

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday Worship Service
Second Sunday of Advent
December 10th, 2023
The Celebration

Prelude (Handbell Choir)
Carol of the Bells

Praise and Worship (Allen, Daphne, Jhan, Raenan, Thomas)
Prince of Heaven
Glory (Let There be Peace)
Silent Night (Emmanuel)

Congregational Prayer (Ricardo Lim)
[Passing of Peace]

Advent Candle Lighting (Chester, Ginger, Cameron, Madeleine Velasco)

The Calling
[Students Gr. 1 to 12 are dismissed for Sunday School classes]

Scripture Reading (Daphne)
1 Samuel 28:3-25

Message (Pastor Sandy Hung)
"Saul and the Medium of Endor"

The Commitment

Response Song (Allen, Daphne, Jhan, Raenan, Thomas)
Lord I Need You

Tithes and Offering
We Give Thee but Thine Own

Welcome & Announcements (Pastor Sandy Hung)

Doxology & Benediction (Pastor Sandy Hung)

Three-Fold Amen

Praise & Worship Team / Musicians: Allen, Daphne, Jhan Raenan, Thomas

Audio-visual /Technical Team: Dan, Rita, Robert

Ushers for the month: Emerito, Aileen

Scripture Verses & Notes

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"Saul and the Medium of Endor"

1 Samuel 28:3-25

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land. 4 The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all Israel and set up camp at Gilboa. 5 When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. 6 He inquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. 7 Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her." "There is one in Endor," they said. 8 So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. "Consult a spirit for me," he said, "and bring up for me the one I name." 9 But the woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?" 10 Saul swore to her by the Lord, "As surely as the Lord lives, you will not be punished for this." 11 Then the woman asked, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" "Bring up Samuel," he said. 12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!" 13 The king said to her, "Don't be afraid. What do you see?" The woman said, "I see a ghostly figure coming up out of the earth." 14 "What does he look like?" he asked. "An old man wearing a robe is coming up," she said. Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. 15 Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" "I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has departed from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do." 16 Samuel said, "Why do you consult me, now that the Lord has departed from you and become your enemy? 17 The Lord has done what he predicted through me. The Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors—to David. 18 Because you did not obey the Lord or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the Lord has done this to you today. 19 The Lord will deliver both Israel and you into the hands of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines." 20 Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel's words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and all that night. 21 When the woman came to Saul and saw that he was greatly shaken, she said, "Look, your servant has obeyed you. I took my life in my hands and did what you told me to do. 22 Now please listen to your servant and let me give you some food so you may eat and have the strength to go on your way." 23 He refused and said, "I will not eat." But his men joined the woman in urging him, and he listened to them. He got up from the ground and sat on the couch. 24 The woman had a fattened calf at the house, which she butchered at once. She took some flour, kneaded it and baked bread without yeast. 25 Then she set it before Saul and his men, and they ate. That same night they got up and left.

What the Bible says:

GOD LOVES YOU and offer a wonderful plan for your life " For God so love the world that He gave His only Son, that **whosoever believes in Him** shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16); (Jesus said) " I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (John 10:10)

SIN HAS SEPARATED US from God! "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD" (Romans 3:23); "For the wages of sin is death"(Romans 6:23)

JESUS CHRIST is GOD'S Only PROVISION FOR MAN'S SIN; HE DIED IN YOUR PLACE. "But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**" (Romans 5:8); **HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD.** "Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the TWELVE. After that He appeared to more than five hundred..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-6);

.JESUS is the ONLY WAY to GOD!

"Jesus said to him, ' I am the way the truth and the life; no one comes to the father, but through **Me**'"(John 14:6)

WE MUST INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD; then we can know and experience GOD's love and plan for our lives. **WE MUST RECEIVE CHRIST** "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John1:12)

WE RECEIVE CHRIST THROUGH FAITH "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9) **WE RECEIVE CHRIST BY PERSONAL INVITATION** (Jesus said) "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20);

YOU CAN RECEIVE CHRIST RIGHT NOW BY FAITH THROUGH PRAYER.

The following is a suggested prayer: Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life and make me the kind of person You want me to be" Amen

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Announcements:

