

Pastoral Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

None of us in our right mind would ever want anything to do with hell or its demons. Yet Scripture warns us that when we hold on to anger and bitterness, we open the door and give the evil one a place, a **topos**, a foothold in our lives.

"In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold." — Eph. 4:27

It's been said that Hell is the place of unforgiveness; when we refuse to forgive, we pull a bit of hell up into our lives. Heaven is the place of forgiveness; when we choose to forgive, we invite heaven down into our hearts.

As we begin a new year, let us start fresh. Let us resolve not to give the evil one any **topos** in our lives. Instead, let us walk in the freedom Christ has given us, enjoying the fullness of His forgiveness.

Regards,
Pastor Solomon Liu



1/11 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

REDMOND-CANTONESE

Marvin Chan

Lynn Chan

Karen Lai-Yi Chung

Yuen Fai Lo

Hoi Ki Anny Tsui

Kit Choy Yau

Evangelical Chinese Church of Seattle – Seattle English

1/11/2026

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 Pastor Bin Qian

"Passing the Baton: A Faith Worth Handing Down"

Acts 20:17-38

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

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Bin Qian	
MODERATOR	Bruce Chang	SEA-M & SEA-E
WORSHIP	Faith Hui, Jayden Lee	JOINT WORSHIP
A/V TECH	Sharon Wu, Christabel Lo	10:00 AM
LIVESTREAM	Edison Leung	SANCTUARY
DOOR ROTATION		SEA-Cantonese

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

EDMONDS MANDARIN

- We thank God for His guidance and blessings upon the various ministries of EDS-M in 2025. Specifically, we especially experienced His grace and leading during the pastoral transition process.
- We thank God for adding to the number of those who were saved in 2025, and for leading many brothers and sisters to join as members of our church, serving the Lord together and learning to love and serve one another.
- We thank God for giving EDS-M a ministry council that is united in heart and mind. We are grateful for the faithful service of the three deacons who have just completed their terms after many years of dedication, and we also thank God for calling four new deacons/ deaconesses to serve together, relying on God's grace and building His church with hearts that love God and love people.
- Pray for the new ministry initiatives that will begin in the new year. May the Lord raise up more brothers and sisters to serve together, help us follow God's guidance, and bless the work of our hands.
- Pray for the Fundamental Christian Doctrines class that will begin on January 18, 2026. May the Lord grant the coworkers wisdom, grace, and strength, and move new believers and those in need to join the class, to be rooted in truth and continually grow spiritually.
- Pray for the pastoral search process. May the Lord, in His timing, send a shepherd to pastor the flock. Also pray that the Lord will strengthen Elder Fangbiao Lin with good health and sufficient spiritual strength so that he

may continue to faithfully fulfill the pastoral responsibilities during this transitional period.

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 & Sciences University. Because the events they have organized this academic year so far went smoothly, and a visiting scholar (Mrs. S) along with her son both accepted the Lord, they are very grateful and thankful for our prayers. Now, please continue to pray that Duane and his wife will be renewed by God, that they may lead more people to Christ, and that the new believers will grow to become true disciples of the Lord. Especially pray for Mrs. S and Ms. C, who has experienced hardship and received healing from the Lord.



PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please pray for the US, Latin, and South American government officials as they navigate the events of last week. May the Lord grant wisdom to reach a peaceful pathway for the welfare of all the nations in the region.
- Please pray for the shortage of pastors throughout East and Southeast Asia. Faced with the highest percentage of growth compared to the rest of the world, may the Lord raise new shepherds to disciple and equip the millions of new believers coming to the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S GATHERING AND WOMEN'S CONNECTION TODAY

Women's Connection (WC) and Men's Gathering (MG) will kick off their first meetings of the year. Please come join us today after service. There is a change in the location: WC will be in the Fellowship Hall and MG will be meeting in the Green House. We are looking forward to connecting and gathering the various generations of ECC women & men.

2026 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & BUDGET PREVIEW MEETING

- The Members' Meeting will be held after the worship service on January 18. The meeting notice and 2026 budget summary have been mailed. Members unable to attend may request an absentee ballot by January 12 from the church office or their congregational deacon. For questions or missing notices, please email Info@ECCSeattle.org.
- To learn more about the 2026 budget, please attend the online Budget Information Meeting on Saturday, January 17, at 9:30 AM. The Meeting ID and Passcode are listed on the budget summary.

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 school 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.

YSF RETREAT 2026 REGISTRATION

This year, YSF Retreat (for high school students) will be from Feb. 13 to 15 (Fri-Sun) at Lake Retreat. The theme is "Rooted," coming from the book of Jeremiah. Invite your friends!



You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/58xtuauh>

Registration Deadline is Jan 25, 2026.

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 brucepchang@gmail.com.