

Room in My Heart for You

As soon as Thanksgiving is over and the delicious turkey is eaten, many families start decorating their Christmas trees and hanging lights to prepare for Christmas. This may seem a bit early in terms of time, but according to the church calendar, the first Sunday of December marks the beginning of Advent—a four-week period to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth, reflect on His grace, and anticipate His return.

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. I believe that many believers are reflecting on the purpose of the Lord Jesus' incarnation and coming to the world, reviewing the words and deeds of the Lord Jesus Christ and His great salvation. Through devotion, repentance, prayer, and waiting, they prepare to celebrate His birth.

Our loving Lord came into the world as the true light to illuminate all people. He dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Yet, as John 1:11 says, "He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him." The honorable Lord could only be born in a stable in Bethlehem, laid in a manger because there was no room in the inn.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us reflect together: is there room in our hearts for the Lord so that He can reside in us and guide our lives? What fills our hearts? Is it the pursuit of material things, or self-gratification, or envy and strife? May the Lord have mercy and help us empty ourselves of thoughts and desires that displease our God. Let the Lord's Word, the teachings of the Holy Spirit, and the Father's love fill our hearts. Let there be room in our hearts for the Lord, inviting Jesus to reside in us. May the hope, peace, joy, and harmony brought by the birth of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

(Translated by the translation team)

EDMONDS CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE

12/8/2024 AT 11:15 AM

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

Pastor Jeff Ting
"The Wise Seek Him"
Matthew 2:1-11

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 Jeff Ting	Pastor Steven MacDonald
MODERATOR	Ryan Summers	Ryan Summers
WORSHIP	Joyful Noise	Ryan Summers
PA TECH	George Chiu Dean Matsen Wendy Wang	Julia Woodbury Janet Dong Jack Peng
USHER	Milky Chen	Yuyu Ao
DOOR ROTATION	Lawrence Tung	

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

REDMOND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- We thank and praise God for Sister Ying Lu, who has accepted the position of 2nd Service CM Coordinator. We are grateful for God's faithfulness in raising up brothers and sisters to help us serve the children of ECC even more effectively. Praise God for the wonderful teachers and teaching assistants who are completing our first 4-month teaching semester. Their dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated. We give thanks for the continued partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship. They will return in 2025 to provide an all-day teachers' training, equipping us further for ministry.
- Please pray for the recruitment efforts as we seek to fill positions for helpers in for the spring semester, especially during the 2nd service hour. Pray for the safety of families who are traveling for Thanksgiving, that they will have safe journeys. Please pray that God will raise up a CM director to oversee the SEA and EDS campuses, guiding and strengthening the ministry.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Originally from Hong Kong, Wendy Wong has been a missionary in Chiang Rai, Thailand, for 13 years. Along with her husband, Anawin, and two children, they serve the Akha people through a children's home for broken families and orphans, three local churches, and Chinese schools.

As the coffee ministry, the student center, and one of the Chinese schools are severely affected and have closed temporarily after the

floods, please pray for guidance from God to overcome the many problems. Minister Anawin will complete his degree in March 2025, but he is very stressed at this time. So please pray for his health, strength, and faith to cope with everything. Wendy also plans to visit the USA next summer; please pray that God will lead her and provide everything she needs for her trip.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please continue to pray for Ukraine as it suffers under Russia's crippling attacks. With the increasing damage to its power grid, many Ukrainians are suffering in the midst of the bitter cold. May God hear their prayers and protect them from the violence of the conflict and raise peacemakers who can bring an end to the nearly two-year war.
- Please pray for a peaceful resolution to Korea's crisis of leadership. May the Lord grant wisdom to its leaders to find a path forward to good governance for the welfare of its people. May the Lord use the church communities to be salt and light for peace and unity to the nation during this troubled time.

Announcements

Financial Update

- Guidelines For Expense Reimbursement

Please submit all expense reimbursement requests within 60 calendar days after expenses are incurred for accurate accounting. The deadline to submit expense reimbursements for the 2024 fiscal year is 12/31.

- End-of-Year Offering

Please be mindful that contributions to be counted toward 2024 must be dated 12/31 or earlier. Checks sent through the U.S. Postal Service must have a 2024 postmark for them to count toward the 2024 offering. Online Bill Pay service is also available. Please go to <https://eccseattle.org/en/give/> for instructions.

2024 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Bilingual: Chinese and English)

12/24 (Tue) | 7:30 PM | ECC Seattle Campus

You are warmly invited to join the Christmas Candlelight Service hosted by the Seattle Mandarin congregation. The program will include a choir performance, Scripture readings, and a short gospel message. All are welcome to attend—feel free to invite your family and friends as we celebrate the joyous news of Jesus' birth, bringing peace and joy to every heart!

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

Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

2024 — 2025 ECC CALENDAR
(For the yearly calendar, please check www.eccseattle.org)

12/13 (Fri)	Kindred Family Christmas (UPC)
12/22 (Sun)	Christmas Sunday (ECC)
1/26 (Sun)	40 Days of Prayer Campaign (EDS-English)
2/14 (Fri)	YSF Retreat (Lakeview Retreat)

Small Group	MEETING TIME	CONTACTS	EMAIL
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