

## 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. Please pray for the New Year 2026, for God's love to be known to more and more people, and for His blessings to be 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 both in the Middle East and between Ukraine and Russia. Pray for God's mercy on those who suffer so intensely from war.
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 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!
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 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!
10. 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.
11. 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.

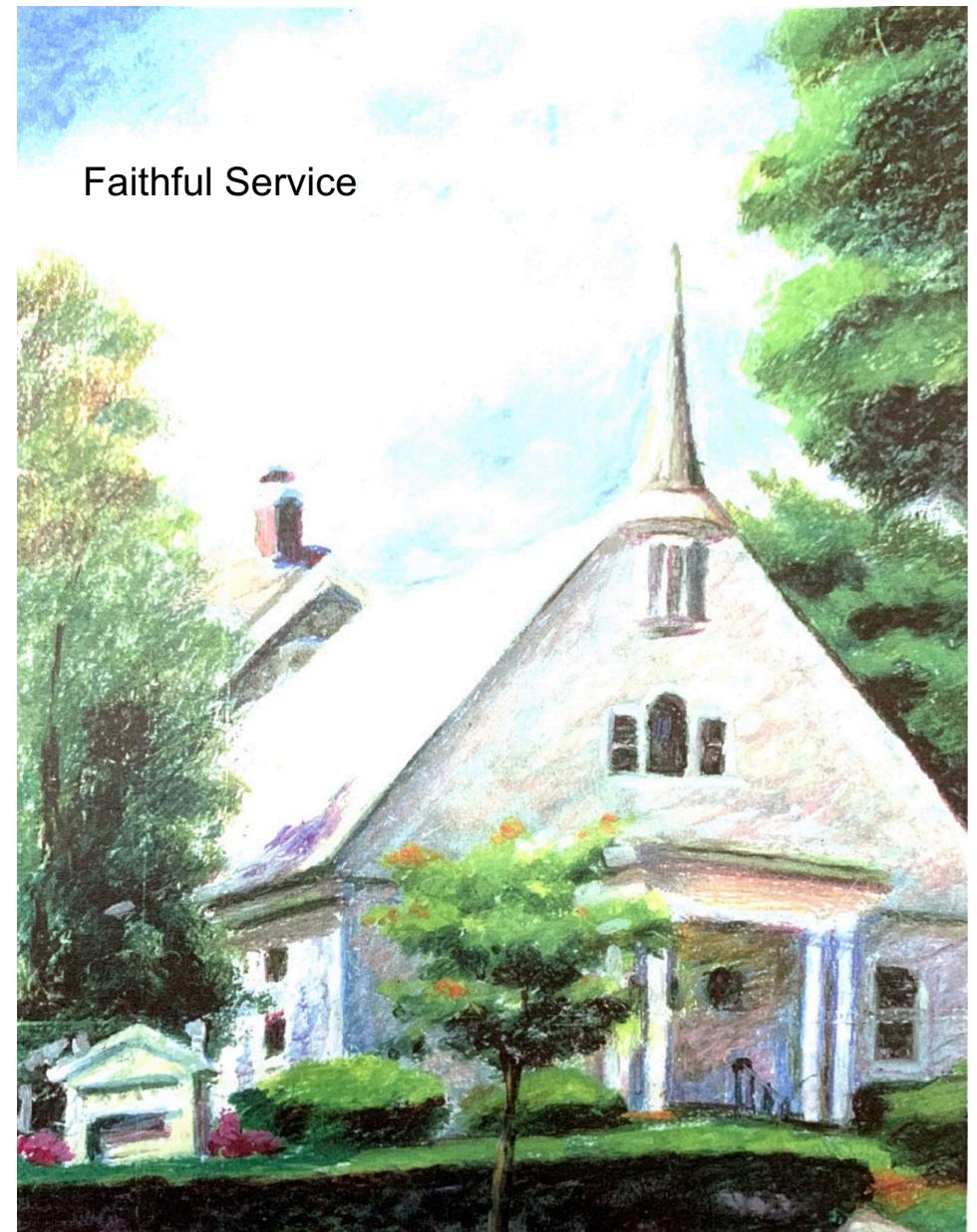
## Today's Scripture Reading:

Matthew 2:1-11 ESV

<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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Faithful Service



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English Worship

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11:30 AM

# Chinese Alliance Church of Westchester

## English Worship Service

January 4th, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

Isaiah 43:18-19

<sup>18</sup> "Remember not the former things; nor consider the things of old.<sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

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### ➤ GATHERING TOGETHER IN GOD's PRESENCE

- ❖ Call to Worship (Isaiah 43:18-19)
- ❖ Praise and Worship in Song
- ❖ Pastoral Prayer
- ❖ Greeting One Another

### ➤ HEARING AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD

- ❖ Scripture Reading (Matthew 2:1-11)
- ❖ Message - **Where is Jesus?** (Pastor Alan)

### ➤ RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

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

### ➤ BEING SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE

- ❖ Community Life
- ❖ Benediction

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### Theme verse for January, 2026

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

### Announcements

1. Happy, blessed New Year! We are so glad that you have joined us for today's worship Service. God's blessing on you and your family.
2. 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 group meets at 8:00PM, and the English starts at 8:30PM (except the first week of each month, when the two groups begin by briefly meeting together at 8pm). Online information on prayer meetings can be obtained from the pastor.
3. We sincerely invite brothers and sisters to serve in various ways to support our Sunday gatherings. The 2026 signup sheet is posted in the lobby. Please sign up to become a greeter at Chinese Services, for altar flowers, or for lunch helpers.
4. Lunch will be offered today after today's worship services. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy a time of food and fellowship!
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. Chinese Sunday school will begin the book of "Ecclesiastes" on 1/18, starting at 11:40 AM. This book offers readers much food for thought, prompting reflection on the meaning of life. Brothers and sisters are welcome to join us in studying it.
7. 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!
8. 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!
9. The English Bible Study will resume Friday January 9 in the evening at 7:45PM. All are welcome to join as we study the Book of Mark. We gather in the basement of the church, and also online for those who cannot attend in person. For more information contact Jim Anderson.
10. 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!
11. Encourage brothers and sisters to participate in a Bible reading plan. 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.
12. Pastor Lee will share the Word of God in the Chinese service next Sunday, Jan 11. Rev Keith Loo will preach in the English service.