short Term Mission trip to Khaolak, Thailand is planned April 4 - 14, and STM trip to Middle East will be held during April 11 - 22. Please speak to Brother Hong Guo or Joyce Shimu if you are led to join one of these STM trips!
9. Lunch will be provided today after today's worship services. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy a time of food and fellowship!
10. As we celebrate this Christmas season, we want to express our gratitude to our pastoral staff—Pastor Alan, and Pastor Lee. If you feel inclined to contribute, kindly designate 'pastoral appreciation' on the memo line of your check, offering envelope, or electronic donation. For online donations, visit www.cacw.org/give/. Please ensure contributions are made by December 31st.
11. 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!
12. The English Bible Study meets on Friday evenings at 7:45PM. All are welcome to join as we study 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.
13. You are welcome to invite your visiting friends to attend the church's Sunday worship and other related activities. May God bless you and your family with joy and peace!
14. Encourage brothers and sisters to participate in a Bible reading plan. Read the

15. Bible daily, pray, recite the scriptures continuously, and keep the word of God in their hearts, so that it will become a daily strength.
16. 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.
17. We sincerely invite brothers and sisters to serve in various ways to support our Sunday gatherings. The 2025 signup sheet is posted in the lobby. Please sign up to become a greeter at Chinese Services, for altar flowers, or for lunch helpers.
18. Pastor Alan will share the Word of God in the Chinese/English service next Sunday, Dec 21.

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 Mark. Join us in person at church or via zoom at 7:45pm. Contact cacwbiblestudy@gmail.com

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