

## A Few Thoughts for the New Year

### 【Happy New Year】

In the blink of an eye, another year has passed. At the start of a new year, we are all used to wishing each other a "Happy New Year." But is the New Year really a happy year? Not necessarily! Looking back on the past year, there were still many disappointing, sorrowful, and catastrophic events. Political situations remain chaotic and unstable. On the international stage, "nation rises against nation, and people against people," and "revenge is repaid without end." Beneath the surface prosperity of the Greater Seattle area, many unresolved issues persist. As we face the new year, may Nehemiah's words to a group of people willing to follow God be our encouragement: *"Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."* (Nehemiah 8:10) In the new year, let us renew our lives, live out the testimony of life, and truly experience a joyful new year.

### 【A Message for the New Year】

*"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* (Lamentations 3:22-23) Thank God! He gives us the hope of a fresh start every day. May we embrace a lively new hope in the new year because of God's abundant love.

### 【Starting Anew from the Heart】

In mid-November, a powerful bomb cyclone struck Seattle, toppling countless tree branches of all sizes and scattering them across gardens and rooftops. Even now, the cleanup remains incomplete. I look forward to the arrival of the New Year, not only because the garden can be tidied up again, but also so God will get rid of any distracting thoughts in my heart that are not in line with His will. *"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."* (Psalm 51:10)

### 【Trying a New Perspective】

- Face the sun, and your shadow will fall behind you; continually look to the Lord, and human shadows will disappear.
- Instead of "looking out over" and being disappointed, "look up" and have hope. (Excerpted from "Voice of God and Men," Issue 258, p.5)

### 【The Crown of Years】

Thank God! *"You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance."* (Psalm 65:11) May the Lord's grace be with you always! Blessings for a prosperous new year!

**EDMONDS CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE**

**1/12/2025 AT 11:15 AM**

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

**Pastor Solomon Liu**  
**"The God Who Provides"**  
**John 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/>*

<b>SERVANT TEAM</b>	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK (JOINT WORSHIP 9:30AM)</b>
<b>SPEAKER</b>	Pastor Solomon Liu	Pastor Jeff Ting Elder Peter Su
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Manfoon Chu	Manfoon Chu
<b>WORSHIP</b>	WOW Praise	Youth Worship Team
<b>PA TECH</b>	Julia Woodbury Janet Dong Wendy Wang	John Liang Frank He Qingtao Luo
<b>USHER</b>	Gloria Chiu	Jessica Li Sue Lee Davy Ouk
<b>DOOR ROTATION</b>	Yuyu Ao	

# Prayers for Our ECC Community

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## **PRAISES AND PRAYERS**

### **ECC CHURCH BOARD**

- We are deeply thankful for the dedication of every church board member (deacons, elders, and pastoral staff). They have gone above and beyond in serving the brothers and sisters of ECC, and ultimately, our Lord. Their sacrifice of precious time to build up the community enables ECC to fulfill God's Great Commission. "May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17
- Over the past three months, the church board has worked tirelessly to complete the overall budget for 2025. Each budget item has been thoroughly discussed and vetted during this process. The 2025 budget allows us to move forward with our ministries in the coming year. May we all be good stewards of the resources He has bestowed upon us.
- We are thankful for all the ECC ministries conducted in 2024. There have been ups and downs, and moments of exceeding expectations and disappointments, smooth sailing, and stalled progress. As we wrap up 2024, we want to leave them to God and thank Him for guiding us through each step and every corner. May we continue to walk alongside Him.
- We pray for the upcoming annual congregational meeting on January 19, 2025. During this meeting, we will adopt our 2025 budget and confirm two returning ruling Elders. May His will be revealed to all ECC members throughout the voting process, and may His name be glorified during the meeting.
- For all the new ministries planned for 2025 and the ongoing ministries started beforehand, we pray that God watches over the ministries conducted for His sake. As we serve Him, may our brothers and sisters lean on Him and experience His faithfulness throughout

the year.

