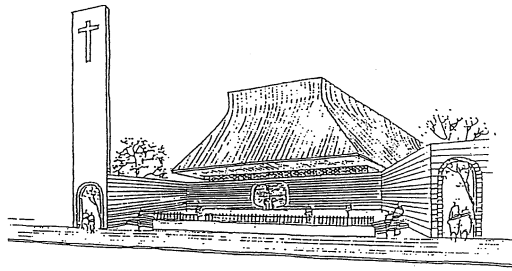


# Grace Baptist Church

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Online Sermon: [ec.gbc.org.tw/live-worship](http://ec.gbc.org.tw/live-worship)



LIFT UP THE HOLY BIBLE;  
STAND FIRM IN THE CITIES;  
REACH OUT TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." ~ Psalm 122:1*

	Time	Worship Services	Suitable for	Location
Chinese Services	6:00-7:10 p.m.	Saturday Night Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
	8:30-9:40 a.m.	Morning Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
	9:30-11:00 a.m.	Students' Service	All / Students	Coleman Hall
	11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m.	Noon Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Evening Service		Room 401
<b>English Services</b>	<b>10:00-11:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	All	<b>Sanctuary/Online</b>
	<b>5:30-7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>		<b>Coleman Hall</b>
Others	10:00-11:15 a.m.	Taiwanese Service	All	Room 301
	11:15 a.m.-12:50 p.m.	Children's Service	Children (age 7-12)	Kindergarten
	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Bilingual Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
Prayer Meetings	Wed. 7:00-8:15 p.m.	Chinese Prayer Meeting		Room 401
	Wed. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	English Prayer Meeting		Room 301/Online

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**sWelcome to Grace Baptist Church English Congregation.  
Thank you for choosing to worship with us and celebrate the glory of our Lord.**

**Morning Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, December 22, 2024**

Prelude		Catherine Liu
Advent Reading		Chilumbu Family
Greetings/Opening Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	 <i>"Joy to the World"</i>	Armand Lim
<p><i>Christmas Presentation by Hallel Singers</i>  <i>"The Story of Love"</i></p> 		
Closing Words/Offertory Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Tithes and Offerings		
Welcome/Announcements/Benediction		
Closing Song	<i>"Come Adore the Humble King"</i>	Armand Lim
Postlude		Catherine Liu



**Nursery:**  
0-3 y.o.; wear a mask over 2 y.o.

- A. Cry Room** - at the back of the Sanctuary/Coleman Hall, during services
- B. Kindergarten Green Room** - during AM service only; enter next to GBC's back door; must have at least one parent there

**Evening Worship Service – 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, December 22, 2024**

Prelude		Mary Ann Chiu
Advent Reading		Chiu Family
Prayer		Helina Lao, Leader
Worship through Music	<i>"God Made Low"</i>	
Greeting		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	<i>"Here I Am to Worship"</i> <i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"</i> <i>"Only a Holy God"</i>	Helina Lao, Leader
Offertory Prayer		Menzi Nhlengethwa
Tithes and Offerings		
Pray for Our Church		Minister Priscilla Liao
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:26-37	
Message	The Impossible Made Possible	Pastor Nick Brideson
Response Song	<i>"John 3:16/The Power of Your Love"</i>	
Closing Prayer		
Welcome		
Closing Song	<i>"God Made Low"</i>	Helina Lao, Leader
Postlude		Mary Ann Chiu

**Our Vision Is to Spread the Gospel**

To achieve this, we aim:

- To become a house of prayer
  - Through prayer, to build the body of Christ
  - From the body, to do the work of mission in Taipei, Taiwan, and neighboring countries
- "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." - Acts 1:8 (NASB)*

**Sermon Topic: The Impossible Made Possible**

**Scripture: Luke 1:26-37**

**Speaker: Pastor Nick Brideson**

**PM - December 22, 2024**

**Evening Service**

**Scripture: Luke 1:26-37 (NASB)**

<sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> "For nothing will be impossible with God."

