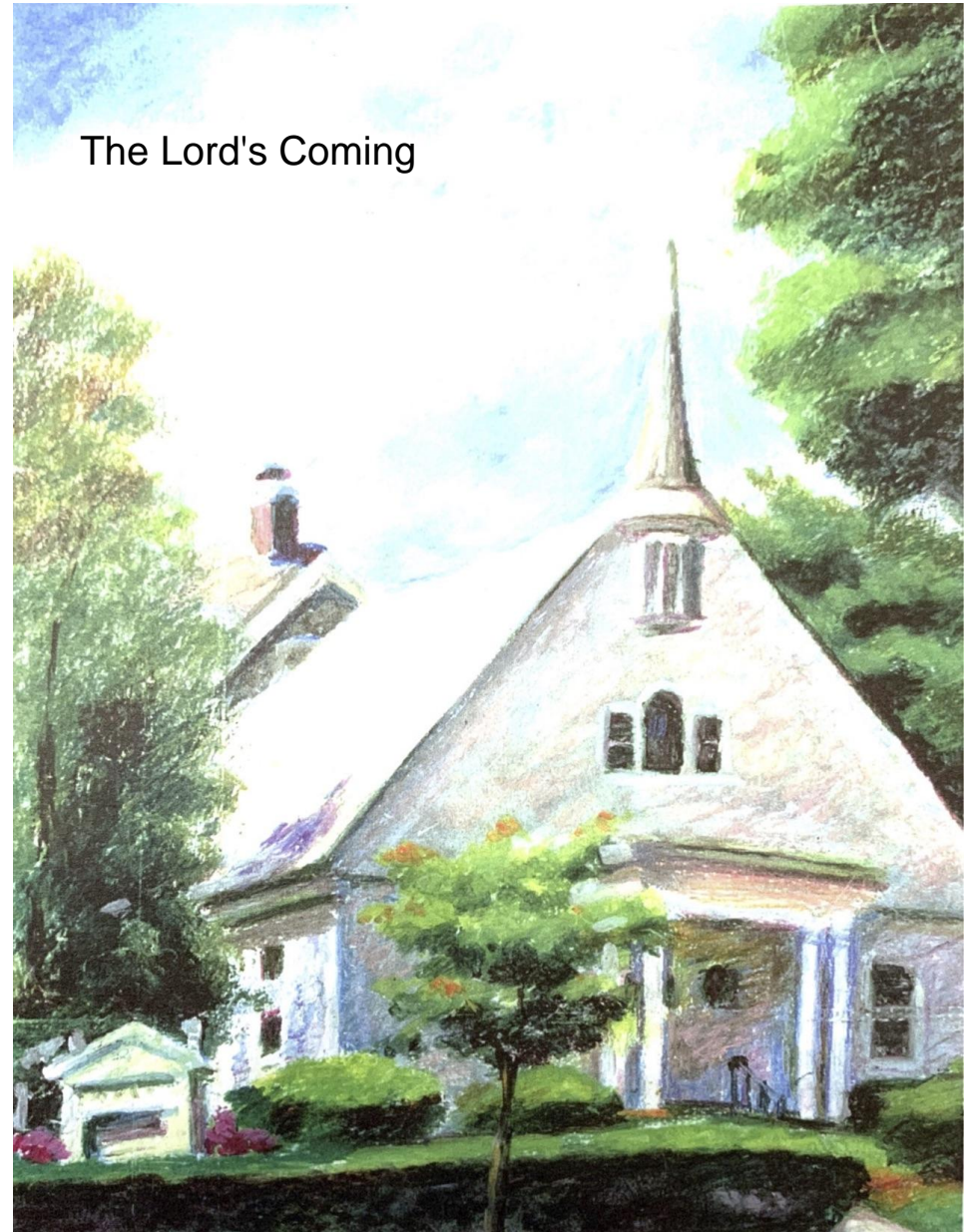


Prayer Items

1. Please pray for the invitation and weather for the 3/15 Gospel Rally event, and pray for God to bless us!
2. Here at the start of 2025, our new annual theme is "The Lord's Coming" (Titus 2:13). Please pray that God will renew our hope in Christ alone!
3. Let's continue to pray for people who are suffering or mourning the loss of loved ones as a result of the many recent natural disasters and large-scale accidents. May God provide help, comfort, and an increased awareness of His love and goodness.
4. Pray for our young people studying in college. Pray for good rest and refreshment during their holiday break. And as they prepare to return to school, please 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.
5. 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!
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Pray for our search for an Associate Pastor (who will focus largely on our Youth ministry). Pray especially for the Governing Board as they interact right now with a promising potential candidate.
9. Please pray for our church's Governing Board, that God would give them spiritual wisdom to effectively serve our church. Pray also for our church's corporate decision-making as we gather today for our annual year-end membership meeting. Pray especially for those coworkers who were recently elected -- Guo Hong as incoming Missions Coworker, and Pei Yeh and Gavin Lam who were elected to second terms as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively.
10. Praise the Lord that there are many new young people attending our Youth Group. 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.
11. Please pray that brothers and sisters will have the desire to study God's words, 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!
12. 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.
13. 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.

