



English Sunday Service November 26, 2023

Call to Worship: Bernice Tseng

Communion: Rev. Vincent Lee

Scripture Passage: Hebrews 12:1-11

Scripture Reader: Michelle Li

Prayer: Priscilla Kwong

Message: The LORD's Discipline

Speakers: Pastor Josiah Tse

Doxology

Announcements: Abbie Lam

***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. ECB flash news (Nov 21, 2023):
 - A. Special Membership Meeting (November 12, 2022) - 160 members voted in the Special Membership Meeting, representing 64.78% of the church membership. The 2024 church budget was approved by the members in the meeting.
 - B. MCCC will be hosting the following Christmas event in December:
 - a. Christmas Joint Baptism - Saturday, December 16 at 10:00am in the GSCC Sanctuary
 - b. Cantonese Christmas Evangelistic Service - Sunday, December 24 at 9:15 am
 - c. Mandarin Christmas Evangelistic Service - Sunday, December 24 at 11:15 am
 - d. English Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Sunday, December 24 at 4:00pm
 - e. Mandarin Christmas outreach – Monday, December 25 at 4:00-6:00pm
 - f. Mandarin Christmas Caroling at a Senior's home – Dec 22 at 1:00-2:00 pm
 - g. Mandarin Christmas Caroling outside of church – Dec 23 afternoon
 - h. Mandarin End of Year Prayer Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 31 at 7:30 pm
 - i. Cantonese End of Year Prayer Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 31 at 8:30 pm in Zoom
 - C. GM News:
 - a. Light Replacement Project
In order to continuously maintain our church as a clean, bright and safe worship space, the ECB has approved the LED Lighting Replacement Project. We will replace all

fluorescent light fixtures which are currently under 347V with LED panels. We may start the installation in early or middle of December and the installation will last 15-20 days. The installer will avoid interfering with the church worship schedule. After completion of this project, our church will be able to provide a bright and safe place for our brothers and sisters. We will also reduce the church's energy consumption for illumination and make our contribution towards environmental conservation.

- b. A gentle reminder to take extra caution while using the kitchen stove and ensure it is turned OFF after using. Please ask church secretary Sam Cheung for instructions on how to operate it properly and safely.
3. Keep the Church Clean: GM reminds our brothers and sisters to please clean up anywhere in the church, including kitchens, classrooms, corridors, and public areas. After a meal or a meeting, the group leaders are requested to make sure that the place is clean and maintain its original appearance before leaving the meeting place. In addition, eating and drinking is prohibited in the sanctuary and basement chapel.
4. Finance Department: Thanks so much for brothers and sisters supporting our church's ministry. Attached is the 2023 January to October offering record for your reference. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon James Li or Mr. Jonathan Yeung, or email to m3c.finance@gmail.com for inquiries.
5. ECB will meet on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm in Zoom. All coworkers please attend.
6. Milliken Youth Winter Camp is coming! This year's Winter Conference (2023 "Pieced by Peace ") will be held at The Glen Youth Camp from December 27th to 29th. Youth from grades 7 to 12 are welcome to sign up. Due to the limited spots, please register as soon as possible. The deadline for registration will be on Dec 3 (next Sunday). Any questions, please contact Bryan Sun or Chia Mei Email : bryansun2011@gmail.com.
7. 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 early 2024. 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.

Here are the responsibilities of the volunteers (working together with a team from Afghan church under NYCCC):

- a. Welcoming the family when they arrived at the airport.
 - b. Looking for a rental place for them to stay.
 - c. Visiting the families time to time
 - d. Providing transportation when needed
 - e. Finding school for kids and LINC classes for adults
 - f. Finding secondhand furniture and other home appliances
 - g. Helping to find clothes and shoes for the family
 - h. Inviting the family for lunch or dinner once a while
8. 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.
9. 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 Israe. Pray for a swift end to the conflict and for the families and who have lost loved ones.

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 J and A as they begin their new kingdom 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 the upcoming Christmas season to be a time full of joyful worship and gatherings that glorify God and bring us closer together
- 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)	December 1 st @ 7:30pm	Regular Session: Alpha Course Part 9
Adelphoi (Young Adults)	December 3 rd @ 1:00pm	Small Group Sharing
Elijah (Career and Young Families)	November 26 th @ After Service	Baby Shower for Charlotte and Shannon @ Church
Emmanuel (Families)	Christmas Celebration Dec 16 @ Carol and David's House	Games and White Elephant Gift Exchange
Thursday Night Prayer Meeting	Thursday nights @ 7:30pm	Contact Pastor Josiah for Zoom Link.

ACEM:

1. ACEM Conference

ACEM Conference will be held on November 26, 2022 (Sunday) at 3:00 pm at TCCC (100 Acadia Avenue, Markham). All Conference Delegates are required to attend.

- 2. ACEM Missions Committee** encourages member churches to partner in field visitation trips by pooling and sharing resources. During the summer of 2024, there will be an excellent opportunity to serve the Hong Kong immigrants in the United Kingdom. The trip is organized by Markham Christian Community Church. Anyone (single, married, or family) is welcome.

Program:

Children's Bible Day camp, evangelistic meetings, visitation, etc.

Qualifications for adults:

- 1) A desire to participate in mission.
- 2) A commitment to serve the Hong Kong immigrants in the UK.
- 3) Able to speak Cantonese.
- 4) Willing to receive training.

Date: July 25 to August 5, 2024.

Location: Birmingham, U.K.

Estimated cost: CAD\$2,000 (ACEM subsidy is available to members of ACEM churches).

Registration deadline: December 31, 2023.

Please register at www.markhamchurch.com, or contact Rev. Patrick Chau at 905-479-3322.

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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=SDRrKzZrV1U2R3FtcFRWRnZvUFFIQT09>

Meeting ID: 872 6241 0460

Passcode: 123456

Mandarin Congregation Sunday Service Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86869313460?pwd=RE05bEorTTJlcmZiS2FKc0pMTE1EQOT09>

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=OEVnbVdVSVRsay9TcGV3WETlM1Q4dz09>

Meeting ID: 880 2199 6139

Passcode: 111222

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