

Pastoral Newsletter



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I will simply begin by saying Happy New Year! I pray it is filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus brought the promise of peace when He was born, He brokered the peace that reconciled us to God with His blood on the cross, and He will bring the final peace when He returns. Until then, we are once again left in the interim of a world "already but not yet." It has been a bit lonely; the world and our circumstances overwhelm us. Peace does not seem attainable. However, for the perseverance of our faith, Jesus gave us a helper to transform us and maintain our peace: the Holy Spirit.

"26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." -John 14:26-27

In this new year, I want us to grapple more consciously with the "already but not yet." This includes our own hearts in their spiritual journey. The Holy Spirit reminds us that there will be an end to our unrest. He reminds us that we will have peace not because Jesus makes the conflict disappear, but because He is ultimately victorious in all His purposes for us.

One of my old professors taught us that the secular ancient Greek use of "*evangelism*" was used for either a birth announcement or a victory announcement. In this new year (and the finale of Christmastime), may we cherish both uses.

Regards,
Minister Petros



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 were mailed on January 2nd.

Members are invited to attend the budget preview meeting via Zoom on 1/17 (Sat) at 9:30 AM to learn more about the various budgets.

Evangelical Chinese Church of Seattle – Seattle English

1/4/2026

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 Ryan Summers

"Deliverance from Religion, from Demonization, from Prison"

Acts 16:13-33

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

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Ryan Summers	Bin Qian
MODERATOR	Grant Kwong	Bruce Chang
WORSHIP	Amanda Shu	Faith Hui, Jayden Lee
A/V TECH	Ray Li, Andrew Chen	Sharon Wu, Christabel Lo
LIVESTREAM	Michael Lee, Marcela Cho	Edison Leung
DOOR ROTATION	SEA-Cantonese	

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

REDMOND YOUTH MINISTRY

- Praise God for the first three months of Youth Ministry for 2025-26. The parents, youth, and counselors have started to build strong relationships with one another. Pray that God will continue to move in the hearts of the parents, youth, and counselors.
- Praise God for His work amongst the youth. Six of them recently committed their lives to Christ in obedience through baptism.
- Praise God for all the joint events (Corn Maze, Christmas Party) for the youth of all three campuses, as the youth build a stronger sense of community in Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would faithfully guide the search for a youth minister, raising up His chosen servant to join ECC and lovingly shepherd our youth in spiritual maturity and faithfulness.
- Pray for wisdom, strength, and renewal for our counselors as they faithfully care for the youth while stewarding their own personal, family, and spiritual lives.
- Pray for our youth and their parents, that together we would seek Christ wholeheartedly and walk as obedient and faithful disciples in every season of life.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Based in Florida, Sean and Mandi Miller are international missionaries and area direc-

tors for the North Caribbean and Bermuda with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). Responsible for eight nations of the CEF region, they work primarily with nationals in these countries to “evangelize, disciple, and establish a local church.” Their Caribbean region was recently struck by a major hurricane, causing significant damage to infrastructure and communications. Please pray that the Lord will protect them from the prolonged impact of the storm. In response to the disaster, they have printed a special booklet to help guide children in learning the truth—may the Lord use it greatly. They are also continually expanding their Good News Clubs (GNCs), and we pray that God will use these efforts to teach more children to know Him from an early age.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please continue to pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. May the Lord be merciful to the civilians and non-combatants who are left without heat, homes, and security, and be gracious to those who have suffered loss. May the Lord help the leaders of both nations and international leaders learn to compromise and find a pathway to peace.
- Please pray for the silent revival occurring among the French young people. May the Lord continue to open hearts to a genuine faith and raise laborers who can disciple and lead them to a deeper faith.

WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ever wondered whether ECC has worship services on a crazy weather day? Check out the ECC weather alert in three ways:

- www.eccseattle.org
- 206-789-6380
- Register for "ECC Happenings" - <http://eepurl.com/gaYz79>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEATTLE ENGLISH & MANDARIN JOINT SERVICE

- Due to the Congregational meeting, we will have a joint worship service with Seattle English & Seattle Mandarin on 1/18 at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.
- Children's Sunday school schedule change: Elementary & Preschool's Sunday what classes will start at 10:00 AM in the Education Building Room 1 & Room 4. Non-member parents, please pick up your children right after the worship service; members, please stay after worship service to attend the congregational meeting, and pick up your kids at 12:15 PM.

BOARDGAME NIGHT WITH BIG

1/10 (SAT) | 6:00-10:00 PM | REDMOND CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HALL



Boardgame Interchurch Group (BIG) is a coalition of many churches in the Seattle area. Come join the event for dinner, boardgames, and meeting new young adult friends from other churches. We will try to meet every second Saturday at different locations.

Please RSVP for dinner using <https://forms.gle/sYUPBSQWPNchd6st7> so we can get an accurate headcount.

You can also join the Discord server here: <https://discord.gg/35tsT486vs>.

Please contact Henry Wang (wanghenry1998@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Registration Deadline: 11/10 (Sat), 12PM

ALPHA CLASS IN THE WINTER

1/13 – 2/17 (TUES) | 7 PM | BETHEL HOUSE & ON ZOOM (HYBRID)

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. Alpha is a safe place to explore life's biggest questions, where people can share their opinions and points of view. You will engage in an Alpha series that contains relevant life stories and explores the big issues around the basics of Christianity, with interviews of people from all walks of life and visuals that represent our current cultural moments that resonate with this generation of students, workplaces, families, and leaders. Please register with Kevin Yang at nivekgnay@gmail.com or Bruce Chang at brucechang@gmail.com.

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.