

## Prayer Items

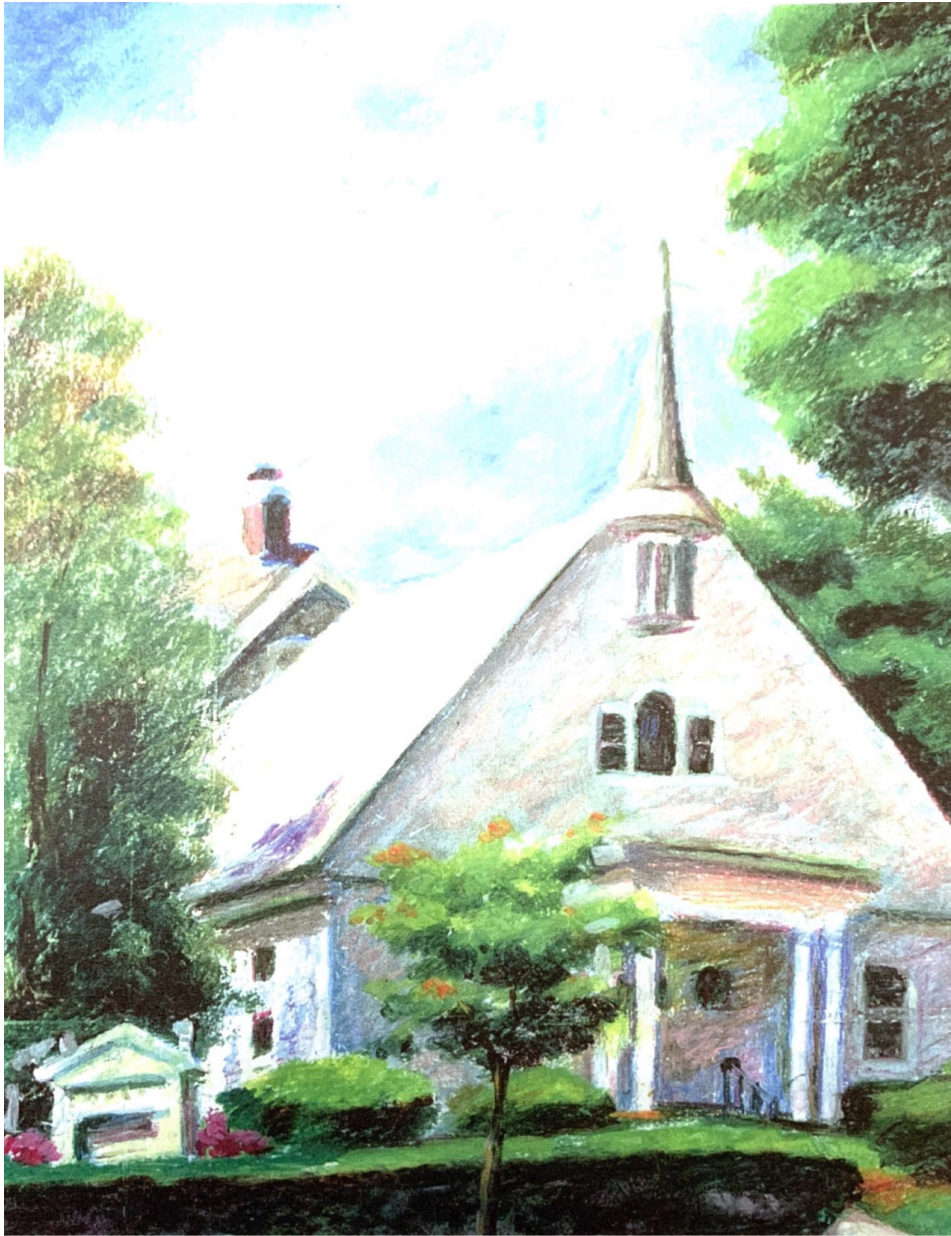
1. A strong 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck near the city of Mandalay in Myanmar on the afternoon of March 28. According to the Myanmar government, the earthquake has so far killed more than 1000 people and injured many people. Please pray for the relief efforts and medical care in the disaster areas.
2. Please continue to remember the family of Stephen Chan, who recently passed away, in your prayers. Pray for God's peace and guidance as they prepare for his memorial service later this week -- and for God's comfort as they continue to mourn this beloved brother.
3. Our church's 2025 annual theme is "The Lord's Coming" (Titus 2:13). Please pray that God will renew our hope in Christ alone!
4. The Muslim world is observing Ramadan, a significant month of prayer and fasting in the Islamic faith. This year's Ramadan started on February 28. We would like to encourage you pray for the Muslim world during the Ramadan period. May our Lord bring open hearts to God's love, revelation and truth, peace, blessings and provision, relationship and understanding to our Muslim friends.
5. Please pray for those among us who are experiencing stress, anxiety, or uncertainty in their lives. May God encourage and comfort them with his peace.
6. Let's continue to pray for people who are suffering or mourning the loss of loved ones. May God provide help, comfort, and an increased awareness of His love and goodness.
7. 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.
8. 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!
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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!

