



English Sunday Service October 15, 2023

Call to Worship: Kirstin Xie

Scripture Passage: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

Scripture Reader: Stephen Hum

Prayer: Priscilla Kwong

Message: The Gospel: Sharing

Speakers: Pastor Josiah Tse

Doxology

Announcements: Deacon Wylie Poon

***WORSHIP GOD THE FATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST
THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our church has fully transitioned into in-person worship, and we invite all to join us at our church location. For those who still cannot attend in-person worship, we still offer in-sync Zoom online, as well as a YouTube recording for viewing afterwards.
2. We will have an EMC meeting today at 1:30pm in B1. All co-workers please attend.
3. ECB News Flash (Oct 3):
 - a. MCCC Special Membership Meeting - A special membership meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00pm for the approval of the 2024 church budget.
 - b. Members can vote to approve the budget through electronic voting between Sunday, October 29 and Saturday, November 11 on Election Buddy. Members who have provided their emails for voting will receive invitations on Friday, October 28. Members who want to add/update their emails for electronic voting can send their email addresses to mcccmemberemail@gmail.com.
 - c. Members who have not provided their email addresses can continue to vote in-person in mail-in voting sessions at church. The mail-in voting sessions will be held on 3 Sundays (October 29, November 5, and November 12) after worship services in the main foyer.
 - d. The 2024 Budget consists of the General & Building Operations Fund of \$937,287.69, Building Fund of \$50,000, and the Total of \$987,287.69.
 - e. The 2024 budget draft is now posted on the bulletin board in the hallway for viewing.
 - f. An information session for the budget and the special membership meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15 at 1:30pm on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86964347604?pwd=UVFCcnVtMS9TU2hEc2FNTDRGQTRBdz09>
Meeting ID: 869 6434 7604 Passcode: 123456
4. MCCC membership list is posted on the bulletin board. (Updated on 2023, Oct 4). If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

5. Christmas Shoebox: We will help collect the Shoebox again this year. The gifts will be shipped to third world children. Please obtain a Shoebox at downstairs hallway and return with \$10 handling & shipping fees per box (or you may choose to donate online at www.samaritanspurse.ca) to Room B5 no later than Nov 12.
6. MCCC 2024 church calendar will be distributed this Sunday. (One calendar per family)
7. GM News: In order to keep the church clean and to follow the government regulations, all garbage must be sorted. Fellowships and small groups are asked to provide sufficient manpower to manage the food waste and garbage after the events. Our church is in the Scarborough area of Toronto.
** Unwashed containers are considered garbage.
** Washed containers (except black) can be put into the blue recycling bin (please note).

For more information, please refer to the following link:

<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/recycling-organics-garbage/houses/what-goes-in-my-blue-bin/>

Currently, the church has only one black bin, which is emptied every two weeks. Due to the increase in Thanksgiving and other potluck events, in order to solve the current problem, we are asking all group leaders to take home any non-recyclable garbage after the potluck until the end of the year.

8. Run for Promise, a fundraising event for Urban Promise Toronto will be held next week, Sunday Oct 22, 2023 at 1:30pm. It is a 5K run/walk in the MCCC neighbourhood. All are welcome.
Register here: <https://bit.ly/RFP23Form>
Consider Donating: <https://bit.ly/MCCCRFP239>.
9. Mission Corner:

In April 2023, Sam and Linda returned to Canada from Central Asia where they served for the past 19 years. Now they are serving full-time on the Canada Ministry Team (CMT) with Interserve, ministering to new immigrants, international students and refugees at Centennial College, and at Adam House North. They are also partnering with their church, Chinese Presbyterian Church (CPC) to reach out and care for the diaspora communities in downtown Toronto.

Please pray for:

- 1) Deeper ministry commitment at Centennial College
 - 2) Connections to be made and sharing of the Good News with students on campus.
 - 3) CPC: PTL for those who have joined our downtown ministry team, for their willingness to serve and reach out to newcomers and internationals who are attending the sports activities.
 - 4) Financial support – building partnerships with supporters and supporting churches. It has been challenging as a major supporter has withdrawn their financial support since their return to Canada as missionaries serving in Toronto.
10. MCCC will be sponsoring an Afghan refugee family selected by Pastor Obed from the ACEM Afghan Church plant. The family is expected to arrive in Canada in December-January. Volunteers will be needed to help the family with needs such as transportation, finding housing, etc. (more details will be available later). If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact pastoral staff of your congregation.
11. For security reasons we would like to ask all Zoom Attendees to put their full name on display for identification purposes to allow the Zoom master to safely let you in.
12. For instructions on how to set up an online offering donation, please visit our website www.mccc.on.ca .

Prayer

A: World & Mission

- 1/ Continue to pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia and for the safety of civilians.
- 2/ Please pray for peace and de-escalation of violence in Gaza and Israel following the start of the war. Pray for the civilians who have lost loved ones and for a decrease in violence.

