

ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday Worship Service
Third Sunday of Advent
December 17th, 2023

The Celebration

Prelude (Jhan)
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Praise and Worship (Aaron, Allen, Daphne, Hannah, Jhan,
Hark the Herald/King of Heaven Raenan, Rhyence)
It's Christmas
Joy to the World (Joyful Joyful)
Congregational Prayer (Regan Tiu)
[Passing of Peace]
Advent Candle Lighting (Rey, Sherry, Theodore,
Frederick Lim)

The Calling

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

Scripture Reading (Daphne)
1Thes 4:3-12
Message (Dr. Sean Ho)
"Growing in Purity and Love"

The Commitment

Response Song (Aaron, Allen, Daphne, Hannah, Jhan,
Refiner's Fire Raenan, Rhyence)

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: Aaron, Allen, Daphne, Jhan
Hannah, Raenan, Rhyence
Audio-visual /Technical Team: Alvin, Dan, Robert
Ushers for the month: Emerito, Aileen

Scripture Verses & Notes

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"Growing in Purity and Love"

1Thes 4:3-12

3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; 6 and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. 7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. 8 Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit. 9 Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. 10 And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, 11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

Notes:

1. The Will of God (v3-6a)
2. Our Identity in Christ (v6b-8)
3. From Selfishness to Service (v9-12)

Q1: What is God's will for us regarding sexuality?

Q2: What role does sexuality play in our identity in Christ?

Q3: How can I abound in love for fellow believers?

<https://purity.seanho.com/>



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:

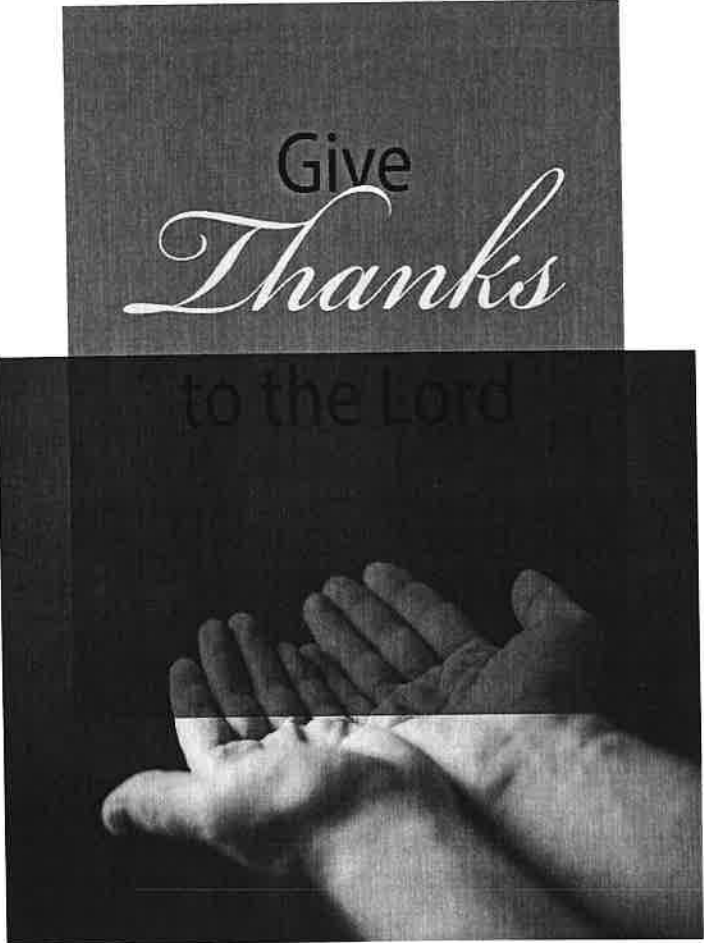
- Welcome & thank you for joining our Third Sunday of Advent Worship Service. We thank Dr. Sean Ho for sharing God's word with us today. Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service.
- Next Sunday, We will celebrate Christmas in our Worship Service on December 24th at 10:00 AM (instead of 10:45 AM). There will be **NO** Christmas Eve service this year.
- 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!
- 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.
- 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 on Instagram.
- Wednesday evening prayer meeting will be on break (Dec. 27th & Jan. 3rd). It will resume on Jan. 10th.
- 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 installation of our newly elected Elder and Deacons during the worship service.
- 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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	62 人
Minnan 10:45AM Service	閩語 10:45 崇拜	34 人
English 10:45AM Service	英語 10:45 崇拜	154 人
Children /youth Sunday School 9:00AM 10:45AM	兒童/青少年 主日學 9:00	1 人
	10:45	32 人

Week of:	December 18- 24, 2023
18(Mon)	
19(Tues)	
20(Wed)	Prayer Meeting – 8:00PM
21(Thurs)	
22(Fri)	Kairos(Grades 7-12) - 8:00 -10:00PM Handbell Choir @ 6:30 – 8:00PM - BREAK
23(Sat)	Children's Choir 4:00-5:30PM - BREAK Cherubim Choir 4:30-6:00PM
24(Sun)	Sunday Worship Service@ 10:45 AM CYA Life Group Sunday School – 9AM Children/Youth Sunday School @ 10:45AM Adult Sunday School @ 12:30PM
To Join a Small Group: Please contact Rebecca Lim(beclim@yahoo.com)	



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