



English Sunday Service December 17, 2023

Call to Worship: Bernice Tseng

Scripture Passage: Luke 1:46-56

Scripture Reader: Charlotte Leck

Prayer: Andrew Tseng

Message: “My Soul Magnifies the LORD”

Speakers: Pastor Josiah Tse

Doxology

Announcements: Robert Kong

***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 (Dec 5, 2023):

A. 2024 MCCC ECB Roles

Acting Chair – Rev. Vincent Lee

Vice Chair – Henry Jing

Secretary – Janny Wan

Treasurer – James Li

Assistant Treasurer – Irene Cheung / Alvin Lee

Cantonese Congregation Representative – Sam Watt

Mandarin Congregation Representative – James Li, Frank Zhu

English Congregation Representative – Alvin Lee

Youth Ministry Representative – Pastor Farrah Ng

Children Ministry Representative – Janny Wan

General Manager – Frank Zhu

Vice General Manager – Torrey Phua

Mission Representative – Rev. Vincent Lee (committee chair), Rev Tim Yuen, Steve Chao

Community Development – Torrey Phua (chair), Rev Tim Yuen, Rev. Vincent Lee, Pastor Katherine Chi

MRLC Representative – Irene Cheung

Office Admin Team – Irene Cheung, Henry Jing, Torrey Phua, Rev. Tim Yuen

Condo Board Representative – (ECB reps: Sam Watt, non- ECB reps: Steve Chao, Wilson Young)

Chair of the Board of Directors (same as Vice-Chair of ECB):
Henry Jing

Officers of the Board of Directors – Henry Jing, James Li, Janny Wan

ACEM Council Representatives – Rev. Vincent Lee, Pastor Katherine Chi

ACEM Conference Delegates – Rev. Vincent Lee, Rev Tim Yuen, Pastor Josiah Tse, Irene Cheung, James Li, Frank Zhu, Henry Jing, Pastor Katherine Chi, Alvin Lee

- B. The church office will be closed on December 25-26 (Monday-Tuesday) and January 1 (Monday) for the Christmas/Boxing Day and New Year holidays.
 - C. The final days for making offering in the year 2023 will be Sunday, December 31 for physical offering and Wednesday, December 27 for online offerings. Brothers and sisters are encouraged to make end-of-year offerings to the church as soon as possible so that they can be deposited in the church account in time for the end of the year.
 - D. The deadline for submitting reimbursement claims under the 2023 church budget will be Sunday, January 14, 2024.
 - E. Deacons Wylie Poon, Joseph Wong, Ophelia Lau, and Rosanna Wong will complete their term as deacons in ECB by the end of 2023. The ECB thanks them for their service to the church and prays for blessings upon them and their families.
3. The Christmas Baptismal Service has been held yesterday at GSCC Sanctuary. Thanks for attending the Service to show your support and please continue to pray for them, may the Lord strengthen their faith and soul. We have:
- Cantonese Congregation: Yue Ming Deng, Nai Ju Wu,
Chow Kuo Men (Joe)
- Mandarin Congregation: Rao Xi Mao, Jesse Ye, Hai Ying Jiang,
Zhirou Chen, Su-Chen Yang, Nolan Shi,
Cheng Jin Dong, Lin En Pan

English Congregation: Ruth Xie

4. English Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Our English service will be held at 4:00pm on Sunday, December 24th for our Candlelight service. A potluck dinner is to follow. All are free and welcome to join us! For the potluck, please register with the QR code to inform us of what you will be bringing.

TODAY, December 17th we will distribute flyers into the community informing them of our Candlelight Service. All volunteers are welcome.



5. GM reminds all the group leaders are asked to check if there are any other group activities going on in the church after the meeting; if not, please make sure to lock the front and side doors of the church before leaving.

6. MCCC will be hosting the following Christmas event in December:
 - a. Mandarin Christmas Caroling at a Senior's home – Dec 22 at 1:00-2:00 pm
 - b. Mandarin Christmas Caroling outside of church – Dec 23 afternoon
 - c. Cantonese Christmas Evangelistic Service - Sunday, December 24 at 9:15 am
 - d. Mandarin Christmas Evangelistic Service - Sunday, December 24 at 11:15 am
 - e. English Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 pm
 - f. Mandarin Christmas outreach – Monday, December 25 at 4:00-6:00 pm
 - g. Mandarin End of Year Prayer Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 31 at 7:30 pm
 - h. Cantonese End of Year Prayer Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 31 at 8:30 pm in Zoom
7. 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.
8. 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. 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 22 nd @ 7:30pm	Final Alpha Session
Adelphoi (Young Adults)	December 24 th @ 4:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Elijah (Career and Young Families)	December 31 st @ Alvin and Tammy's	Christmas/New Years Gathering
Emmanuel (Families)	January 6, 2024 @ Church at 5:30pm	Potluck dinner and Bible study
Thursday Night Prayer Meeting	Thursday nights @ 7:30pm	Contact Pastor Josiah for Zoom Link.

ACEM:

1) ACEM Mission Fund

In 2023, our estimated mission budget is \$2,040,000. As of November 30th, we have a shortfall of \$550,000. Let us continue to give faithfully to support mission work and mission organizations. Pray for a strong start in the New Year.

2) ACEM Office will be closed during Christmas & New Year, from Dec 25, 2023 - Jan 1, 2024.

3) Scott & Kyoko Nelson (Team of Canada)

Scott & Kyoko will be on home assignment from February 19 to July 2, 2024. Please pray for the Lord's provision on the financial needs of their coming year; different groups of Discovery Bible studies in their home and at the Oizumi Bible Church in Tokyo. May God bless their ministry.

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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=OEVnbVdVSVRsay9TcGV3WEtIM1Q4dz09>

Meeting ID: 880 2199 6139

Passcode: 111222

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