**Notes:**

**Morning Service**

*Christmas Presentation by Hallel Singers*  
*"The Story of Love"*

*Christmas Adoration*  
*Let There Be Christmas*  
*The Angel Gabriel*  
*Child in a Manger*  
*O Holy Night*  
*Comfort and Joy*  
*Carol Medley*  
*The Story of Love*

Narrators: Peter Chiu, Samuel Chiu



### Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting (Physical & Online)

*"My house shall be called a house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13)*

Let us be a church of prayer!

English prayer meeting meets 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday in GBC Room 301. The online prayer meeting via Zoom is also available at the same time. Please join us either in GBC or online. Send an email to [ecprayerteam@gbc.org.tw](mailto:ecprayerteam@gbc.org.tw) if you are interested in joining the Zoom prayer meeting or if you have a prayer request.

**Note:** December 25 and January 1 Wednesday Prayer Meetings cancelled due to Christmas Eve Service & Year-End Prayer Meeting. (Wednesday Prayer Meetings, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 301 and online, will resume from January 8.)

### Today's Schedule Reminders

#### ■ Christmas Potlucks:

- Morning – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Coffee Deck)
- Evening – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. (B01-B05) (Combined with monthly Evening Fellowship Meal)

#### ◆ Reminder for TODAY's potlucks

- Morning Sunday School Classes are canceled. (Afternoon classes are decided by the leaders.)
- Lower your voice during our morning potluck so as to not disturb the Chinese Service in the sanctuary.
- Be careful with your personal belongings during the potlucks.



### Christmas Eve Service

You are invited to join our Christmas Eve Service Tuesday, Dec. 24. 10:00-11:00 p.m. Theme: *"The Coming of the Lord"*.

GBC will be closed from 3:00 to 9:30 p.m. on December 24 due to preparation and setup for the Chinese Christmas Eve Evangelical Musical. If you drive, please use other parking lots around GBC.



### Year-End Events and Schedule Changes

As the year 2024 ends and 2025 begins, let us get together with our Lord and with each other as a church family.

#### Year-End Prayer Meeting:

- December 31, 9:00-10:30 p.m. in Room 401 (physical prayer meeting only)
- to give thanks for the events of 2024 & pray for 2025

#### Year End Celebration/Communion Service:

- December 31, 11:00 p.m. to 00.10 a.m. in Coleman Hall
- Songs of worship, testimonies of God's grace, video of remembrance, Pastor Nick's message, and taking communion as the body of Christ
- Let us end 2024 with worship & begin 2025 sharing the Lord's Supper together. Everyone is welcome!

**If you missed giving the “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” offering ...**

If you missed giving the “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” offering last Sunday, you can do it today. Put your offering in our regular offering envelope and write “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” on the top of the envelope.

The “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” mission offering is a special act to give a gift worthy of our King for the cause that brought Him to dwell among us!



**AWANA and Pre-school Schedule Update**

Parents of elementary school age children and under, please note AWANA and Pre-school schedule changes below:

**TODAY:** Take a break to have English Congregation Christmas Potluck

**December 29:** Cancelled for Year-End Holiday

**January 5, 12, and 19:** Regular program

**January 26 & February 2:** Cancelled for Lunar New Year Holiday

**February 9:** Back to school

For related information or future registrations, please contact the leaders: Teacher Ming for elementary school (minglai88@gmail.com) and Teacher Joanna for preschool (joanna1285@hotmail.com).



*AWANA program welcomes children - GBC membership required. Please ask teachers for details.*

**Mabuhay Fellowship**

Today, December 22, at 2 p.m. in Basement Room B05, the Mabuhay Fellowship will have a small gathering. MF members and friends are welcome.

On December 29, we will have tract distribution.

The Mabuhay Fellowship comprises Filipinos aiming to share God’s love and light through worship, prayer, Bible study, fellowship, gospel sharing, and other ministries.



**Chinese Christmas Eve Midnight Concert**

Chinese Christmas Eve Midnight Concert (子夜音樂會) will be held 11:30 p.m. - 01:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 24, in GBC Sanctuary. This is an excellent opportunity for music lovers and for the local community to join. The introduction will be in Chinese. Admission is free! Please invite people to join.