The Lord's Coming



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English Worship

11:30 AM

Chinese Alliance Church of Westchester

English Worship Service

February 23rd, 2025, 11:30 a.m

Psalm 66:1 - 4

¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth!² Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.⁴ All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name."

➤ GATHERING TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

- ❖ Call to Worship (Psalm 66:1 - 4)
- ❖ Praise and Worship in Song
- ❖ Pastoral Prayer
- ❖ Greeting One Another

➤ HEARING AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD

- ❖ Message - **Journey to Wholeness 1: Opened Ears**
(Pastor Alan)
- ❖ Scripture Reading (Mark 7:31-37)

➤ RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

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

➤ BEING SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE

- ❖ Community Life
- ❖ Benediction

Theme verse for February, 2025

Psalm 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Announcements

1. We are so glad that you have joined us for today's worship. God's blessing on you and your family!
2. Special notice: The Gospel Rally originally scheduled for 2/15 will be held on Saturday 3/15. Brothers and sisters, please continue to invite non-believing family and friends to attend this special gathering.
3. From the pastors to the CACW family: "We just received your generous 2024 pastoral appreciation gifts. We are deeply humbled, and so very grateful for your kindness toward us. We thank you, and we thank God for you. This is our prayer: "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Cor 9:8), What a privilege it is to serve God, to serve you, and to serve alongside you. It's a great joy to be church family with you all, and we consider ourselves more than blessed!
4. Praise the Lord! Two people have confirmed joining the Mideast STM trip (4/30-5/14), and four people have confirmed joining the Thailand STM strip (4/4-4/14). CACW members are welcome to join these STM trips. Please pray for these two trips and pray for the brothers and sisters going. The estimated cost is \$2300 per person for the Mideast STM trip, and \$1700 per person for the Thailand STM trip. The cost will be shared by CACW, team members, and special fund raising. If you feel led in prayer, please consider donating to support these two STM trips. Please note "STM 2025" when making a donation.
5. Chinese Adult Sunday School has a new course called "The Fruit of the Holy Spirit", starting from this Sunday, 2/23. Brothers and sisters are welcome to participate and learn to let the Holy Spirit work in us.
6. The Chinese Gospel Seekers Class will meet at church in the Parsonage building at 11:30AM, which includes gospel lessons through 10 topics such as "Is there a God?", "Is Bible reliable?", "Science and Christian Faith", "Am I a sinner?" and "Who is Jesus?" etc. Please invite your gospel friends to join.
7. If you are interested in being baptized or becoming a CACW member, please speak to one of our pastors. If you want to attend the Chinese Baptism Class and Membership Class for the first half of 2025, please register with Pastor Lee by 2/28.
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 meets on Friday evenings at 7:45PM. All are welcome to join for our new study in the Book of Daniel. 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.
10. 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!
11. Encourage brothers and sisters to plan a Bible reading plan -- especially as we launch this new 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.
12. 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 1st Wed of each month at 8pm). Online information on prayer meetings can be obtained from the pastor.

13. We sincerely invite brothers and sisters to serve in various ways to support our Sunday gatherings. The signup sheet is posted in the lobby. Please sign up to become a greeter at Chinese Services, for altar flowers, or for lunch helpers.
14. Kevin Liu--alumnus of our Youth Group--is heading off with his wife Serena toward missions work in Taiwan. You can sign up for the their newsletter via the link, "tinyurl.com/KevinSerenaTaiwan". What a privilege for us to pray for Kevin and Serena as they embark on this adventure for God!
15. 2024 offering receipts have been sent out electronically. You should have received an email from CACW Offering (offering@cacw.org). If you have not, or if you have any questions, please contact brother Gavin Lam at gavinlam@live.com
16. With hearts full of gratitude and joy, we'd like to report that our church ended the year 2024 with a surplus of \$107K. In addition, we also received a large amount in the Pastoral Appreciation Fund. We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who has contributed your time, talents, and resources to support church ministries. We are profoundly grateful for your partnership in ministry. The YE financial statements are posted in the copy room. More details will be shared next week.
17. The Thailand STM team will visit Thai Mahapawn Church in Woodside, Queens this afternoon. They will meet and have fellowship with Pastor Achara and sisters and brothers there. This is part of the preparation for the upcoming STM trip. We welcome brothers and sister to join this visit. The team will leave CACW at 2:00 pm. Thai Mahapawn Church, 6702 Woodside Ave, Woodside, NY 11377.
18. Shyhyann Lee will share the Word of God in the Chinese service next Sunday, Mar 2. Pastor Alan will preach in the English service.

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 Proverbs. 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