

**“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.
For there is no authority except from God,
and those that exist have been instituted by God.” - Romans 13:1**

“This world has turned mad... I don’t understand anymore.” A coworker friend of mine expressed his frustrations about the world events, geopolitics, and the upcoming U.S. elections. “Things have changed so much. It seemed that nothing is reliable. Everything we hear on the news has two sides. I never know which one to believe.” Is the Red Party right? Is the Blue Party right?

Even among Christians, these discussions will incite a spontaneous debate, if not an outright argument. Some believe abortion is the preeminent issue; others think that social equality is the issue. Christians advocate for Supreme Court compositions that will protect their rights and preserve their religious freedoms. In the meantime, we compromise and accept corrupt and sinful behaviors of every politician who is a fallen creature like us. Who’s right?

Can a Christian have political views outside the considerations of our faith? The answer is NO, we cannot. Although the government and laws of this country protect our right to hold personal political beliefs and to exercise our right to vote, our first and only allegiance belongs with God and God alone.

As Christians, we need to remember that Jesus is the only truth that leads to life. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) This means that no government, leader, political economic policy, or victory from wars can save us. Only God can. The Great Commandment and the Great Commission call us to love God and our neighbors and proclaim the gospel by living lives that give clear evidence to the gospel’s transforming power.

Our faith as Christians is the belief that God’s will permeates and supersedes every aspect of life in the past, present, and future. God’s will is sovereign over history. What He has purposed, He will bring to pass. Although governments, war, and world events can cause temporary calamity, ultimately history and the world will proceed according to His Word and His will. Politics, conflicts, and governments are merely instruments that God uses to accomplish His plans.

Our hope for change is not founded in the ruling class of this country. We would be deceived if we think we can rest our hope on cultural morality or certain candidates. While we should exercise our right to vote as citizens of this country, our mission lies through changing the hearts of the people in this world through the Word of God. May God grant us the right perspectives during this time of uncertainty.

EDMONDS CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE
9/29/2024 AT 11:15 AM

Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Congregational Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
Worship through the Word

Pastor Solomon Liu
“The Most Mega”
1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Worship in Response
Doxology & Benediction
Welcome and Announcements

Offering is a part of our worship to God.
Online Offering: <https://eccseattle.org/en/give/>

SERVANT TEAM	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Pastor Solomon Liu	Minister Petros Yeung
MODERATOR	Minister Ryan Summers	Manfoon Chu
WORSHIP	WOW Praise	Hosanna
PA TECH	Yuyu Ao	George Chiu
USHER	Vanessa Woodbury	Milky Chen
FLOWER	——	Frank & Doris Stevenson
DOOR ROTATION	Vanthy Ouk	

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRaises AND PRAYERS

SEATTLE MANDARIN CONGREGATION

- Praise the Lord for the successful start of the new ministry season, focusing on the theme of Practicing Faith, Hope, and Love through the pulpit preaching and Sunday school classes. The introduction session during the first joint Sunday school on September 1st went well, and the first three sermons received encouraging feedback.
- We give thanks for the Senior Lunch gathering last Sunday in celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival! Over 50 seniors attended, enjoying food and fellowship. The Health Peace Fellowship also transitioned leadership during this event. We thank God for Mrs. May Ling's many years of faithful service. We also thank God for the commitment of the new leader, Mr. Scott Teao. May the Lord grant him strength and wisdom to lead this ministry.
- Praise God for the successful Faith, Hope, and Love (FHL) Fellowship welcome event last Sunday. Many newcomers joined the hiking event, building connections with the FHL coworkers.
- Please pray for the upcoming mission trips to Pullman, WA, which will take place over four weekends from this coming weekend through October 13th. Pastor Alex, Elder Lei Wang, and Brothers Hongbo and Xiangyuan will lead four teams to serve in Friday Bible studies, Sunday worship services, gospel outreaches, and leadership training. Pray for God's guidance, their safety, and that He will work through them.
- Lift up the Green Pasture Fellowship's welcome party on September 29th. This fellowship, formerly known as CGCG, serves college students. Pray that the Lord will bless this event with many new students and use the program to help them feel at home and bring seekers closer to the gospel and Jesus.

- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Thanksgiving Outreach event. Dr. Youcheng Bor, President of Ambassadors for Christ, will be the speaker for this recurring ECC event, which will be part of a joint outreach effort with other churches in the greater Seattle area. May God use this event to advance His gospel!

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

For the past 13 years, Duane and Jodi Decker serve to bring the gospel to Chinese students and scholars at Portland State University. They have been preparing for the arrival of around two dozen new Chinese students at the end of this month. This is the largest group since the start of the pandemic in early 2020. FOCUS is gearing up for airport pickups of 80-90 students in the next few weeks. Duane will be coordinating the annual FOCUS Furnishings Giveaway on Saturday, September 21st, as well as several "seasoning" activities to engage new students. Please pray for God to strengthen them physically and spiritually so they have the necessary energy to help fulfill students' needs – voiced and unvoiced – and are able to connect early and well with Chinese students.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- As the US enters the final month before the November general elections, may the Holy Spirit work among voters to help them discern and vote in accordance with God's will.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

9/29 SEA-E

Keziah Liu, Titus Goh, Faith Hui,
Tyler Sun, Young Wang,
Aaron Zou, Caleb Yue,
Sylvia Min, Jonny Lucio

Announcements

VOTING RESULTS FROM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Praise the Lord for calling His servants to co-labor in the church board. All 15 deacon/deaconess candidates were confirmed at the September 15 Congregational Meeting. The Church Board invites you to continue praying for these deacon-elects and supporting them in the ministries of our Lord. If you would like to get the specific voting results, please email info@eccseattle.org.

Membership Class

9/29 (Sun) | 1:00-3:00 PM |

Edmonds Campus, Room 109 (Mandarin) & Room 110 (English)

If you are a baptized Christ-follower who has been worshipping with us for six months or more and are interested in becoming an ECC member, we warmly invite you to our membership class. Please inform Charles Zhang (charleszhangsse@gmail.com), our membership deacon, by September 22nd so we can prepare a simple lunch.

Parking Policy Reminder for Church Safety

For the safety of the congregation and the church, please do not leave your car in the church parking lot when you are not at the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

Facility Management Team Announcements

The safety regulations and related matters (on a trial basis) regarding the Edmonds Facility have been posted on the bulletin boards in each classroom and hallway. Please contact the Facility Management Team if you have any questions (edsft@eccseattle.org).

2024 TAIWAN MISSIONS PINGLIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM SHARING

TODAY | 12:30PM | REDMOND CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HALL (ROOM W106)

Join us for a time of sharing about our recent Taiwan missions trip as we reflect on God's work during our trip.

ActsNow Conference

10/12 (Sat) | 9am-3:15pm | Edmonds Campus

International Christian Response (ICR) serves persecuted Christians around the world, and they will be hosting a one-day conference on Saturday, October 12th, at ECC's Edmonds campus.

Registration is required, but for ECC attendees, use the code "ECCFREE" to waive the registration fee on the payment page.

Visit <https://bit.ly/2024ACTSNOW> for detailed information on the conference.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL		
DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION/TIME
9/29/24	1 Corinthians 13:8-13	12:30pm ECC-Edmonds Campus Room 114/115
10/6/24	1 Corinthians 14:1-19	
10/13/24	1 Corinthians 14:20-39	