

# Pastoral Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was such a joy to return from Sabbatical and be with you last Sunday. I planned my Sabbatical so that I could come back in time to celebrate Advent together with you.

Last Sunday, we were reminded that "Advent" means "Arrival" or "Waiting." While Jesus came into the world over 2000 years ago, we also look forward to His promised return, when He will restore all things and make everything new. This is the greatest hope for every believer.

But let us take a hard and honest look at ourselves and ask this question: Why is it that, at times, we lose our eagerness in anticipating His return?

Could it be that we've become distracted by the things of the present, so focused on what is temporary that we've grown numb to the deeper cry of our hearts for the eternal? Advent calls us to awaken that longing again, to lift our eyes beyond what fades, and to rekindle our hope in Christ's promise to come and make all things new.

May this season renew our anticipation and deepen our joy as we wait together for His coming.

Warmly,  
Pastor Sol



## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE (BILINGUAL)

12/24 (WED) | 7:30 PM | ECC SEATTLE SANCTUARY

The Seattle campus will be holding a bilingual (Mandarin/English) Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 12/24.

All are welcome to attend.

# Evangelical Chinese Church of Seattle – Seattle English

**12/7/2025**

Call to Worship  
Worship through Praise  
Congregational Prayer & the Lord's Prayer  
Worship through the Word  
Worship in Response  
Holy Communion  
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 Minister Petros Yeung

*“Mighty God”*

*Colossians 1:15–23; Isaiah 10:20–23; 43:16–19*

*Missed a sermon or want to share it? Listen to it at  
[www.eccseattle.org/en/sermons](http://www.eccseattle.org/en/sermons)*

	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
SPEAKER	Petros Yeung	Solomon Liu
MODERATOR	Lydia Perng	Victor Lee
WORSHIP	Keziah Liu	Amanda Shu
A/V TECH	Amanda Shu, Lawrence Tan Sharon Wu	Rachel Leung, Titus Goh Benjamin Hoang
LIVESTREAM	Evan Leung, Liam Phan	Hannah Cho, Edison Leung Kylie Cheung
DOOR ROTATION	King Lam	Bruce Chang

# Prayers for Our ECC Community

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## PRAISES AND PRAYERS

### EDMONDS YOUTH MINISTRY

- Our adult fellowship, Breaking Bread, has successfully multiplied, and our second study session will begin in early 2026.
- Praise God that our English adult Sunday school members have started a weekly prayer time together.
- We celebrate the active participation of so many EDS-ENG members who serve week after week. We are truly a congregation run by servant-hearted members, as each part contributes its work to the health of the body.
- Pray for the English congregation's transition to the main EDS sanctuary for Sunday worship.
- Pray for God to lead a few college students and young adults to serve in the middle school program we hope to start.
- Pray that our opportunities to share God's love with four senior living facilities this December will be a blessing. Pray that our singing songs, giving gifts, and talking with the residents will be a rich way of living out the gospel mission.

## PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

For more than 13 years, Duane and Jodi Decker served to bring the gospel to Chinese students and scholars at Portland State University and Oregon Health & Science University. Thank God—they've built strong relationships with students through their activities, making a great start to the new school year this September. Although the number of students on the campuses where COM works has decreased, the number of students exposed to the message of hope in the gospel has remained nearly the same. Praise God for

allowing them to have such a profound impact!

Please pray that:

1. Duane and Jodi will continue to be transformed by God,
2. the students they meet or who attend their events during the new academic year will come to know Jesus, and
3. those who trust in Jesus will grow into true disciples.

## PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please pray for the millions throughout Southeast Asia recovering from devastating flooding. May the Lord help government and humanitarian agencies reach those affected, many in remote areas where the infrastructure has collapsed. May the Lord strengthen church communities and NGOs to be a source of comfort and hope during this time.
- Please pray for the many Christian families in Nigeria who have suffered as their children are kidnapped from boarding schools. May the Lord strengthen the government to respond and execute rescues, and grant wisdom to church leaders to support and guide their congregations.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **END-OF-YEAR OFFERING**

Please be mindful that contributions to be counted toward 2025 must be dated 12/31/25 or earlier. Checks sent through the U.S. Postal Service must have a 2025 postmark for it to count toward the 2025 offering. Online Bill Pay service is also available. Please go to [eccseattle.org/give](http://eccseattle.org/give) for instructions.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHERS/TAS NEEDED**

ECC Seattle is blessed with a growing number of children—about 40 kids each Sunday, from nursery through 5th grade! To continue providing a loving and Christ-centered environment, we are looking for teachers and TAs to join our Children's Ministry team. If you have a heart for helping kids learn and grow in Christ, we invite you to sign up at: <https://eccseattle.org/en/connect-children/>  
Have questions? Please contact Xiao Huang at [hsmilecn@yahoo.com](mailto:hsmilecn@yahoo.com).

## **SEATTLE-ENGLISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**TODAY | 11:15 AM –12:15 PM | GYM**

Come join our annual English congregation Christmas Celebration TODAY during the Sunday school hour, for a time of Christmas festivities and remembering our blessings from 2025.

## **TAIWAN MISSIONS INFORMATIONAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**TODAY | 7 – 8 PM | Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/2026TWMissions>**



The Taiwan Short-term Missions Team will host an informational meeting on Sunday, Dec 7. The current plan for 2026 Taiwan Missions is: 7/6-7/17 at Bethany Children's Foundation (VBS and High leadership character camp), 7/13-7/24 at Pinglin Jr. High School (English Character Camp), and 7/31-8/16 host program for Pinglin students. We welcome Christians with a missional mindset and serving heart to join the team.

Zoom Meeting ID: 85338118811 Passcode: 520093

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Wang at [ccw25426@yahoo.com](mailto:ccw25426@yahoo.com).

## **ECC JOINT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**12/13 (SAT) | 5-8 PM | UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SEATTLE**

Join us in celebrating Jesus' birth. Doors open at 5 pm for photos and fellowship. Refreshments will be served afterward. New friends are warmly welcome!

## **JOINT YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**12/20 (SAT) | 6 - 9:30 PM | REDMOND MANDARIN WORSHIP HALL**

We're excited to invite all YF and YSF students to our 2025 Joint Christmas Party (from all 3 campuses)!

We'll kick off the evening with a potluck dinner (please sign up to bring a dish here: <https://tinyurl.com/ecc-youth-christmas-2025>). Then, we'll have a time of worship, followed by a fun white elephant gift exchange. Students are encouraged to bring a wrapped gift valued around \$10–\$15.

We hope you can join us for a night of food, fellowship, and celebrating the hope of Christ together!