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Second Sunday after Christmas
2 January 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion Service

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” – Composer: Bob McGee

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** “Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness”

– Music: Henry Thomas Smart; Lyrics: John H S Mansell

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” (Lord, have mercy) – Trad. Orthodox Chant

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** “Star Child” – Music: Carlton R Young; Music: Shirley E Murray

SCRIPTURE READING

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet.

A light to our path.

Isaiah 60: 1-6 (O.T)

Matthew 2:1-12 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas” – Composer: Taize

OFFERTORY

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “You Are Holy, You Are Whole” – Composer Per Harling

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “Shine Jesus Shine” – Composer: Graham Kendrick

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

God does nothing except in response to believing prayer. – John Wesley

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Let us join in the celebrations of the life and witness of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. His life has been a beacon of hope to millions throughout the world as he stood for and with the people of South Africa particularly during the Apartheid regime.
- Pray for diligence and accuracy in Covid testing centres as a recent report reveals that false test results were issued from a Sydney lab. Approximately 900 people were given negative results when in fact they were positive. With the numbers of hyper-infectious Omicron variant numbers rising this is of great concern.
- Israel’s government has announced their plan to double the number of settlers in the Golan Heights an annexed territory captured from Syria. We pray that all involved would be more sensitive to those who have lived in the area for centuries.
- Pray for greater understanding within the multi-religious society of India as the Government has refused to renew the foreign funding licence for The Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa. The charity is accused of using its programs to convert people to Christianity, an allegation the Missionaries of Charity have denied.
- Pray for the people of Myanmar as more horrific happenings are reported being carried out by the military. In Kayah State 35 bodies were recovered having been tortured killed and then burned. Save the Children has confirmed that two of its staff members were among the 35. The charity has called upon the United Nations Security Council to convene and take action.
- May the truth prevail and justice to be served as yet another pro-democracy website in Hong Kong has been targeted and raided. Seven people have been arrested, accused of a “conspiracy to publish seditious publications”, and all staff members have been dismissed.
The Independent News has also announced that it will close down and the last posting will be 1 January.

- Let us strive to continue to remember and record the history of the fight for democracy as two more art installations, depicting the Tiananmen Massacre have been removed from two of our universities in Hong Kong. Authorities claim the reason behind this action was one of health and safety issues.
- As temperatures continue to drop in our city pray for those who do not have adequate shelter or means to keep warm, those on the streets, those struggling to pay household bills, many looking for work.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette and Doris Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Ramon Bultron, Bhim Maya Pun, Kathy Chan and Louis Lo. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We pray for members and friends who are travelling overseas for the holidays. May God give them a smooth journey and a joyful reunion with loved ones.
- At the beginning of this new year let us pray these words of St Ambrose of Milan as we seek once again to renew our heart;

Prayer for a Renewed Heart

*O Lord,
 you have mercy on all.
 Take away my sins,
 and mercifully kindle in me
 the fire of your Holy Spirit.
 Take away my heart of stone
 and give me a heart of flesh,
 a heart to love and adore you,
 a heart to delight in you,
 to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship in person and through Facebook live streaming today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship.

Welcome Ms Candy Lam

We welcome to the KUC team, Ms Candy Lam! We thank God that we can welcome Candy to join us here in KUC. Ms Candy will take up the role of Secretary when Ms Heddy retires in February. She has already assumed her position in the office this week and is working closely with Ms Heddy and other team members.

Weekly Programs in Church.

- **Bible study online Monday at 11:00 a.m. We will not meet on Monday, we will take a break for a few weeks over the festive season.** Please contact Pastor Maggie if you are interested in joining the study group.
- **Tuesday Peacemaking Fellowship @ 10:00 a.m.** here in KUC

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Pastor Phyllis

Pastor Phyllis will take her annual leave from 26 December until 5 January 2022.

Appeal for the Survivors of Typhoon Odette (Rai)

A day after Christmas, super typhoon Odette (Rai) left many casualties on the lives and livelihood of many Filipinos living in Visayas and Mindanao. An appeal has been launched for help and assistance for the people in this area. Help can be given in kind, medicines, canned food, milk, diapers and other necessities which will be packed and sent directly to the areas in most need or given in cash.

For cash and cheque donations, please send to:

Please indicate on the transaction – For Typhoon Odette

A/C Name: MFMW LIMITED

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Wai Ji Flag Day – Volunteers needed

Date: 8 January 2022; Time: 7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Area covered: Tseung Kwan O and New Territories

If you have time to spare and would like to join the Flag Day, please speak to Pastor Phyllis.

English Unity Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Date: 18 January 2022 (Tuesday)

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Venue: Methodist International Church; Wesleyan House, 271 Queen's Road E, Wan Chai

Theme: “We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him.” (Mt. 2:2)

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK 9 January
Liturgist:	Chris Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Lucy Lim	Eric Sin
Lector:	Chetwyn Wong	Kurt Law
Intercessory Prayers:	Rey Asis	Amber Tong
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	Baby Baptism
Greeter:	Paul Wong Mercy Matilda	Edwina Antonio Rod Lam
Offering Rota:	Cynthia Leung Susan Babasa	Hope Antone Kevin Ng
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Gabi Baumgartner
I.T. Team:	Tong Chong Sze Monkey Lui	Bervinder Kaur Modeste

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$14,643-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$2,000-
Christmas Eve: HK\$4,760-
Christmas Day: HK\$5,591-