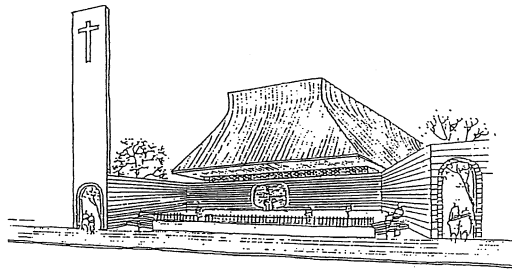


# Grace Baptist Church

Sunday, January 19, 2025

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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**Welcome 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, January 19, 2025**

Prelude		Michael Tsai
Greeting/Prayer		Armand Lim
Worship through Music	<i>“Psalm 150” “Rejoice”</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	<i>“Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)” “He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)”</i>	Armand Lim
Offertory Prayer		Jody Ku
Tithes and Offerings		
Doxology		
Special Music	<i>“Walk by Faith”</i>	Hallel Singers
Pray for Our Church		Doug Gilmartin
Scripture Reading	Exodus 22:21-27	
Message	God’s Protection	Pastor Nick Brideson
Response Song	<i>“Still”</i>	
Welcome		
Closing Song	<i>“As the Lord Is with Us”</i>	Armand Lim
Postlude		Michael Tsai



**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, January 19, 2025**

Prelude		Cristina Tseng
Prayer		Helina Lao, Leader
Worship through Music	<i>“How Great Is Our God”</i>	
Greeting		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	<i>“Mighty to Save” “Known and Loved” “Jesus, There’s No One Like You”</i>	Helina Lao, Leader
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Pray for Our Church		Kristen Montgomery
Scripture Reading	Exodus 22:21-27	
Message	God’s Protection	Pastor Nick Brideson
Response Song	<i>“Give Us Clean Hands”</i>	
Welcome		
Closing Prayer		
Closing Song	<i>“Known and Loved”</i>	Helina Lao, Leader
Postlude		Cristina Tseng

**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: God's Protection**

**Scripture: Exodus 22:21-27**

**Speaker: Pastor Nick Brideson**

**January 19, 2025**

**Scripture: Exodus 22:21-27 (NASB)**

<sup>21</sup> "You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. <sup>22</sup> "You shall not afflict any widow or orphan. <sup>23</sup> "If you afflict him at all, and if he does cry out to Me, I will surely hear his cry; <sup>24</sup> and My anger will be kindled, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

<sup>25</sup> "If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, you are not to act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest. <sup>26</sup> "If you ever take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you are to return it to him before the sun sets, <sup>27</sup> for that is his only covering; it is his cloak for his body . What else shall he sleep in? And it shall come about that when he cries out to Me, I will hear him, for I am gracious.

**Notes:**



## A Letter from Senior Pastor Peter Wu and Mrs. Cindy Wu

2025-1-18

From a time perspective, there was an event that occurred without any prior planning. From a spatial point of view, that event involved both the eastern and western hemispheres of the Earth. From the perspective of prayer, it was the fulfillment of many people's long-standing prayers. Regarding its effects, this event led to a renewal of the church's ministry, even allowing it to survive the challenges posed by the epidemic. From a probability perspective, the occurrence of this event could not have been orchestrated by human hands alone; it had to be by God!

It was by God's grace and guidance that we experienced a beautiful encounter with Grace Baptist Church more than seven years ago, without any prior planning. After over a year of prayer and planning, we responded to God's call and relocated from the Northeastern United States to Taipei, Taiwan. On July 15, 2018, we joined the spiritual family of GBC and began a wonderful journey with her.

As with any journey, there is a beginning and an end. Now, that end is approaching. On July 14, 2025, Peter's term of office will expire and he will step down thereafter. The church has initiated the process of searching for a senior pastor and will keep the congregation updated on the latest developments.

After leaving office, Peter will focus on serving the Kingdom of God and will concentrate on four areas of ministries: 1. Writing ministry: this year he plans to publish a book on "Theology of Preaching." 2. Establishing an Institute of Expository Preaching to promote and teach expository preaching. 3. Building a cross-disciplinary research platform to explore the development of church doctrine and theology in the AI era. 4. Continuing to engage in online video production of daily devotion. These ministries are in desperate need of God's grace and your prayer support is highly appreciated.

The first line of the poem "Deep Memory" (《記憶深長》) by poet Kwang-chung Yu (余光中) reads: "Memory is as long as a railroad track" (「記憶像鐵軌一樣長」). Life really resembles a train running on its tracks. The interplay of time and space—arriving, departing, boarding, and alighting—constantly weaves together many stories and memories in the morning dew and sunset glow.

Now, preparing to disembark, travelers on the platform  
will wave farewell to their good friends,

While sorting through their carry-on luggage  
that is fully packed with the Taipei's sky aflame.



## 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.

## Building Christian Life

If you or your family or friends would like to start the new year by committing to know more about God, God’s Word, or God’s will for your lives, GBC English Congregation offers many classes and small groups. Please take the great opportunity to make friends and learn by joining one of them. (Go to the class directly; see page 6 for details). Classes are available for different levels of spiritual maturity:

### **Beginning Christian Life**

➤ **Alpha:**

This class is especially suited for non-Christians, but anyone who wants to know more about Christianity is welcome to attend.

➤ **Christianity 101:**

This 10-lesson cycle introduces the basic teachings of Christianity. Candidates for baptism must complete this class before being baptized.