- We pray for our 2025 Church Board. May God grant each member the wisdom to effectively serve not only our ECC members and neighbors but ultimately our God. We also pray for our newly-elected first-time-serving deacons. May God grant them the wisdom to balance family, ministry, and work.

### **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. They wrote about Jesus being God's legacy, and how God has invited them in the legacy of sports ministry in Taiwan and Asia. They expressed a desire to expand sports ministries, especially amongst partnering churches, and to raise up new ministry supporters. Please for new partners and opportunities to pass on their legacy. May God also grant Alex safe travels in Jan and Feb, to Taiwan and Manila for camps and leadership training.

### **PRAY FOR THE WORLD**

- Please pray for those impacted by the earthquake in Tibet. May the Lord strengthen first responders as they work to rescue those trapped and speed the delivery of humanitarian aid to the region. May the Lord be gracious to those who have been injured and comfort those who have suffered loss by revealing His presence in their lives.
- Please pray for the millions who will be traveling for the Lunar New Year in the coming weeks. May the Lord grant them traveling mercy and bless their time with family and friends. May the Lord also provide opportunities for the gatherings to experience God's love and presence through His disciples.

# Announcements

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## **2025 Congregational Meeting**

We will have our annual Congregational Meeting for all members next Sunday, January 19, immediately following the Sunday Worship services at all three campuses. Your attendance is essential!

## **Morning Joint Service & 2025 Congregational Meeting**

On **January 19 at 9:30 AM**, we will hold a bilingual joint Sunday worship service in the sanctuary. Immediately following the service, the congregational meeting will be held.

## **YSF Retreat 2025 Registration**

This year, YSF Retreat (for high school students) will be from Feb 14 to 16 at Lake Retreat. The theme is “Relentless Pursuit of God,” coming from the book of Jonah. Invite your friends!

Check your email for more details. You can register at <https://bit.ly/3Ptug5C>.

Registration deadline is Jan 26, 2025.



## **Short-Term Missions (STM) Informational Meeting**

1/26 (Sun) | 7:30 pm | Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/STMInfo2025>

If you are interested in taking part in any of our short-term missions trips this year, mark your calendars to attend an info session via Zoom. Meeting objectives: to communicate information about STM policies, guidelines, criteria, expectations, required training, and church support. Meeting ID: 894 1256 0706, Passcode: 278857.



## **2025 Mexico Missions Informational Meeting**

1/26 (Sun) | 1:00 pm | M105, Redmond Campus

Interested in going on a short-term missions trip this Summer? From July 12-19, a team will be headed to Mexico. This is open to all congregations. Please come join us to learn more about this ministry opportunity. Questions? Please contact Minister Steve ([stevemoy@eccseattle.org](mailto:stevemoy@eccseattle.org)). A light lunch will be provided.

## **Mandarin Pastor Recruitment for the Edmonds Campus**

ECC has actively begun the pastoral search process for the Edmonds Campus. If you know of a suitable candidate, please refer them to the church website (<https://eccseattle.org/en/open-positions/>) for the job description and application form. Any questions, please email [eds-m-pscommittee@eccseattle.org](mailto:eds-m-pscommittee@eccseattle.org).

## "Faith, Hope, and Love Life Care" Online Course

The "Practical Care in Faith, Hope, and Love" course delves into topics such as crisis care, cancer support, end-of-life care, and grief counseling. One unit is released every Saturday, allowing participants to learn at their own pace and complete the course within 14 weeks.

Course Dates: January 18, 2025 – April 25, 2025

Registration: Now through January 25, 2025

Registration Link: <https://conta.cc/3ZQAU4r> or scan the QR code.

Contact: Justina Liu ([jus2916@gmail.com](mailto:jus2916@gmail.com))



## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the family of Helen Chang (EDS-M)—wife of Lunadi Sunarga—who went to be with the Lord on Jan 5 at the age of 88. The memorial service was held last Friday. May the grace and peace from the Lord comfort the families.

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