14. 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.
15. 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:

## Mark 8:34-38 ESV

<sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.<sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.<sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?<sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul?<sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



## The Lord's Coming



Chinese Alliance Church of Westchester

English Worship Service

March 30th, 2025, 11:30 a.m

Psalm 40:5

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English Worship

11:30 AM

<sup>5</sup> Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

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➤ **GATHERING TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

- ❖ Call to Worship (Psalm 40:5)
- ❖ Praise and Worship in Song
- ❖ Pastoral Prayer
- ❖ Greeting One Another

➤ **HEARING AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD**

- ❖ Scripture Reading (Mark 8:34-38)
- ❖ Message - **What's the Shape of the Cross?** (Pastor Alan)

➤ **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 March, 2025**

Psalm 62:8

Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

## Announcements

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1. We are so glad that you have joined us for today's worship. God's blessing on you and your family!
2. STM Sending: This year's Thailand Adult Short-Term Mission team consists of six members, who will depart on April 4 and return on April 14. A send-off ceremony will be presented today, March 30, in the Chinese and English Sunday Services. May God lead every member of this STM team to go out and return safely, help each other, do more work for the Lord, bear witness to Christ, and spread the gospel widely!
3. We need your help! There are only two more weeks for participants to complete the "PEAK Survey." If you regularly attend CACW, please do respond to the survey, which is part of an invaluable tool to help us identify our church's strengths and to grow in fresh ways. The survey may be taken in either English or Chinese, so please make sure to set aside a few minutes to participate by responding to the simple questions. Your feedback is important! If you have not received an email link to participate, please let one of our pastors know!
4. Praise God! Five people accepted the Lord as their Savior Saturday, March 15th. Please continue to invite your family and friends to come to the church to know the Lord Jesus!
5. Two adult short-term mission trips : Mideast STM and Thailand STM, and pray for the brothers and sisters going. The estimated cost is \$2300 per person for the Mideast STM trip , and \$2100 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.
6. Chinese Adult Sunday School has a course called "The Fruit of the Holy Spirit". Brothers and sisters are welcome to participate and learn to let the Holy Spirit work in us.
7. 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.
8. There are four people registered for the baptism class and three individuals for the membership class in the first half of 2025 from the Chinese congregation. Praise the Lord!
9. 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!
10. 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.
11. 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!

12. Encourage brothers and sisters to participate in 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.
13. 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 for English (except first Wed of the month when it starts at 8pm). Online information on prayer meetings can be obtained from the pastor.
14. 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.
15. Pastor Lee will share the Word of God in the Chinese service next Sunday, Apr 6. Prof. Julianne Cox will preach in the English service.

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:cacwbiblestudy@gmail.com)

**Saturday Youth Fellowship:** junior or Senior High school students. Every Sat at 7pm at church. Contact: sister Ruth @ [ruthwchan@gmail.com](mailto:ruthwchan@gmail.com)