**Christmas and Year-End Events**

☆☆☆ ENGLISH SERVICES IN BOLD ☆☆☆

Date	Time	Event	Location
Dec. 22 (Sun.)	<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>AM Christmas Potluck</b>	<b>Coffee Deck Coleman Hall B01-B04</b>
	<b>17:30 – 19:00</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>	
	<b>19:00 – 20:30</b>	<b>PM Christmas Potluck</b>	
Dec. 24 (Tue.)	19:30 – 21:30	Christmas Musical Evangelism	Sanctuary
	<b>22:00 – 23:00</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>	<b>Coleman Hall</b>
	22:00 – 23:00	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
	23:30 – 01:30	Christmas Eve Midnight Concert	Sanctuary
Dec. 31 (Tue.)	<b>21:00 – 22:30</b>	<b>Year-End Prayer Meeting</b> (January 1 Prayer Meeting cancelled)	<b>Room 401</b>
	<b>23:00 – 00:10</b>	<b>Year End Celebration/Communion Service</b>	<b>Coleman Hall</b>

## EC Family Sharing Corner

*“In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”* 1 Thessalonians 5:18

We have a special column in this bulletin on the first Sunday of the month, “EC Family Sharing Corner”, for GBC members to express their gratitude for God’s leading, provision, and sustaining in their Christian journey.



By sharing the important events of our lives (weddings, births, graduations, retiring, passing of loved ones, answered prayers, etc.) that happened in the previous month, or will happen in the coming month, we acknowledge God’s faithfulness as we care and pray for each other.

Please include the who, when, and what of the event. Space is limited, so we will edit and possibly shorten your sharing. Send it to SueJenny at [suejenny@gbc.org.tw](mailto:suejenny@gbc.org.tw) by the last Sunday of each month (by December 29 for January).

