

Pastoral Newsletter

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Merry Christmas!

The birth narrative of Jesus—the Messiah—reminds us that He did not come in splendor or with pomp and circumstance. Instead, He entered the world in humility. This is deeply significant, for it reveals how God with us—Emmanuel—came to carry out His mission of reconciliation. Jesus sat with the poor, healed the sick, and reached out to those on the margins, those pushed beyond what society deemed acceptable. He even extended grace to those considered enemies, such as the Roman centurion, welcoming them into His community. No one was forgotten. Jesus modeled this humility for us, inviting us to learn from Him and to follow His example as we share His message of hope and reconciliation in our daily lives. During this holiday season and as we enter the new year, may we not lose sight of our calling to proclaim the Gospel. And if we find that we have grown weary or hesitant, may we remember how Jesus reached out to others—and be renewed and empowered to do the same in the year ahead.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11

Regards,
Minister Steve



MINISTER WENDY CHOY'S RESIGNATION

Following God's calling, Minister Wendy Choy will be focusing her ministry on integrating biblical teaching with spiritual formation in discipleship training. Minister Wendy will be resigning from her role as Minister of the Redmond Cantonese Congregation (RED-C), effective June 30, 2026. The Elder Board has appointed Elder Sam Wan as Chair of the Pastoral Search Committee and is developing a ministry transition plan for the RED-C Congregation. The committee will provide regular updates to the church. Please pray that God will raise up His chosen servant to shepherd the RED-C Congregation, and that the Lord will continue to guide Minister Wendy faithfully in her future ministry.

Evangelical Chinese Church of Seattle – Seattle English

12/28/2025

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Congregational Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Worship through the Word

Worship in Response

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 Christopher Hui

"Prince of Peace"

Isaiah 11:1-9

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

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Christopher Hui	Ryan Summers
MODERATOR	Lydia Perng	Grant Kwong
WORSHIP	Amanda Shu	Faye Wu
A/V TECH	Michael Nguyen, Titus Goh	Ray Li, Andrew Chen
LIVESTREAM	Hannah Cho, Julia Wang Liam Phan	TBD
DOOR ROTATION	Amanda Shu	SEA-Cantonese

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

SEATTLE CANTONESE CONGREGATION

- We thank God for His protection and care in 2025, granting us life and peace, giving us church, family, and work. Through both smooth and hard days, God's grace has always been sufficient.
- We give thanks to the Lord that the wall of the gym has been repaired after it was damaged by a car crash in February. Now we can worship God in a fully functional place.
- We are grateful that the monthly outreach ministry at Legacy House in Chinatown has continued for nearly three years, with attendance of over twenty happy elders and the participation and service of fellow diligent brothers and sisters.
- Pray for the teachers who will be teaching the Book of Daniel in Sunday school starting in January, and the willingness of our brothers and sisters to attend.
- Pray for the brothers and sisters who will continue in their year-long Missional Discipleship that we started early this year, to have perseverance in their spiritual growth.
- During the Christmas and New Year season, many families will be traveling to Hong Kong or other countries to visit relatives or for sightseeing. Pray for everyone to have a safe journey.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Originally from Hong Kong, Wendy Wong has been a missionary in Chiang Rai, Thailand, for 14 years. Along with her husband, Anawin, and two children, they minister to the Akha people through local churches, Chinese schools, and a children's home for broken families and or-

phans. She is grateful for the good rest she had during her sabbatical, the bonding time with her children, and the joyful opportunity to meet with brothers and sisters in North American churches. Praise the Lord—they received enough relief funds to repair the damage to their base caused by the rainy season. Her husband, however, is facing serious health and emotional challenges; please pray for his speedy recovery. Also, pray for Wendy as she carries the weight of ministry while caring for her husband. May God grant her wisdom and strength to endure. We also thank God for sending her a sister from Hong Kong who has committed to a year-long missionary internship with their ministry. Please pray that God will provide sufficient funds to support all their ministries and maintain their facilities.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please pray for the millions traveling this week for the holiday season. May the Lord grant traveling mercy and grace when travel disruptions occur and bless their time with family and friends. May God's people be channels of God's love in all their encounters.
- May God grant strength and rest to pastoral and church staff and missionaries during this Christmas season. Among the busiest periods of the church calendar, may they find time to personally experience a deeper sense of God's Presence after the last Advent events and activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & BUDGET PREVIEW MEETING

We will have our annual Congregational Meeting for all members on Sunday, January 18, immediately following the Sunday Worship Services at all three campuses. The meeting will include the following items:

1. Approve the 2026 ECC annual budget.
2. Confirm Pastor Jeff Ting, Elder Eric Hwee, Elder James Lian, Elder Peter Su, and Elder Samuel Wan as ruling elders for a three-year term (2026-2028).
3. Confirm brother Albert Ang and brother Xiang Yuan Liu as new ruling elders for a three-year term (2026-2028).

Your attendance is essential. If unable to attend, request an absentee ballot by January 13th from your deacon or the church office. Invitation letters with details will be mailed on January 2nd.

Members are invited to attend the budget preview meeting via Zoom on 1/10 (Sat) at 9:30 AM to learn more about the various budgets.

RULING ELDER CANDIDATES

Praise the Lord. Over the past year, both Albert Ang and Xiang Yuan (Sean) Liu from the SEA-M congregation received formal training from the Elder Board. The Elder Board recommended the two candidates to the Church Board, and they unanimously approved them as new ruling elder candidates. If you have any questions or concerns, please email:

Elder Stephen (EB Chair, stephenhsiao@outlook.com) or
Elder Patrick (CB Chair, patricktseng@outlook.com) by **TODAY, 12/28/25.**

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 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.

