#### Prayer Items

- 1. Pray for people in various parts of the world who are suffering from fires, floods, and cyclones, asking for God's mercy, comfort, and help for those whose lives have been overturned.
- 2. Please pray for the New Year 2026, for God's blessings to bestow upon those who love Him. Even though there may be hardships in their lives, God will surely grant us grace to get through the new year! His love and faithfulness will endure forever.
- 3. Pray for the peace process in the Middle East and between Ukraine and Russia, and for God's mercy on those who suffer so intensely because of war.
- 4. Pray for Pastor Lee while he is in Taiwan, asking for health and energy as he visits and encourages his elderly mother and Joyce Shimu's mother.
- 5. Pray for our Pastoral Search Committee as it recommits to seeking an Associate Pastor focused largely on Youth ministry, especially for their time of fasting and prayer and for the Board members and others joining them.
- 6. Pray for our Governing Board as it engages in the PEAK coaching process, and for the Spirit's leading as we seek to better engage our local community.
- 7. Pray for the sons and daughters of families among us who are struggling, asking God for help, strength, and wisdom for both these young people and their parents.
- 8. Pray for college students who have returned to school, that God would give them peace and joy in the transition and encourage their relationship with Jesus during the semester.
- 9. Pray for our church as we live out the 2025 annual theme, "The Lord's Coming" (Titus 2:13), asking God to renew our hope in Christ alone.
- 10. Pray for those among us who are struggling with illness and physical challenges, including those whose seasonal allergies make each day difficult.
- 11. Pray that brothers and sisters will invite new friends to Sunday worship, so many may hear the gospel, come to know the truth, and experience rebirth and salvation.
- 12. Pray for the church's fellowships, that through Bible reading, fellowship, and evangelism, brothers and sisters would draw closer to God and that He would bring new friends to each group.
- 13. Pray that brothers and sisters would desire to study God's Word, maintain regular and intimate devotional lives, and be equipped by the Lord to serve, bless others, and glorify Him.
- 14. Pray for each fellowship group and its leaders, asking God to give wisdom and strength so the groups may be places of love, fellowship, and effective gospel outreach.
- 15. Pray for all the missionaries and mission efforts we support, including the UConn outreach, Pastor Rebecca Mao and COCM in England/Europe, Pastor Ed Stuart and SALT, and Pastor Achara's ministry in Thailand, as well as her health.

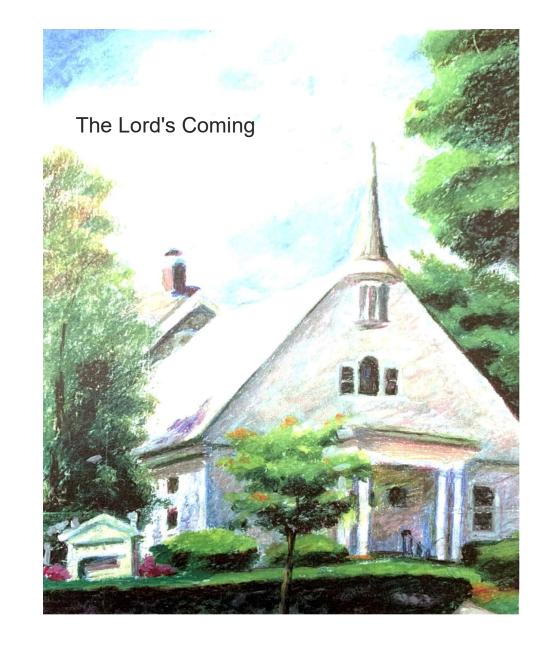
### **Today's Scripture Reading:**

### John 1:1-16 《约翰福音 1:1-16》

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light

of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, g'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.""

太初有道,道与神同在,道就是神。这道太初与神同在。万物是借着他造的,凡被造的,没有一样不是借着他造的。生命在他里头,这生命就是人的光。光照在黑暗里,黑暗却不接受光。有一个人,是从神那里差来的,名叫约翰。这人来,为要作见证,就是为光作见证,叫众人因他可以信。他不是那光,乃是要为光作见证。那光是真光,照亮一切生在世上的人。他在世界,世界也是借着他造的,世界却不认识他。他到自己的地方来,自己的人倒不接待他。凡接待他的,就是信他名的人,他就赐他们权柄,作神的儿女。这等人不是从血气生的,不是从情欲生的,也不是从人意生的,乃是从神生的。道成了肉身,住在我们中间,充充满满地有恩典有真理。我们也见过他的荣光,正是父独生子的荣光。约翰为他作见证,喊着说:「这就是我曾说,那在我以后来的,反成了在我以前的;因他本来在我以前。」从他丰满的恩典里,我们都领受了,而且恩上加恩。



# 威郡華人宣道會

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English Worship

Sunday 11:30 AM

# Chinese Alliance Church of Westchester English Worship Service

December 28th, 2025, 11:30 a.m

#### Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

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#### > GATHERING TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

- Call to Worship (Revelation 21:3)
- Praise and Worship in Song
- Pastoral Prayer
- Greeting One Another

#### > HEARING AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD

- Message: A Christmas Reflection from John's Gospel

  Pastor Alan
- ❖ John 1:1-16

#### 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 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 as we prepare to move into a New Year!
- 2. We want to thank all the people who participated in our various Christmas services and celebrations. We are thankful for the joyous and memorable times we shared together as we remembered the coming of Jesus, our Savior, and for the community in Him that made it possible. May we continue to "behold Him" and to love Him more!
- 3. Lunch will be offered today after the worship service. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy a time of food and fellowship.
- 4. The GCF fund, which is dedicated to supporting C&MA missionaries, has an annual target of \$30,000, and the current balance is \$25,000. If you wish to contribute to GCF, please specify GCF when making your offering.
- 5. The 2026 annual theme is "Faithful Service" (1 Timothy 1:12). May the church, through this theme, serve together in unity and faithfulness as we wait for the Lord's return.
- 6. Our 2026 Short-Term Mission trip to Khaolak, Thailand is planned for April 4–14, and the Middle East short-term mission trip will be held April 11–22. Please speak to Brother Hong Guo or Joyce Shimu if you feel led to join one of these trips.
- 7. As we celebrate the Christmas season, we would like to express our gratitude to our pastoral staff—Pastor Alan and Pastor Lee—for their faithful service throughout the year. If you wish to contribute, please designate "pastoral appreciation" on your check, offering envelope, or electronic donation. For online giving, please visit <a href="www.cacw.org/give/">www.cacw.org/give/</a>. Contributions should be made by December 31.
- 8. The English Bible Study will resume on Friday, January 2 at 7:45 PM. All are welcome to join as we study the Book of Mark. We meet in the church basement, and online participation is also available. For more information, please contact Jim Anderson.
- Brothers and sisters are encouraged to plan a Bible reading schedule, especially at the beginning of the New Year. Through daily Bible reading, prayer, and Scripture memorization, may God's Word be stored in our hearts and become our daily strength.
- 10. Everyone is warmly welcome to join our Wednesday evening prayer meetings via Zoom. The prayers of the saints are powerful, pleasing to God, and effective. The Chinese prayer group meets at 8:00 PM, and the English group meets at 8:30 PM, except on the first Wednesday of each month when both groups begin together at 8:00 PM. Please contact the pastor for online meeting information.
- 11. We sincerely invite brothers and sisters to serve in various ways to support our Sunday gatherings. The 2026 volunteer signup sheet is posted in the lobby. Please consider signing up to serve as a greeter for the Chinese service, for altar flowers, or as a lunch helper.

# **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 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