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Third Sunday in Advent
12 December 2021
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

ADVENT LITANY

PREPARATION SONG “Light of Hope – Joy”

– Music: Chan Ka; Lyrics: Maggie Mathieson

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “Let Us Sing to the God of Salvation” – Lyrics: Richard Bewes

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “God Is Forgiveness” – Composer: Taize Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” – Composer: Rick Founds

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Isaiah 12:2-6 (O.T)

Philippians 4:4-7 (O.T)

Luke 3:7-18 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Rejoice in the Lord” – Unknown

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Born Anew with... Joy Amid Sorrow”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINISTRY MOMENT – Care and Fellowship Committee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND “I Waited, I Waited on The Lord” – Composer: Iona Community
OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** “Jesus Put This Song Into our Hearts” – 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. . .

- Give thanks to God as three more missionaries have been released by kidnappers in Haiti and are safe. As of today, 5 of the 17 kidnapped have been released. We pray for the safety of the others.
- Consider those countries standing against the violation of Human Rights in China. The United Kingdom, Canada, USA and Australia have announced a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics, set for February 2022.
- Pray for a better system of sharing Covid Vaccines through the COVAX scheme as many developing countries are not able to use the vaccine that they are given due to the short shelf life of the vaccines. Many have gone unused due to this factor and benefit no one.
- We pray for the safety of Aid workers and those they are serving in Northern Ethiopia. Gunmen have held aid workers at gun point as they looted supplies of essential food donated through the World Food Programme. The action of the gunmen has not only endangered the lives of the workers but also suspended further food aid to the area.
- Pray for the people and for peace in Myanmar as yet another horrific military attack has been executed in a number of villages in Central Myanmar, killing 13 people and destroying all in their path.
- Remember the people and the communities living in the shadow of Mount Semeru, after the eruption of last week the volcano continues to throw out more ash forcing rescuers to suspend the search for survivors.
- In a new report shared by Reporters Without Borders, China has been named as the ‘world’s biggest captor of journalists’. Currently the number of reporters being detained is at least 127.
- Remember, Jimmy Lai, Gwyneth Ho and Chow Hang Tung who have been found guilty in court, charged with unlawful assembly. The three were found to have participated in an unauthorised Tiananmen vigil.
- As temperatures continue 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 Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

We are thankful for...

- those who have remained in these countries through years of conflict and oppression
- Christians who bear witness in the region even though they are small in number
- the many who have provided for humanitarian assistance and peace-building
- refugees from these countries who are enriching the societies in which they now have made their home.

We pray for:

- those who continue to bear physical and emotional scars from years of conflict
- victims of monsoons and other disasters in the region
- economic development to improve life for all people and the environment
- political stability amid competing powers.

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, 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 traveling overseas for the holidays. May God give them a smooth journey and joyful reunion with loved ones.
- Pray for our Council members as they meet following worship this morning for discernment in all the decision making and clarity of mind.

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.

Weekly Programs in Church.

- **Council Meeting – Upper Fellowship Hall; 1:30 p.m.**
- **Bible study online Monday at 11:00 a.m. We prepare for the coming of Christ in our Advent Study.** Please contact Pastor Maggie if you are interested in joining the study group.
- **Tuesday Peacemaking Fellowship @ 10:00 a.m.** here in KUC
- **Wednesday - Harambe Choir @ 6:00 p.m.**
- **Friday – Junior Choir @ 3:00 p.m.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 in the Flag Day, please speak to Pastor Phyllis.

