

Our Vision:
To glorify God as a
cell-based church,
passionately
multiplying disciples
locally and
worldwide.

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Grace Gospel Church of North York

A special welcome to our Sunday Celebration. We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! An especially warm welcome to those who are visiting with us. We invite you to fill in a Connection Card at the Connection Table. We look forward to getting to know you.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Dec 24 2023

Christmas: From Worries to Worship

Christmas Sunday

Worship Deacon Xiao Wang

Prayer Deacon Xiao Wang

Scripture Reading

Sermon Rev. Ted Tham

Response Song Deacon Xiao Wang

Doxology Pastor Michelle Kim

Benediction Rev. Ted Tham

Announcements Pastor Michelle Kim

Audio: *Wilson Kwong*

Stream: *Andy Luc*

2023 Theme: *Leadership Training*
(1 Tim 4:12, 2 Tim 2:2, Eph 4:11-12)

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Christmas: From Worries to Worship

Matthew 2:1-12

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

We should worship instead of worry during Christmas because Jesus is the...

- (1) Divine King – He's large & in charge
- (2) Dividing King – He determines your destiny
- (3) Deserving King – He deserves joyful, sacrificial worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL (SEPT-DEC 9:30-10:45AM)

GROUP	Topic	Room	Contact
Youth (Grades 7—9)	New Testament Survey	N44	TBA
Youth (Grades 10—12)	Old Testament Survey 2	N45	TBA
Adults	Minor Prophets	Sat (10-11am) Zoom	Pastor Michelle Kim
Adults	2 Peter & Colossians	Conference Room	Rev. Ted Tham, Robert Yeung, Pastor Michelle Kim

KLS (CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL)

PROGRAM	Age	Room	Details
Preschool	2.5—4 years old	K62	Classrooms open from 9:30am to 12:45pm to children 2.5 years old to Grade 6. Classes may be combined depending on the number of helpers available.
Kindergarten	4—5 years old	K63	
Junior	Grades 1—3	W27	
Senior	Grades 4—6	W28	

KLS (CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP)

PROGRAM	Meeting Dates	Time	Details
In-Person (JK-Gr.6)	1st & 3rd Fri W28	7:30— 9:30pm	2023 Theme: 1 Tim. 4:12 Lead by Following Learning to be leaders, by following great examples in the Bible.
	2nd & 4th Sat W28	4:30— 6:00pm	

CELL GROUPS

	Build your Faith. Grow in Love.
Contact: Santos (santos.chan@gcgcny.org)	Contact: Rev Ted (ted.tham@gcgcny.org)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth (grades 7-12 together) University/College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career New couples Families Mature Men Women

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

We are Looking For:

- Sunday School Teachers and Assistants (contact Carol: caroltse@gmail.com)
- Softball Ministry Leadership (contact Andrew: andrewleung93@gmail.com)
- Service Ushers—must be able to attend service in-person (contact Roland: c.rolandchan@gmail.com)
- Genesis (Youth Ministry) Adult Leader (contact Santos Chan, more info [\[here\]](#))
- "Rooted" (Post-secondary Discipleship Groups) Leaders (contact Elim or Miga)

PRAYER MINISTRY

PRAYER HOTLINE	English 416.571.6680 Cantonese 416.561.8504 Mandarin 647.401.4323
PRAYER MEETINGS	
Teens Adults Men Mission	Cecilia (Fridays 7:15pm, bi-weekly) Rev. Ted (Sundays 9:15am, Wednesdays 7:15pm) Kevin Ho (Thursdays 9pm) See bulletin and website (gracegospel.ca)
	Prayer requests: gracegospel.ca (church website) Last Week's Prayer Meeting Count: 73

PRAYER ITEMS

English (1) please pray for our English Baptism and new members meeting on Sunday Dec. 10. **Names are in our recent English announcements. If you don't have them, please check with Pastor Michelle. Thanks**
(2) Pray for our Christmas potluck on Dec 22 - that many newcomers will join us and hear the Gospel
(3) please pray for our adult cell ministries as we discuss adjustments

Cantonese Smooth transition into fellowship. Smooth transition of staff team. New term of D&E.