## English Congregation Leaders

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Pastor Nick Brideson		Minister Priscilla Liao	
<p><b>Adult Education</b> Pastor Nick Brideson <a href="mailto:nick@gbc.org.tw">nick@gbc.org.tw</a></p> <p><b>Youth</b> (Grades 7 to 12) Ethan &amp; Sarah Chow Michael Dellinger <a href="mailto:michaeldondellinger@gmail.com">michaeldondellinger@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Foreign Mission:</b> - <b>Medical/Dental Team</b> Armand Lim <a href="mailto:rmanlim@gmail.com">rmanlim@gmail.com</a> - <b>Leadership Training</b> Pastor Nick Brideson <a href="mailto:nick@gbc.org.tw">nick@gbc.org.tw</a></p> <p><b>Orphanage Ministry</b> Julie Chen <a href="mailto:yuling0914@gmail.com">yuling0914@gmail.com</a> Dave Gerich <a href="mailto:davegerich@gmail.com">davegerich@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Mabuhay Fellowship</b> Ava Zamora <a href="mailto:avazam13@gmail.com">avazam13@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Indian Fellowship</b> Timothy Meesala <a href="mailto:yedukondaluster@gmail.com">yedukondaluster@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Small Groups</b> - <b>English Foundations</b> - <b>Ethiopian Students Group</b> - <b>HsinChu Bible Study Group</b> - <b>Salt &amp; Light</b> - <b>Thursday Night Bible Study Group</b></p>	<p><b>Morning Music Worship</b> Cherrie Gow Lim <a href="mailto:cvgow@yahoo.com">cvgow@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Morning Multimedia</b> Paul Han <a href="mailto:singleoo@gmail.com">singleoo@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Morning Greeters</b> Arjun Puvvala <a href="mailto:nagarjuna.chemist@gmail.com">nagarjuna.chemist@gmail.com</a> Alltrin Dhana Raja Gopal <a href="mailto:alltrin.chim99@gmail.com">alltrin.chim99@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Adult Choir</b> Juliet Jao <a href="mailto:lenyinjao@gmail.com">lenyinjao@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Hallel Singers</b> Cherrie Gow Lim <a href="mailto:cvgow@yahoo.com">cvgow@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Evening Greeters</b> Vicky Kuo <a href="mailto:asiaglobe999@gmail.com">asiaglobe999@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Evening Fellowship Meal /Baptism Celebration Fellowship</b> Michelle Cheng <a href="mailto:yealincheng@yahoo.com">yealincheng@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Baptism Support</b> Michael Dellinger <a href="mailto:michaeldondellinger@gmail.com">michaeldondellinger@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Morning Visitors Ministry</b> Amanda Lou <a href="mailto:lou.amanda@gmail.com">lou.amanda@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Morning Fellowship Tea</b> Teresa Lin <a href="mailto:fmlin660909@gmail.com">fmlin660909@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Cry Room Children’s Care</b> <a href="mailto:priscilla@gbc.org.tw">priscilla@gbc.org.tw</a></p> <p><b>Green Room Children’s Care</b> Sandra Hsu <a href="mailto:coihsu@gmail.com">coihsu@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>AWANA T&amp;T Group</b> Ming Lai <a href="mailto:minglai88@gmail.com">minglai88@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>AWANA Spark Group</b> Crystal Turner <a href="mailto:elisayah@yahoo.com">elisayah@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Preschool</b> Joanna Peng <a href="mailto:joanna6135@gmail.com">joanna6135@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Prayer Ministry</b> Minister Priscilla Liao <a href="mailto:priscilla@gbc.org.tw">priscilla@gbc.org.tw</a> Amanda Lou (Zoom) <a href="mailto:lou.amanda@gmail.com">lou.amanda@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Evening Music Team</b> Helina Lao/Peter Chiu <a href="mailto:gbceworshipteam@gmail.com">gbceworshipteam@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Evening Multimedia</b> Menzi Nhlengethwa <a href="mailto:menzinhlenge@gmail.com">menzinhlenge@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Small Groups</b> - <b>International Students Group</b> - <b>NTU Conversation Group</b> - <b>Parenting Group</b> - <b>Young Adults</b> - <b>Village</b></p> <p><b>Transformation Group</b> Minister Priscilla Liao <a href="mailto:priscilla@gbc.org.tw">priscilla@gbc.org.tw</a></p> <p><b>Taiwan Mission:</b> Minister Priscilla Liao <a href="mailto:priscilla@gbc.org.tw">priscilla@gbc.org.tw</a></p> <p><b>Foreign Mission:</b> - <b>VBS Team</b> Minister Priscilla Liao <a href="mailto:priscilla@gbc.org.tw">priscilla@gbc.org.tw</a></p>
		<p><b>Deacon</b> Paul Han <a href="mailto:singleoo@gmail.com">singleoo@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Alternate Deacon</b> Armand Lim <a href="mailto:rmanlim@gmail.com">rmanlim@gmail.com</a></p>
		<p><b>Secretarial staff</b> SueJenny Hsu <a href="mailto:suejenny@gbc.org.tw">suejenny@gbc.org.tw</a>      Stella Chen (part-time) <a href="mailto:stella@gbc.org.tw">stella@gbc.org.tw</a></p>	



**★ Sunday School – Join the class directly, or go to the room for information★**

**\*\* Beginning Christian Life**

Alpha – new and non-Christians (Pearce & Meghan)	11:30 a.m.	Calvary Room	Restarts Jan. 12
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Christianity 101 - required for baptism (Doug Gilmartin)	11:30 a.m.	B05	Restarts Jan. 12
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**\*\* Maturing Christians – “Explore the Bible”**

**Six classes available at three times for this Sunday school study:**

<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
Room B03 (Ava Zamora)	Room 305 (Rod Syverson)	Room 303 (Andrea Valle)
Room B04 (Roy Treurnicht)		
WanFu 22 (Kevin Hartman)		
Mount of Olives (Maria Sagita)	<b>Indonesian Friendly</b>	

Restarts  
Jan. 12

**\*\* Youth: Grade 7 and above**

(Leading teacher: Michael Dellinger)	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Room 405
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**\*\* Children**

