

“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.



SEATTLE CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE | 9/29/2024

Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Congregational Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
Worship through the Word
Worship in Response
Doxology & Benediction
Welcome and Announcements

*Offering is a part of our worship to God.
Free-will offering boxes are located at the sanctuary entrance and exits.
Online Offering: <https://eccseattle.org/en/give/>*

Message from Pastor Solomon Liu

"The Most Mega"
1 Corinthians 13:8-13

*Missed a sermon or want to share it? Listen to it at
www.eccseattle.org/en/sermons*

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Solomon Liu	Petros Yeung
MODERATOR	Sharon Wu	Grant Kwong
WORSHIP	Amanda Shu	Faye Wu
PA TECH	Ray Li, Titus Goh	Hannah Ng, Ajay Qi
LIVE STREAM	David Li, Kylie Cheung	
DOOR ROTATION	King Lam	Sharon Wu

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

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.

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 deacons and supporting them in the ministries of our Lord. If you would like to get the specific voting results, please email info@eccseattle.org.

WORLD CONCERN BANGLADESH COUNTRY DIRECTOR SHARING - RECORDING AVAILABLE

The recording of last week's (09/22) World Concern Bangladesh Country Director sharing is now posted on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/0922WorldConcern>
Thank you for your continued support of the Good Samaritan Fund. May you be encouraged and blessed.

FIRST ANNUAL SEATTLE CAMPUS WORSHIP MINISTRY TRAINING

OCT. 5TH (SAT) | 9:30AM - 2:30PM | ECC SEATTLE SANCTUARY | FOOD PROVIDED!

Join us for our 1st annual Seattle Campus Worship Ministry training! We will be going over our ministry's vision/mission for biblical worship, reviewing standards and protocols, as well as being trained/re-trained on equipment usage. This is required for worship ministry members. This is also an opportunity for those who are interested in worship to learn about serving! Register by Oct. 1st!
RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/ECCworshiptraining24>
Questions? Contact Amanda Shu or Nathan Goh for more info.

ALPHA CLASS, FALL 2024

10/10 - 11/7 (THUR) | 7:00PM | HYBRID & IN-PERSON ON UW CAMPUS
ZOOM LINK: <https://bit.ly/SEA-E-Alpha>



ALPHA

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. Alpha is a safe place to investigate life's biggest questions, where people can share their opinions and points of view. You will engage in an Alpha series that contains relevant life stories and explores the big issues around the basics of Christianity, with interviews of people from all walks of life, and visuals that represent our current cultural moments that resonate with this generation of students, workplaces, families, and leaders. Please register with Bruce Chang at brucechang@gmail.com.

2024 SUMMER CONFERENCE EXPENSE REPORT

	YOUTH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	ENGLISH
Receipts	\$21,700.00	\$26,825.00	\$25,553.00	\$15,985.00
Expenses	\$64,912.68	\$26,232.27	\$42,279.40	\$22,464.17
Deficit	\$43,212.68	+\$592.73	\$16,726.40	\$6,479.17

If anyone feels led to further contribute, please kindly submit your check marked "Youth Camp" or "English Retreat" on the memo line.