

I Was Not Ready

In the stillness of the night, a piercing sound shattered the tranquility. Jolted from a deep sleep, my heart pounded as the relentless beeping echoed through the house. Groggy and disoriented, I stumbled out of bed, fumbling for the light switch. My first thought was that the security alarm had gone off, but its indicators looked fine. Yet, the beeping continued. After a moment of confusion, it became clear that the culprit was a smoke detector's low battery—but which one? Unprepared for such an interruption in the middle of the night, I scrambled to locate the source of the sound. Finding it brought only a fleeting moment of relief—I realized we might not have the right replacement battery. Defeated, my wife found earplugs while I tossed and turned until daylight allowed us to finally acquire the right battery and stop the maddening beeping.

With peace and sanity restored, I took a moment to reflect on the importance of being prepared. In life's busyness, I'd missed the early signs—the smoke detector's steady green light had turned into a sporadic, blinking yellow. When the relentless beeping finally came, I found myself without the right replacement battery. Fortunately, the consequences weren't too severe—just some sleep deprivation and an unexpected trip to buy batteries.

I continued to ponder the importance of being spiritually prepared. The Bible offers numerous signs of Jesus' return, urging believers to remain vigilant. In Matthew 24:7, Jesus says, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places," signaling global unrest and natural disasters as precursors. Additionally, 2 Timothy 3:1-5 highlights societal changes: "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive..." These signs remind Christians to stay spiritually prepared, always watching and waiting for Christ's imminent return.

The Bible also teaches us many ways to prepare for Christ's return, and here are three of my favorites. First, strive to be more like Christ: "All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure" (1 John 3:3). By daily seeking to emulate His love, compassion, humility, and purity, we pursue becoming more like Him before we see Him. Second, be prepared to endure suffering: "But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13). Holding onto our faith in His sovereignty and goodness, we remain steadfast regardless of any suffering or persecutions that may come our way. Lastly, faithfully carry out what He has entrusted to us: "It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns" (Luke 12:43). By diligently serving others and fulfilling our callings, we actively participate in God's work, making a difference in the world.

You may or may not encounter beeping smoke alarms, but Christ's return is certain. I pray that we will all be prepared and ready.

SEATTLE CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE | 10/27/2024

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 Minister Steve Moy
"Back to Basics"
1 Corinthians 15:12-19

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

| | TODAY | NEXT WEEK |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| SPEAKER | Steve Moy | Christopher Hui |
| MODERATOR | CG Core Team | Amanda Shu |
| WORSHIP | Aeddán Claffin, Keziah Liu | Matthew Khor |
| PA TECH | Brian Yao, Lawrence Tan | Ray Li, Titus Goh |
| LIVE STREAM | Kaiden Ong, Edison Hao | Evan Leung, Hannah Cho |
| DOOR ROTATION | Bruce Chang | Sharon Wu |

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

COMMON GROUND (COLLEGE GROUP)

- Praise God for lots of new people and new freshman joining CG!
- Praise God for a great start to the year with Kickoff and Corn Maze.
- Praise God for the number of people who want to get involved, such as with serving on the worship team or serving during CG Sunday.
- Pray that our small group time of Bible study will be fruitful and that we learn a lot from 1 John.
- Pray for good health as we enter cold and flu season, and pray that those who are sick be healed.
- Pray for focus, good time management, and discipline as we tackle midterms, projects, and exams.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Grace is serving COCM (Chinese Overseas Christian Mission) in the UK area. She started a Bible study group for some new students. Church planting has been implemented smoothly and their first worship service started in July.

Praise the Lord, who blessed Grace's trip to China, where she could visit family members and friends. This visit mutually strengthened her and others who live in

areas where their faith is being challenged.

Thank God for saving her life and preventing her from side effects when she experienced an intracranial hematoma. Please pray for October outreach activities – may the Lord provide them with opportunities to contact Chinese-speaking students and groups. Pray that God grants Grace and her team wisdom in prioritizing their workload and getting needed help.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please pray for the people of Lebanon who are caught in the midst of the conflict. May God preserve them from the airstrikes and the battles between Israel and Hezbollah, especially the many Christian communities and churches. May the Lord comfort those who have suffered loss and help them find refuge from the violence of war.
- Please pray for Cuba as they face the hurricane season without a fully functioning power grid. May the Lord help the government repair the power plants, preserve those in the path of the storm, and be gracious and merciful to those who have suffered loss.

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the earth is from the west, so far has he
removed our transgressions from us.*

Psalms 103:11-12



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, 11/3

Don't forget - Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on 11/3.
Please set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed
Saturday night.



CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHOIR

The Children's/Youth Choir will officially be established in November, with both online and in-person practice sessions. Parents are encouraged to motivate their children and youth to actively participate!

Ages: 5-18

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/48lq7ZT>

Registration Deadline: 11/10 (Sun)

Contact: Sharon Chang (sharonchanghs@gmail.com)



KINDRED PRAYER MEETING

10/29 (TUE) | 7 - 8:30 PM | DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Please come and join your sisters and brothers from the Kindred churches for a time of worship, reflection, and prayer.

WE ARE HIRING: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR (FMC)

ECC is seeking a dedicated Facilities Management Coordinator (FMC) who will be responsible for the overall management, maintenance, and operation of ECC's multiple facilities to ensure the functionality, safety, comfort, and sustainability of these spaces. Please visit <https://eccseattle.org/en/open-positions/> for details.



2024 THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION – SEA-E OUTREACH EVENT

11/10 (SUN) | 11 AM - 12:45 PM | ECC SEATTLE FELLOWSHIP HALL

THEME: HARVEST OF GRATITUDE

Come celebrate Thanksgiving with our ECC Seattle church family! The event will feature lunch, testimonies, and prayer right after Sunday service. We encourage everyone to come and invite their friends for outreach and fellowship. Come build community, be inspired, and enjoy good food!

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Please be considerate of our neighbors when you park. Park sensibly and legally.

- Do not park within 5 feet of driveways
- Do not park within 15 feet of fire hydrants
- Do not park within 20 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk approach
- Do not park within 30 feet of stop signs or yield signs

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

FRIDAYS | 7:45 - 8:15 AM | ID: 839 4987 0537 | PASSCODE: 807285

ZOOM LINK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/SEAPRAYERMEETING2023](https://bit.ly/SEAPRAYERMEETING2023)

Join us for our Weekly Prayer Meeting! It's a dedicated time for prayer and encouragement. For those who would like to prepare in advance, you can find the information for each week at seekinggodsfac.org.