1. Welcome & thank you for joining our Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service. Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service.
2. We will celebrate Christmas in our Worship Service on December 24th at 10:00 AM (instead of 10:45 AM). There will be **NO** Christmas Eve service this year.
3. FEC would like your help in creating a short video called, "Describe Christmas in Three Words", which we plan to compile and show in the Christmas Sunday Worship Service. Please send your videos to office@fec-richmond.com by Monday, December 18. We can use clips with one word, two words, or three words. Thank you!
4. Attention parents of Preschool to Grade 7 children: We are preparing a special Christmas activity on Sunday, December 24th. Instead of having your children join you at the worship service at 10:00 am, please check them in at our registration table, along the hallway of rooms 219 and 220, promptly at 10:00 am. After worship service, please come back to room 219 to pick up the younger children (Preschool to Grade 3). If you have any questions, please reach out to Irene Lim or email us at fec.children@gmail.com.
5. Join us for our spectacular End of Year Party on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at the Fellowship Hall. The festivities kick off at 6:00 PM and continue until 9:30 PM. Enjoy delicious food, exciting games, a gift exchange, and a chance to win fantastic prizes. It's a night of joy, laughter, and good company. Kindly RSVP by Sunday, December 24, 2023. Let's bid farewell to the year together! Reach us at upfellowship.fec@gmail.com or [@upfellowship.fec](https://www.instagram.com/upfellowship.fec) on Instagram.
6. We will celebrate FEC's 39th Anniversary on January 28th 2024 (Sunday), with a Joint (Chinese & English) Worship Service at 10:00AM. There will be ordination and installation of our newly elected Elder and Deacons during the worship service.
7. FEC is looking for a half-time Youth Ministry Director. Please pray for this search and if interested Please see the church website > Announcements> Job Posting for details.

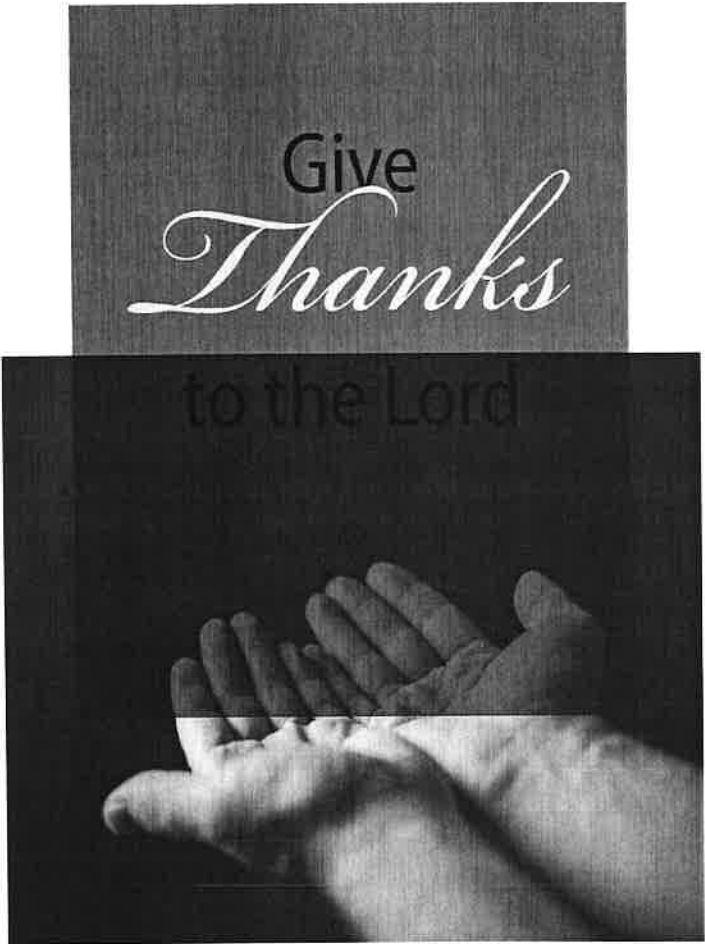
Announcement from FEC Finance Team:

1. For the Offering Receipt purpose, we need to update your address. If you moved in 2023, please call our church office or email feccount@gmail.com to provide us with your current mailing address as soon as possible.
2. For cheque and cash donation to be included in the 2023 offering receipt, please ensure you drop them in the offering baskets on or before Sunday, December 31, 2023.
3. For e-transfers, only donations deposited in the church account in December will be included in the 2023 offering receipts. This year, December 31st falls on a Sunday and there is a possibility that e-transfers will not be processed until the next business day in January 2024.

Attendance Last Sunday 上主日出席		
Mandarin 9:00AM Service	國語 09:00 崇拜	54 人
Minnan 10:45AM Service	閩語 10:45 崇拜	62 人
English 10:45AM Service	英語 10:45 崇拜	191 人
Children /youth Sunday School 9:00AM 10:45AM	兒童/青少年 主日學 9:00 10:45	人 29 人

Week of: December 11- 17, 2023	
11(Mon)	
12(Tues)	
13(Wed)	Prayer Meeting – 8:00PM
14(Thurs)	
15(Fri)	Kairos(Grades 7-12) - 8:00 -10:00PM Handbell Choir @ 6:30 – 8:00PM - BREAK
16(Sat)	Children's Choir 4:00-5:30PM Cherubim Choir 4:30-6:00PM
17(Sun)	Sunday Worship Service@ 10:45 AM CYA Life Group Sunday School – 9AM Children/Youth Sunday School @ 10:45AM Adult Sunday School @ 12:30PM

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