B: Neighboring Community

- 1/ Pray for our congregation to continue to grow in maturity and love for one another and the community. May God continue to use us to expand His Kingdom by the power of His Spirit and the Word.

C: Church Community

1/ Our congregations:

- Pray for our missionaries, Pastor Henry & Wendy who are in Taiwan continuing their missionary work.
- Pray for the church's continued fellowships in-person and usage of online resources. Pray that we will grow together in faith and love for the glory of God.
- Pray for our missionaries whom our church has adopted:
Rev. Tan Yone & Susan Cha (Myanmar), Doris Lui-yee (East Asia), Rev. Colin McCartney (Toronto), Pastor Peter & Elaine Yoon (Indonesia), Pastor Gilman Ho (AFC), Pastor Louis & Felain Lam (Germany), Rev. C.Y. Yan (Ontario), Rev. John & Karen Loh (Mexico), and Rev. Derek & Chantal Chen (New Guinea), NEXT project (Power to Change), Alliance Global Serve Canada, Hudson Taylor Centre (Tyndale Seminary), Xiao Dan Gang (CBM), Sam & Linda Ling (Interserv)

2/ English Ministry Needs:

- Pray for fall season and for everyone's health .
- Pray for J and A and their preparations to go smoothly, strength against spiritual attacks, and for support to continue.
- Continue to pray for the health and spiritual growth of all of our families with young children.

<u>Fellowship/ Ministry Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Information</u>
Youth 144 (Grade 6-12)	October 20 th @ 7:30pm	Regular Session: Alpha Course part 3
Adelphoi (Uni/College + Young Career)	October 22 nd 2023	Galatians Chapter 3
Elijah (Career and Young Families)	October 22 nd Gathering @ Minna and Matthieu's	Refer to WhatsApp group to vote on poll
Emmanuel (Families)	October Gathering	Refer to Email chain updates
Thursday Night Prayer Meeting	Thursday nights @ 7:30pm	Contact Pastor Josiah for Zoom Link.

ACEM:

1. The 45th ACEM Missions Conference

After three years of pandemic, the ACEM Missions Conference is back to an in-person. This year the meeting will be held on October 28 (Sat) at Richmond Hill Christian Community Church.

Theme: "The Cry of the Righteous"

Program information:

Cantonese - 4:30 PM; Mandarin - 7:30 PM

Speaker: Rev. James Lai (CNEC)

Children Program: Ages 2 to 12 during the two messages

Encourage parents to bring their children to the conference.

"Missions Expo" showcase – 3:30-7:30 pm (Chinese & English)

3:30-4:30 PM (English)

Field visitation trip teams & long-term mission workers will provide FAQs. For details, please call Cathy, Missions Coordinator, at (905) 479-2236 x 500.

2. **Recruitment: ACEM Executive Director** - The candidate will oversee the daily operation & management of the Association. Possessing a university degree or above with seasoned experience in organization & project management is critical to this role. A degree in theology and pastoral experience is an asset. Committed to serving the ACEM Council and willing to work with all ACEM churches. Fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin is an asset and must be a member of ACEM church. Applicant, please submit your resume to Hiring@acem.ca before October 31, 2023.

3. ACEM Media Department

We cordially invite brothers and sisters to contribute articles to the ACEM Monthly, to share your most cherishable or influential worship songs and hymns. For you to freely express these impacts, there is no limit on the word count in the article. Once the articles are thoughtfully chosen, they will be posted in the upcoming editions of "ACEM Monthly," beginning in November of this year. Please submit your articles to hansen@acem.ca no later than October 23, 2023. Your participation in this endeavour is greatly appreciated.

4. Urgent Prayer for Mission Workers in the Middle East

There are two ACEM members with their families, and many local workers supported by ACEM serve in the Middle East. They are directly and indirectly affected by the war in Israel. May God protect their safety. Let them fix their eyes on the Lord who is always their Rock.

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The Schedule of a hybrid in-person and live stream services:

Cantonese Service: 9:15 am (In-person and Zoom)

Mandarin Service: 11:15 am (In-person and Zoom)

English Service: 11:15 am (In-person and Zoom)

Children / Youth Sunday school: 9:15 am (In-person only)

11:15 am (In-person and Zoom)

Cantonese Congregation Sunday Service Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87262410460?pwd=SDRrKzZrV1U2R3FtcFRWRnZvUFFlQT09>

Meeting ID: 872 6241 0460

Passcode: 123456

Mandarin Congregation Sunday Service Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86869313460?pwd=RE05bEorTTJlcmZlS2FKc0pMTE1EQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 6931 3460

Passcode: 100100

English Congregation Sunday Service Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88621732238?pwd=Zk1aOWtxdlJxbGFRd1pGb1dXTE5jZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 2173 2238

Passcode: 111222

Children Sunday School Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88021996139?pwd=OEVnbVdVSVRsay9TcGV3WEtIM1Q4dz09>

Meeting ID: 880 2199 6139

Passcode: 111222

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