

Prayer Items

1. Please pray for the flourishing of our church, May God increase the number of saved souls.
2. Pray for God's mercy regarding conflict and violence throughout the world--including the conflict between Israel and Hamas -- for those held hostage, for families in anguish, for political leaders, and for peace.
3. Please pray for our pastors, Governing Board and all coworkers as we move forward into 2024. Pray for a fresh ear to hear God's leading, courage and readiness for change, and unity as we work together to serve God. May his loving, Kingdom purposes be at the center of all we do!
4. May God bless us and our church abundantly in the New Year that more people will come to the church, more brothers and sisters will experience spiritual renewal, more people will engage in church ministries, more missionary work will be done, and God's Word will prosper and spread even more.
5. Pray for children and youth in the church who are in college, high school, middle school, elementary school, and nursery. Pray that God will keep them safe and healthy, and help them adjust to the demands of school surrounded by God's grace.
6. Please pray for our Youth Group -- that both existing and new members will feel at home and grow in their relationship with Christ. Pray for energy, strength and creativity for the ministry's leaders.
7. Come and attend the church-wide Wednesday night prayer meeting. God listens to people's prayers and, through the intercession of the saints, bestows grace upon the church and those in need. You are welcome to join the prayer meeting together and receive blessings through grace." Ask your pastor for Zoom connect info.
8. Please pray that brothers and sisters will have the desire to study God's words, that they not only have regular devotional time but also intimate time with God, that they'd be able to use their gifts to serve God, to benefit others and to glorify our King!
9. 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.
10. 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 Bob and Molly and their family, 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.



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English Worship

11:30 AM

Chinese Alliance Church of Westchester

English Worship Service

April 28th, 2024, 11:30 a.m

Psalm 19:1,7,14

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

➤ GATHERING TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

- ❖ Call to Worship (Psalm 19:1,7,14)
- ❖ Praise and Worship in Song
- ❖ Pastoral Prayer
- ❖ Greeting One Another

➤ HEARING AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD

- ❖ Message - **LDR: The Heartache and Joy of Loving the "Absent" Jesus** (Pastor Alan)
- ❖ Scripture Reading (John 14:1-6)

➤ RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

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

➤ BEING SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE

- ❖ Community Life
- ❖ Benediction

Theme verse for April, 2024

John 6:44

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Announcements

1. We are so glad that you have joined us for today's worship... We are excited to worship the Lord together, and we pray God's blessing on you and your family.
2. Please stop downstairs during the lunch hour to check out the delicious offerings at our Youth Group's Bake Sale. All proceeds and donations will go to our 30 Hour Famine Fundraising campaign for World Vision.
3. During today's Chinese Sunday School, Joyce Shimu will share about "2024 Middle East Short-Term Mission" in the downstairs classroom of the church. Joyce Shimu invites you to attend this missionary sharing. She will also share this mission in English at a different gathering (date and time to be announced).
4. If you are an official CACW member, please save the date: our Annual Report Meeting will be on Sunday 5/5. We'll meet in person in the sanctuary, immediately after a combined (Chinese and English) worship service at 10AM.
5. The 2024 New York Summer Conference will be held from July 4th to 7th at the University of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, New Jersey. Registration is now open. This year's keynote speakers are Pastor Caleb Huang and Pastor James Hudson Taylor IV (the fifth generation grandson of Hudson Taylor). The conference website is: www.nysummerconference.org. Brothers and sisters, please register online.
6. Please mark in your calendar these upcoming events: the Asian Heritage Festival at Kensico Dam Park (6/1/24 at Kensico Dam Park, beginning at 12PM) and the CACW Annual Picnic (6/15/24 at Holmes Retreat Center, beginning at 10:00AM). See our church website (www.cacw.org) for an updated calendar listing these and other upcoming events in the life of our church.
7. The theme for the new year (2024) at CACW is "Pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Please pray that God will give our entire church--and each one of us--a fresh enthusiasm to meet Him in prayer!
8. Encourage brothers and sisters to plan a Bible reading plan for the 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.
9. 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 except for 1st Wed of the month when it starts at 8pm. Online information on prayer meetings can be obtained from the pastor.
10. Pastoral Talk: Pastor Lee can meet with brothers and sisters and pray for personal spiritual life, work and life on Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Brothers and sisters are welcome to make an appointment and chat with the pastor.
11. The English Bible Study is currently doing a new series -- "The Promises of God." Come join us either in person or via Zoom on Fridays at 7:45pm! Please contact Jim Anderson or Pastor Alan for information.
12. In 2024, we sincerely invite brothers and sisters to participate in Sunday service. The 2024 signup sheet is posted in the lobby. Please sign up to become a greeter at Chinese Services, for altar flowers, or for lunch helpers.
13. The kitchen ministry would like to launch a campaign to reduce single-use eating utensils (namely plates, forks, spoons) at our church. Everyone is encouraged to bring your own reusable eating utensils on Sundays lunches. But rest assured that single-use utensils will still be available at all times.