Mandarin Pray for those are getting baptized. Pray for EV Christmas event.

Children (1) May the Lord bless our special events in December, including PD workshops, Mexico STM, and various Christmas celebrations.
(2) Give thanks for all the blessings upon KLS in 2023, and pray that the Lord will continue to lead the KLS Team in 2024 as we listen to Him and follow Him.

Mission (1) Please pray for Kev and Jess (Japan). They and their daughter Aria had been sick for a few weeks in Nov. Pray for full recovery, spiritual protection and encouragement during this time of vulnerability.
(2) Pray for Misa (Creative Access Nations). She is in her hometown helping her mom after her dad's death, may God comfort them. Pray for her health also as she is dealing with some significant health challenges, may God heals her and strengthens her.

Church For church deficit. For dynamic of new staff team. For Christmas celebrations.

Coveting your prayer for the Missionaries we support:

- 1. Emad Botros (CBM, Lebanon)
- 2. Joe Bridi (CBM, Lebanon)
"Based in Beirut, Lebanon, Joe Bridi works with CBM's local partners to develop strategies for ministry and provide support to graduates of Arab Baptist Theological Seminary who are launching ministries in the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region. He helps monitor and evaluate existing projects, and provides implementation and reporting support for specific initiatives. He has a heart for people and serves Syrian refugees in his area by leading Bible studies and discipleship groups."
- 3. Suraj Komaravalli (CBM, India)
- 4. V & G (Africans in Montreal)
- 5. J (North Africa)
- 6. Kevin and Jessica (Japan)
- 7. Nicholas Chang (Light Patrol - Youth Unlimited)
- 8. Joanna Yee (Rahab Ministry)
- 9. Tim Phan (Ambassadors for Christ in Canada)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

- Last Week's Attendance: Cantonese 167, Mandarin 117, English 109, Children 46, Tendercare 22
- Last Week's Offering: General 63,020, (YTD 914,212.91), Building 2,810 (YTD 14,170.33), Special Fund Mission 2,610 (YTD 21,908.33), Foodbank 480 (YTD 19,052.31).
- Join our Volleyball Ministry every Wed from 7:30-10:00pm. Register at gcgcny.link/vball. Contact Terence Ma (terencecyma@gmail.com) or Edwin Lee (edwin_lee@hotmail.com)
- Got questions? Try Alpha. Alpha Youth: 2nd and 4th Fridays from Feb to June. Join our mailing list: email genesis@gcgcny.org or visit gcgcny.link/alphaprayer
- The Bar Ministry: is serving singles in Christ. Contact Roland or Haidan, or visit the link [[here](#)].
- Professional Christian Counseling—up to 8 free sessions to GCGCNY attendees. Contact Rev. Ted.
- Financial Highlight—There is an increase of general offering by 13% in the first 9 months compared to the prior year. Total YTD 582,748. There is also an increase of expenses compared to the prior year, YTD 899,168. As a result, there is a deficit of 159,125 YTD as of Sept 2023. Pray for God's provision to eliminate the deficit and the expected future needs.
- Mexico Short Term mission will take place on Dec 18-27. Activities include visitation, EV meetings, and children day camp. Missionaries: Pastor Eva, Ida Yee.
- Rahab Ministry—a faith-based ministry, empowering women and children in the sex trade to be liberated and restored. For more info, contact 647-992-8029 or visit www.rahabministry.ca
- Cantonese Baptism and Membership: Baptism: Yin Har Lau. Membership: Joseph Cheng, Andy Lam, Shirley Ng, Begonia AuYeung, Lai Yiu Ng (was baptized on Sep 26)
- EM Women's Cell (Elizabeth and Mary): to new mothers & women of expecting motherhood. Monthly Sat AM (9:30-10:30am), monthly Tues PM prayer (8-9)pm. Starts end of Jan.
- Sunday School 2024: (Adults): 1) Acts, Sunday 9:30-10:45am in Conference Room, by Rev. Ted, Dr. Robert Yeung, and Pastor Michelle. 2) Minor Prophets, Sat 10-11am on Zoom, by Pastor Michelle.