Nursery - Age 3 and under	9:50 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Kindergarten Green Room
Preschool - Age 3 to 5	11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.	Room 403
AWANA – Kindergarten (大班) to Grade 6	11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.	Rooms 401/404

**★ Fellowships – Join a fellowship directly or email the leader to join★**

Fellowship	Time	Location/Contact email
Mabuhay (Filipino)	Sundays 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	B05
Indian Fellowship	Sundays 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	WanFu 22 yedukondaluster@gmail.com

**★ Transformation Group (Friday 7:15-8:45 p.m.) – New group from March 7, 2025 ★**

**★ Small Groups – Contact the leader to join ★**

Type	Name	Day/Time	Location/Contact Emails	
English Conversation	English Foundations	Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 pm	On break	
Students	NTU Friday English Conversation Group	Friday 12:20 - 1:10 pm	NTU priscilla@gbc.org.tw	
	International Students Group	Friday 7:30 - 9:30 pm	WanFu 22A gbcinternationalsg@gmail.com	
Language/Nationality	Ethiopian Students Group	Sunday 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Room 307 bayisukiya@gmail.com	
Family	Parenting Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Room 402 rod_syverson@hotmail.com	
General	Thursday Night Bible Study Group	Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 pm	Online rod_syverson@hotmail.com	
	HsinChu Bible Study Group	Friday 7:30 - 8:45 pm	HsinChu rmanlim@gmail.com	
	Young Adults Group (25 – 45 y.o.)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	KLMontgomery@me.com	Restarts Jan. 18
	Salt & Light	Sunday 1:30 - 3:00 pm	Mount of Olives Room 123456789nc@gmail.com	
	Village	Sunday 2:30 - 4:00 pm	Room 402 pearce.roberts07@gmail.com	Restarts Jan. 12

## English Congregation Participation & GBC Staff Information

2024.12.15 (Online & in Person)		Attendance	Offerings	<u>GBC Staff Contacts</u>
Service – Weekly Views		383	*308,183	<b>Peter Wu</b> Senior Pastor
Morning Service		250	863,520	<b>Ivory Chung</b> Director of Administration Office (02) 2362-5321 #113
Evening Service		151	71,379	<b>Samuel Huang</b> Audiovisual Support samuel@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #119
Wednesday Prayer Meeting		28	...	<u>GBC English Staff Contacts</u> <b>Nick Brideson</b> English Leading Pastor nick@gbc.org.tw <b>Priscilla Liao</b> English Minister priscilla@gbc.org.tw <b>Sue Jenny Hsu</b> English Secretary suejenny@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #136 <b>Stella Chen</b> English Part-time Secretary stella@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #132
Sunday School Classes	Preschool	9	...	
	Children	69	...	
	Youth	21	...	
Adult		72	...	
Transformation Group		...	...	
Small Groups		111	...	
Music	Choir	22	...	
	Hallel Singers	21	...	
Indian Fellowship		15	...	
Mabuhay Fellowship		9	...	

*\* These offerings are GBC overall online/weekly donations.*

*~ For information on other GBC participation and staff, see Chinese bulletin ~*

### Visitor Form / Prayer Request

December 22, 2024

Check (✓):  AM service  PM service

**Welcome! We are glad you are here! This Visitor Form is for you!**

If you didn't get the Visitor Card, please take a moment and fill this out. Please tear out the form and give it to an usher or the front desk or place it in the offering bag. Thank you!

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  Single  Married

**Nationality:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age (✓):**  Under 18  18-25  26-40  41-55  56-70  71+

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Best day/time to call:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about GBC (✓)?**  Friend  GBC website  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**What you first noticed about Grace Baptist Church's English Congregation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I'd like information on:**

- Sunday School classes       Youth Ministry       Music Ministry  
 Children's Ministry       Prayer Ministry       Weekday class

Fellowships:  Young Adults  Mabuhay (Philippines)  Indians

Small groups:  Students       General       Nationality/Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**I'm willing to:**

- Accept Christ       Be baptized       Become a church member       Serve  
 Please schedule a time for me to meet a pastor/minister