

## Pastor Appreciation Month

The month of October has been associated with crisp autumn leaves and pumpkin spice; it has also long been recognized worldwide as Pastor Appreciation Month or Clergy Appreciation Month. I had always thought this month had the makings of a Hallmark holiday. You know, where Hallmark, the card company, made up a holiday to sell greeting cards. However, as I researched more into this month, I discovered that it is rooted in a profound biblical principle.

In his first letter to his young protegee Timothy, the aging apostle Paul provides insights into the roles and responsibilities of church leaders. In 1 Timothy 5:17, *“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.”* In this verse, the apostle Paul highlights the importance of honoring elders, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. This verse helps to illustrate the nature of the pastoral calling and the immense value of their contributions to the spiritual health of the church.

Pastors are more than just religious leaders; they are spiritual mentors, counselors, and community builders. They dedicate countless hours to studying God's Word, preparing sermons, and offering pastoral care to their congregations. This can be seen in the many pastors across all three campuses from the English, Mandarin, and Cantonese congregations at ECC. The apostle Paul wrote 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 to remind the church to acknowledge those *“who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you,”* holding these spiritual leaders *“in the highest regard in love because of their work.”*

The different small groups at ECC do a wonderful job of celebrating the selfless, arduous work of the pastors. They shower the pastors with baked goods, plants to decorate their offices, meals, encouraging words, and thank you cards. However, I think the greatest gift is probably the gift of prayer. Raising regular prayers for the pastors will allow God to empower the pastors in their ministries. Do not forget to pray for your pastors and not just during Pastor Appreciation Month.

**EDMONDS CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE**

**11/17/2024 AT 11:15 AM**

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

**Pastor Solomon Liu**  
**"Resurrection Victory"**  
**1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

Worship in Response  
Doxology & Benediction  
Welcome and Announcements

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

| <b>SERVANT TEAM</b>  | <b>TODAY</b>                              | <b>NEXT WEEK</b>                           |
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| <b>SPEAKER</b>       | Pastor Solomon Liu                        | Elder Elton Lee                            |
| <b>MODERATOR</b>     | Minister Ryan Summers                     | Minister Ryan Summers                      |
| <b>WORSHIP</b>       | Angel Sing                                | Minister Ryan Summers                      |
| <b>PA TECH</b>       | George Chiu<br>Janet Dong<br>Jonathan Chu | Jonathan Chu<br>Frank Liang<br>George Chiu |
| <b>USHER</b>         | Milky Chen                                | Davy Ouk                                   |
| <b>DOOR ROTATION</b> | Vanthly Ouk                               |  |

# Prayers for Our ECC Community

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## **PRaises AND PRAYERS**

### **EDS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT**

#### **MINISTRY**

- God has brought growth in our program with a number of new middle school students as well as college students.
- We're grateful for the 5 youth counselors God has given us.
- The new space at the Edmonds campus is working well for us.
- We are looking for a few more young adult counselors for our middle schoolers.
- We are trying to figure out how to work with a new group of middle school students. We have always combined them into the larger high school and college group, but would like to give them their own class and activities.
- Pray for increased openness and honesty within our group. As we have grown, we have a number of new students, and we need to grow familiar and comfortable with one another.

#### **PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

Alex, Kristi, and their team have served in a sports ministry in Taiwan and other parts of Asia for 33 years. They've relocated to central TX to be closer to their three kids and five grandkids, and they see ministering to them as a part of their job. Over the summer, Alex was in the Philip

ines for a sports ministry training. Many leaders traveled long hours by boat, hopping from island to island to get there. Alex was initially discouraged by the smaller turnout, but collectively, they sweated, shared, and cried, and looked to God to guide them in their ministry plans. May the Lord follow these leaders back to their homes and their communities, and do more than they can hope for or imagine, through Him, in sports.

#### **PRAY FOR THE WORLD**

- Please pray for the upcoming elections in Germany. On the eastern edge of Europe, please pray for a government that can mediate between Russia and the West in the midst of the Russo-Ukrainian war. May the Lord continue His work to revitalize German churches.
- Please continue to pray for order to be restored in Haiti. May the Lord protect the Kenyan peacekeepers and raise up leaders who can bring an end to the gang violence in the nation. May the Lord unite churches to be a beacon of hope amidst the lawlessness.

# Announcements

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## Invitation to Baptism and Thanksgiving Potluck

Praise the Lord! Right after the Sunday worship service on November 24, a **baptism will be held in Room 119**. The brothers and sisters being baptized are: Jianrong Zhao, Mei Yu Chen, Liya Li, Sarah Huang, and Cheng Liang. After the baptism, there will be a **potluck thanksgiving celebration in the gym**—please bring one dish per family. We welcome everyone to reserve time to join us and to pray for these brothers and sisters being baptized, asking the Lord to strengthen their faith and greatly bless them.

## Thanksgiving Potluck

11/24 | after the baptism | Room 116/117 (Adult Sunday school room)

As we are grateful for the Lord's work in providing this church building and church body to us, the English congregation will have a Thanksgiving potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to share! Adult Sunday school will be canceled.

## 2024 Thanksgiving Outreach (in Mandarin)

11/22-23 (Fri-Sat) | 7:30 – 9:30 PM | University Presbyterian Church  
(4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105)

**Theme: A Home to Return to — for Those Who Have Crossed the Ocean**

Speaker: Dr. Yeou-Cherng Bor, President of AFC

We invite you to join us in prayer for this wonderful outreach opportunity, asking that God prepares the hearts and minds of our community to receive the gospel. Please consider inviting your Mandarin-speaking friends to attend this meaningful event.

## A Kindred Family Christmas

**SIGN-UP LINK:** <https://bit.ly/kindredchristmas-en> (Deadline: 12/1)

Be an Adopting Angel this holiday season! Join us in supporting families from the Seattle Public Schools at our in-person Christmas "shopping" event on 12/13 (Friday) for an evening of shopping, food, and fun. Please sign up online, select the number of family members you'd like to support, and you'll receive a confirmation email with shopping details. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## **Kindred Family Box Drop-Off Date and Location:**

After signing up, you can start bringing in your items in a box or a bag (please do not wrap the gifts) and drop them off at the EDS Campus by the sanctuary by 12/8/24.

## **Volunteers Needed | 12/5 & 12/13 | UPC**

We need volunteers to help with receiving gifts on 12/5, the gift box distribution on 12/13, as well as to help decorate, set up props, distribute drinks and cookies, and assist with the photo booth. We encourage families to sign up to volunteer together.

## Care Ministry Update with Good Samaritan Fund (GSF) Status

Through your contributions to the GSF this year, over \$34,000 has been granted to individuals and over \$9,000 was spent supporting homeless feeding projects. In addition, about \$250,000 has been given to humanitarian relief agencies locally and globally. Offering receipts are currently at about \$150,000 dollars, or about half of the 2023 total receipts . Please consider your year-end giving to help replenish the fund. Thank you. May you be encouraged and blessed.

### **2024 ECC CALENDAR** *(For the yearly calendar, please check [www.eccseattle.org](http://www.eccseattle.org))*

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| 11/22 (Fri) | Thanksgiving Outreach (Mandarin) (UPC) |
| 12/13 (Fri) | Kindred Family Christmas (UPC)         |

| <b>Small Group</b> | <b>MEETING TIME</b>     | <b>CONTACTS</b> | <b>EMAIL</b>          |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Breaking Bread     | 1st SAT, 6-9PM          | Milky Chen      | milkychen82@gmail.com |
| Youth Fellowship   | Every Sunday<br>12:30PM | Ryan Summers    | rms147@hotmail.com    |

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