

ORDER OF SERVICE

Christmas Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 24th, 2023)

The Celebration

- Prelude** (Jhan)
Mary Did You Know
- Praise and Worship** (Aaron, Allen, Daphne, Hannah, Jhan, Behold Raenan, Rhyence, Thomas)
It's Christmas
The Servant King
- Congregational Prayer** (Jhan Limhanchiong)
[Passing of Peace]
- Song Presentation**
Emmanuel, God with Us
- Advent Candle Lighting** (Teofilo, Angela, Jay & Tammi Antonio)
- Anthem** Lift Up Your Eyes (Cherubim Choir)
The Calling
- Scripture Reading** (Daphne)
Matthew 1:18-25
- Christmas Video**
- Message** (Pastor Sandy Hung)
"Three Words to Describe Christmas"
- The Commitment**
- Response Song** (Aaron, Allen, Daphne, Hannah, Jhan, Manger Throne Raenan, Rhyence, Thomas)
- Tithes and Offering**
We Give Thee but Thine Own
- Welcome & Announcements** (Pastor Sandy Hung)
- Doxology & Benediction** (Pastor Sandy Hung)
- Three-Fold Amen**
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- Praise & Worship Team / Musicians:** Aaron, Allen, Daphne, Jhan Hannah, Raenan, Rhyence, Thomas
- Audio-visual /Technical Team:** Ricardo, Robert, Set
- Ushers for the month:** Emerito, Aileen

Scripture Verses & Notes

December 24th 2023

"Three Words to Describe Christmas"

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about^[a]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet^[b] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means "God with us".²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Notes:

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 Christmas & Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service. Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service.
2. We would like to welcome 3 newest FEC members through baptism this morning in the Chinese congregation: Alina Cheung, Geoffrey Kwok, Elaine Lee.
3. 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 today. Let's bid farewell to the year together! Reach us at upfellowship.fec@gmail.com or @upfellowship.fec on Instagram.
4. Wednesday evening prayer meeting will be on break (Dec. 27th & Jan. 3rd). It will resume on Jan. 10th.
5. 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. We will have our Anniversary Luncheon after the worship service, tickets will be available soon.
6. FEC is looking for a half-time Youth Ministry Director. Please pray for this search and if interested Please see the church website About Us > Careers and Jobs for details.
7. FEC Giving Update for November 2023 is now posted at the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Items:

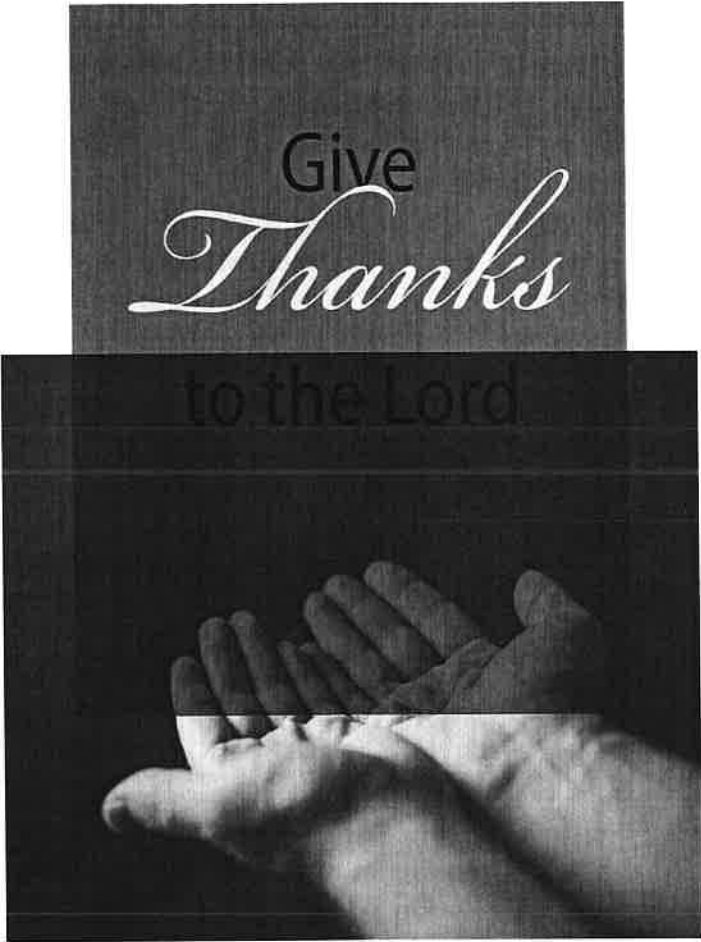
- ❖ Pray for grateful hearts As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us open our hearts for the joy that characterizes the season
- ❖ Pray for God's presence and guidance in 2024.
- ❖ Pray for the preparation of our 39th Anniversary celebration.
- ❖ Pray for journeying mercies for those who are traveling this holiday season.

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	61 人
Minnan 10:45AM Service	閩語 10:45 崇拜	39 人
English 10:45AM Service	英語 10:45 崇拜	177 人
Children /youth Sunday School 9:00AM 10:45AM	兒童/青少年 主日學 9:00	2 人
	10:45	25 人

Week of: December 25- 31, 2023	
25(Mon)	
26(Tues)	
27(Wed)	Prayer Meeting – 8:00PM
28(Thurs)	
29(Fri)	Kairos(Grades 7-12) - 8:00 -10:00PM Handbell Choir @ 6:30 – 8:00PM - BREAK
30(Sat)	Children's Choir 4:00-5:30PM - BREAK Cherubim Choir 4:30-6:00PM- BREAK
31(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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