English Unity Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

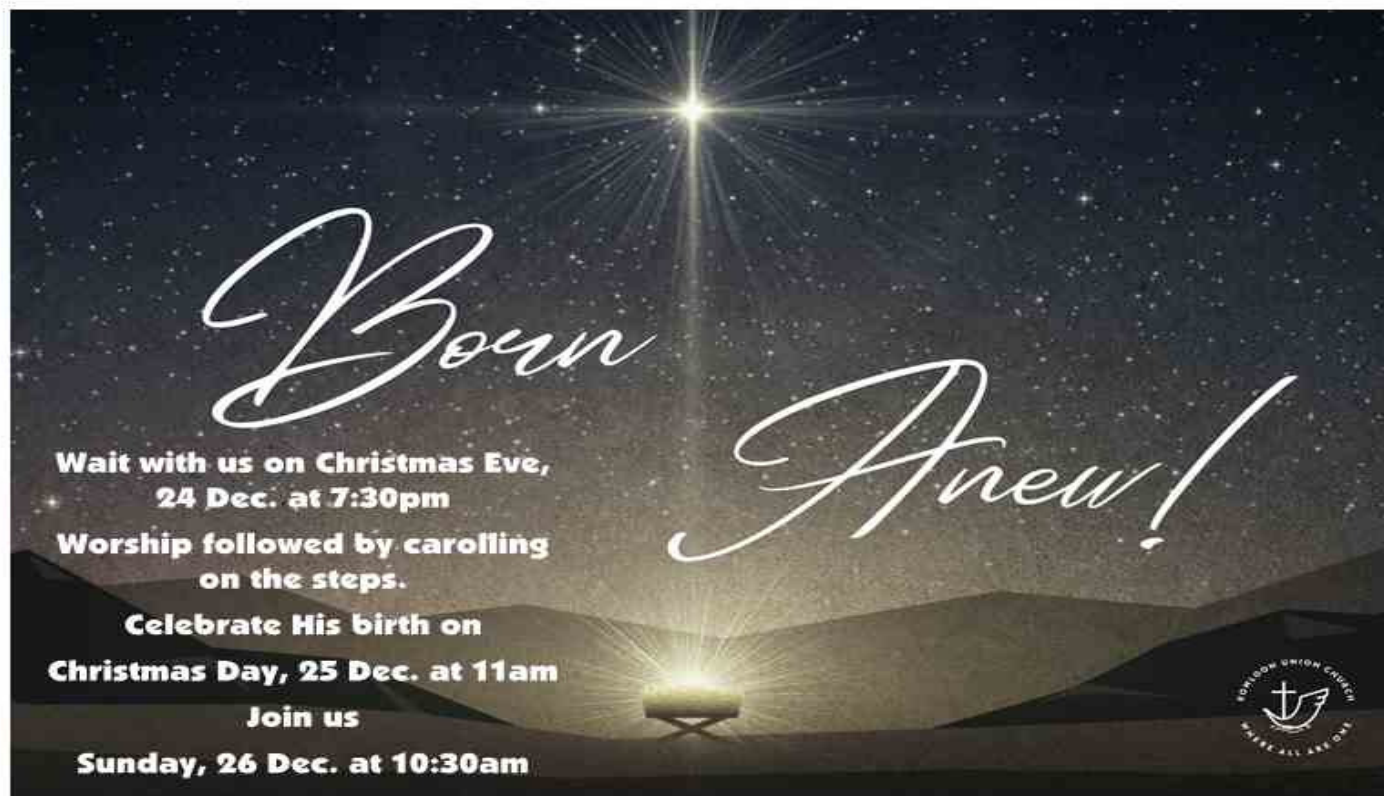
Date: 18 January 2022 (Tuesday)

Time: 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Christmas Program



	TODAY	NEXT WEEK 19 December
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Aimé Girimana
Preacher:	Tony Chan	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Eric Sin	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Holly Chui	Jennifer Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Ramon Bultron	Cecilia Yeung
Family Talk:	Rey Asis	Maggie Mathieson
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio Guy Syrett	Kevin Ng Mercy Matilda
Offering Rota:	Sunita Suna Modeste	Rey Asis
Sunday School Leaders:	Gabi Baumgartner	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur Tong Chong Sze	Chris Wong Bervinder Kaur

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,918-
 Promissory offering last week: HK\$6,140-
 Organic farm: HK\$350-