### **Maturing Christians**

➤ **Explore the Bible** (6 classes available at three times each Sunday)

Growing in Christ is a life-long journey, and these classes help people as they follow that journey. Sunday sermons support the classes by giving background on the same subject, while classes provide discussion and teaching for greater understanding.

### **Small Groups** (different categories of small group are available)

➤ **English Conversation:** For non-believers or seekers

➤ **Students:** For university students

➤ **Language/Nationality:** Uses a language other than English

➤ **Family:** Support group for parents, including single parents

➤ **General:** Currently 4 groups are open for anyone to attend

### **Transformation Group**

➤ Transformation Group allows Christians to grow in Christ together as we build meaningful trusting relationships, bear one another’s burdens, and support each other through listening and prayer. (Restarts March 7. Please check the bulletin for details in early February.)

## English Foundations Restarted

English Foundations Group provides a comfortable environment for English conversation and discussion.



If you want to practice English with a focus on life issues in an ever-changing world, please come to GBC Room 405 every Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

## Chinese Health Seminar TODAY

A health seminar (in Chinese) will be held 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on January 19 in Coleman Hall.

The topic is: *Prevention and Treatment for Chronic*

*Diseases*. The speaker is Dr. Wu DaiYing (吳岱穎醫師).

Please see Chinese bulletin to register and for details.



## New Members' Class TODAY

If you are applying for baptism on February 23, interested in becoming a GBC official member, or want to serve in certain ministries, you need to attend a New Members' class.

Our next New Members' class is **TODAY**, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Room 307. It is a one-time only class. Please plan to go directly to the class and bring ONE 2-inch ID picture for the registration form.



## Chinese New Year Evening Fellowship Meal Next Sunday

We will have Chinese New Year Evening Fellowship Meal next Sunday (January 26) after the Evening Service. The leader, Michelle Cheng, will prepare spaghetti, salads, fruits, as well as special Chinese New Year dishes, for the Fellowship.

Evening Service participants, please join our Fellowship in B01. If you can bring desserts or other food to share, take the food to B01 before 5:30 p.m.

We also need volunteers to help before and/or after the Fellowship (5-7 p.m. and/or 8-9 p.m.).

If you can help, please contact Michelle Cheng at her email: [yealincheng@yahoo.com](mailto:yealincheng@yahoo.com).



## Chinese New Year Couplets and Red Envelopes

GBC has different Chinese couplets (春聯) available on Sundays until noon, from today until January 26. You may go to the front door and pick whatever you like and take it home for free. Also, red envelopes can be bought for a small cost.



## Chinese New Year Holiday Schedule

During Chinese New Year holiday, GBC will be closed from Monday, January 27 to Friday, January 31. All meetings are cancelled during those days. Worship Services and meetings on January 26 and February 2 will be as normal.

## Mabuhay Fellowship

Today, January 19, at 2:00 p.m. in Basement Room B05, we will have worship through songs. We will also hear Pastor Nick Brideson deliver a talk on "Starting Right in the New Year," based on Psalm 1. All are welcome!



## Application for Yearly Parking Permit in 2025

GBC members can apply for a yearly parking permit before mid-February. Application forms are available at the front desk and must be signed by a GBC minister or pastor before submission. When picking up your new parking permit, you will need to return your old parking permit and pay a NT\$ 200 fee at the front desk. (See details at the front desk.)



### **Special note:**

1. For fire safety, the driveway to the parking area must be kept clear. Parking spaces are available on a first-come-first-park basis, and the parking gate will be closed when full. Due to limited parking spaces (on Sunday and other special days), please use nearby parking areas to park, such as NTU underground, underpasses on both sides of Xinhai Road, etc.
2. The parking permit should be affixed or hung in a visible place on the front windshield. Also the parking permit can only be used by the person who applied for it and cannot to be lent to others.

**★ 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
Christianity 101 - required for baptism (Doug Gilmartin)	11:30 a.m.	B05

**\*\* 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>	

**\*\* 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.	Cry Room & 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 ★**

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

Type	Name	Day/Time	Location/Contact Emails
English Conversation	English Foundations	Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Room 405 roytreur@gmail.com
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
	Salt & Light	Sunday 1:30 - 3:00 pm	Mount of Olives Room 123456789nc@gmail.com



## English Congregation Participation & GBC Staff Information

2025.01.12 (Online & in Person)		Attendance	Offerings	<u>GBC Staff Contacts</u>
Service – Weekly Views		349	*58,622	<b>Peter Wu</b> Senior Pastor
Morning Service		306	102,762	<b>Ivory Chung</b> Director of Administration Office (02) 2362-5321 #113
Evening Service		101	24,256	<b>Samuel Huang</b> Audiovisual Support samuel@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #119
Wednesday Prayer Meeting		25	...	<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	11	475	
	Children	41		
	Youth	29	...	
	Adult	77	...	
Small Groups		75	...	
Transformation		...	...	
Music	Choir	20	...	
	Hallel Singers	18	...	
Indian Fellowship		...	...	
Mabuhay Fellowship		7	...	

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

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

### Visitor Form / Prayer Request

January 19, 2025

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:**

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School classes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry  | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekday class  |
| Fellowships: <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults <input type="checkbox"/> Mabuhay (Philippines) <input type="checkbox"/> Indians    |  |   |
| Small groups: <input type="checkbox"/> Students <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality/Language: _____ |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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