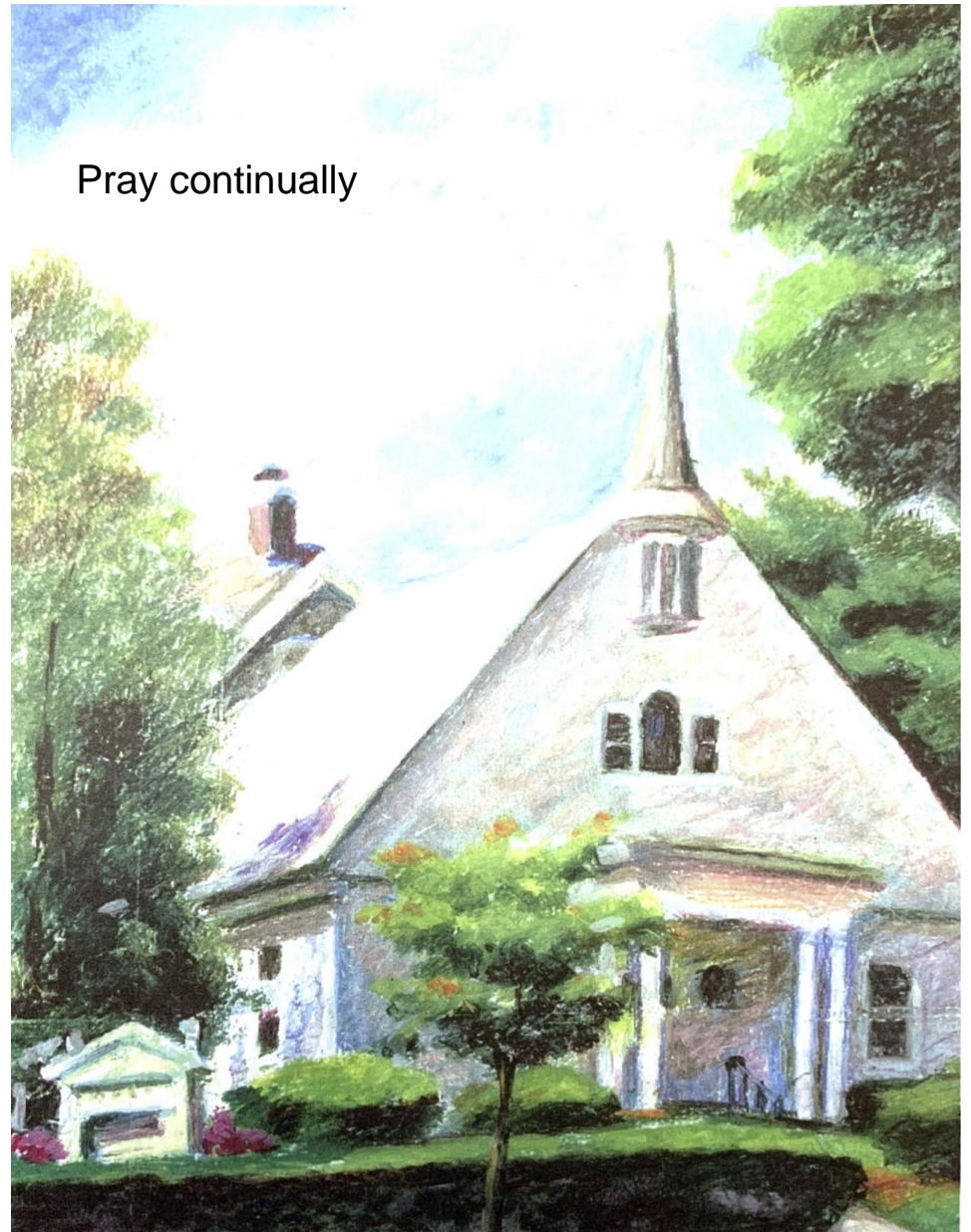


## Prayer Items

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1. Pray for our young people studying in college. 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.
2. Please pray that brothers and sisters will invite new friends to church to attend Sunday worship. Year-end holidays are some of the best times to invite people to church. May everyone bring others to hear the gospel, come to know the truth, and experience rebirth and salvation. Please pray for the salvation of new friends!
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Pray for our pastoral search, now that we have "rebranded" the position as "Associate Pastor." Pray we will find just the right candidate: someone with passion and skill for youth ministry, as well as the ability to serve our church and its outreach in a variety of ways.
6. Please pray for our church's Governing Board, that God would give them spiritual wisdom to effectively lead and manage our church. Pray also for our church's corporate decision-making as we gather today for our annual year-end membership meeting.
7. Praise the Lord that there were a lot of new members attending our Youth Group Fellowship. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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!
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.
12. Please pray for the family of Brother Jimmy Lee, who passed away and entered into the Lord's rest on 11/16. Pray that God would comfort the heart of his wife, Sister Kelly, as well as the families of their son and daughter.
13. Please pray for the mother of Tany Cam Sapione from the English congregation, who will need surgery in the coming weeks. Pray for wisdom for Tany as she discerns the best time to travel to be with and support her family in Peru, and also for peace and quick recover for her mom.

Pray continually



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English Worship

11:30 AM

# Chinese Alliance Church of Westchester

## English Worship Service

December 8th, 2024, 11:30 a.m

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Colossians 3:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

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### ➤ GATHERING TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

- ❖ Call to Worship (Colossians 3:15-16)
- ❖ Praise and Worship in Song
- ❖ Pastoral Prayer
- ❖ Greeting One Another

### ➤ HEARING AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD

- ❖ Message - **Goodness and Beauty in Genesis 1** (Calvin Chan)
- ❖ Scripture Reading (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

### ➤ 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, 2024

Matthew 25:21

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

## Announcements

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1. We are so glad that you have joined us for today's worship. We pray God's blessing on you and your family.
2. 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!
3. Please join the English Bible Study in December, for the following and feel free to invite friends. On Friday, December 13 we'll focus on John 8:1-11 "The Woman Caught in Adultery." All are welcome. 7:45pm on Zoom or at the church. For any questions, contact Jim Anderson.
4. 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!
5. Kevin Liu (the son of Larry and Peiling Liu), who grew up in our church, will be moving to Taiwan to serve in a missions endeavor. He will visit CACW next Sunday, 12/15, to share briefly at the end of each worship service and be available afterwards for those who want to greet him or know further details.
6. The theme for this 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!
7. Encourage brothers and sisters to plan a Bible reading plan -- especially as the new year is approaching! 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.
8. 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 8pm. Online information on prayer meetings can be obtained from the pastor.
9. In 2024, we sincerely invite brothers and sisters to serve in various ways to support our Sunday gatherings. 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.
10. Hallelujah! We invite more brothers and sisters to join the worship team, to use music to give thanks and sing praises to God, and lead Sunday worship together. If you are a church member who has the gift of singing, piano, guitar, or other musical instruments, we welcome you to join. Please contact Sister Meiru.
11. 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/](http://www.cacw.org/give/). Please ensure contributions are made by December 31st.
12. The Annual Church Membership Meeting will be held today (Dec 8th) at 3pm over zoom. We will review next year's budget as well as the nominees for the Governing Board. If you're an official CACW member, you should have received a Zoom link in your email. If not, please speak with a Board member.