

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)



REDMOND CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE | 12/8/2024

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 box is located on the Welcome Table by the Worship Hall doors.
 Online Offering: <https://eccseattle.org/en/give/>*

Message from Minister Steve Moy
"The Legacy of John the Baptist"
 Luke 1:76-80

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL	TOPIC	LOCATION
CHILDREN	Elementary Worship and Sunday School Message	9:30 AM Room 106
	Preschool	9:30 AM Rooms 114-116
YF (JUNIOR HIGH)	What Was I Made For #4 (Room M101)	
YSF (SENIOR HIGH)	Christian Spiritual Practices: Fasting (Room M106)	
ADULT/COLLEGE	Joint Sunday School — The After Party (English Worship Hall)	
SERVANT TEAM	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Steve Moy	Steven MacDonald
WORSHIP	Sing Wee	Marissa Yap
MODERATOR	Priscilla Chan	Jeremy MacDonald
DOOR ROTATION	Samuel Kuo	

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

ECC 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 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.



REDMOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together) Meeting TODAY

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together) is meeting today from 11:15am-12:15pm. Please join us in M212 for prayer, refreshments, and fellowship.

2024 THAILAND SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TESTIMONY SHARING

(WITH ENGLISH INTERPRETATION)

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

Bring your lunch and eat with us!

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.

2025 TAIWAN MISSIONS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

12/15 (SUN) | 12:40PM - 2:30PM | RED CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HALL (ROOM W106)

2025 Taiwan Missions currently plans 7/7-7/18 at Bethany Children's Home (VBS, High School Leadership Character Camp) and 7/14-7/25 at Pinglin Jr. High School (English Character Camp). We welcome Christians with a missional mind and servant's heart to join the team. If you have any question, please contact Joseph Wang: (425) 241-0008, ccw25426@yhoo.com.

LENDING HANDS, MOVING HEARTS: HELPING ELDERLY AND DISABLED MEMBERS

Here at ECC, we recognize the challenges that our elderly and disabled members might face in participating fully in our church life and we are here to help. We would like to offer assistance and support to those who have difficulty with transportation or accessibility needs to and from our church activities. If you or a loved one are in need of assistance, please contact us: Craig Zhou (RED Mandarin) craig.zhou@hotmail.com, William Chui (RED Cantonese) wchui@gmail.com, or Elton Lee (RED English) eltonlee100@gmail.com or call us at 206-789-6380.

Tell Us What You Think

Do you have any questions or ideas for the ministry council, but don't know whom to talk to? Submit your feedback here!

Link: <http://bit.ly/ecc-red-e-feedback>



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

12/13 (FRI) 4:30 - 8:30PM	Kindred Family Christmas (UPC, Seattle)
1/19 (SUN) 11:30AM -12:30PM	Congregational Meeting