

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)



SEATTLE CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE | 12/8/2024

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

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

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Jeff Ting	Solomon Liu
MODERATOR	Sharon Wu	Lydia Liu
WORSHIP	Faye Wu	Amanda Shu
PA TECH	Brian Yao, Lawrence Tan	Michael Nguyen, Titus Goh
LIVE STREAM	Lance Garcia, Yee Man Liu	David Li, Ruth Hui
DOOR ROTATION	Geoffrey Wong	Samuel Perng

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S GATHERING AND WOMEN'S CONNECTION TODAY

Come join us for our Men's Gathering and Women's Connection today after service. The Men's Gathering meets in the Fellowship Hall while the Women's Connection will meet in the Gym.

2025 TAIWAN MISSIONS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

TODAY (SUN) | 12:30PM - 2:00PM | GYM

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.

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.

SEATTLE ENGLISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

12/15 | 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM | GYM

Come join our unforgettable annual English congregation Christmas Celebration on Sunday Dec. 15th during the Sunday school hour for a time of Christmas festivities and remembering our blessings from 2024.

Food assignments:

Main dish - Classic, Family West, Family North

Salad/veggies/sides - Ark, Roots, LW, CG

Desserts/drinks - YSF, YF

Please contact Elder Eric Hwee at (206) 390-1098 for any questions or concerns.

Please email photos and videos for the end of year slideshow here:

ECCChristmas2024@submit.memento.com



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE (BILINGUAL)

12/24 (TUE) | 7:30 PM | SANCTUARY

The Seattle Mandarin congregation will be holding a bilingual (Mandarin/English) Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 12/24. All are welcome to attend.



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