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**Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
**19 December 2021**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

(\* : Congregation stands)

### APPROACH

**ADVENT LITANY**

**PREPARATION SONG** “Light of Hope Ignite in Us”

– Music: Chan Ka; Lyrics: Maggie Mathieson

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* HYMN** “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus & The Steadfast of the Lord Never Ceases”

– Music: R.H Prichard; Lyrics: Charles Wesley; Composer: Edith Mc Neill

**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** “I Have Made My Covenant with My Chosen”

– Composer: Karen Barrie Chapman

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Micah 5:2-5a (O.T)

Luke 1:39-55 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

**\* HYMN** “The Canticle of the Turning”

– Music: The Star of the County Down Trad folk; Lyrics: Rory Cooney

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON** “Born Anew....with Love”

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### THE OFFERTORY

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**MINISTRY MOMENT** – Maintenance Ministry

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL RESPOND** "Ubi Caritas" – Music: Taizé Community

### **OFFERTORY**

### **THE PEACE**

\* **HYMN** "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" – Composer: Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

\* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

## **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**Please remember as you pray. . .**

- Pray for Migrants throughout the world, yesterday was International Migrants day. May the Lord protect those who find themselves on the perilous road seeking a new life and security for their families. Particularly we remember those who lost their lives on the journey.
- The weather throughout the world continues to control, dominate and destroy. Pray for the people of Kentucky and the surrounding states as they deal with the aftermath of a series of 6 tornados. Pray for our neighbours in the Philippines as thousands have fled their homes and livelihood in the wake of Typhoon Rai.
- That all will heed the warnings of the World Health Organization against the new Coronavirus variant Omicron. Records have shown that it is spreading at an unprecedented rate and was likely present in most countries of the world.
- Pray for Afghanistan where the young and the very old are dying of starvation and lack of basic medical supplies. International support which has sustained the people of the land is yet to be reinstated and the foreign reserves of the country have been frozen. In recent days an outbreak of Measles has claimed and maimed many children already weakened by hunger.
- For a just system that will recognize the need for better family mental health support in India as the government's National Crime Records Bureau recently released data that showed that 22,372 housewives took their own lives in 2020. An average of 61 lives per day or one life every 25 minutes.
- After a yearlong protest thousands of Farmers in India are returning home from Delhi after the government heard their pleas and responded in their favour.
- For those caught in the fire in the World Trade Centre, Causeway Bay, we thank God that the number of casualties was low. May the healing hand of God be with those admitted to hospital. Let this incident spur on owners of large public buildings to ensure warning systems are in good working order at all times.
- Pray for the safety of 22 people trapped in a flooded coal mine in Shanxi Province and for those involved in the rescue operations.
- 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 China, Hong Kong, Macau.

## **We are thankful for...**

- the long and complex history of China, with its many artefacts, cultures and traditions that have developed over millennia
- those who established missions and churches in the past, and the determination of Chinese Christians to contextualize the church here and now
- those who boldly live out their faith, challenging injustices even when they fear persecution
- the economic growth and development that have lifted many out of poverty
- the steps China is taking to counter huge environmental challenges.

## **We pray for:**

- those left behind and further marginalized by rising economic growth, especially women and peasants in rural areas
- the political and social tensions between the mainland of China and Hong Kong and the rest of the world
- a growth in prophetic witness of the Chinese church in society
- spiritual meaning and freedom from captivity to economic growth and consumerism.

## **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, 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.
- We are thankful to God for the news that our sister Jenny Alegre is now with her family in the Philippines. We continue to pray for Jenny's rehabilitation and for this time of reunion and renewal in her family life.

## **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.**

- **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
- **Tuesday Afternoon – Junior Choir @ 2:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday - Harambe Choir @ 6:00 p.m.**
- **Friday – Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 7:30pm**
- **Saturday – Christmas Day @ 11:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday – Regular Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.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.

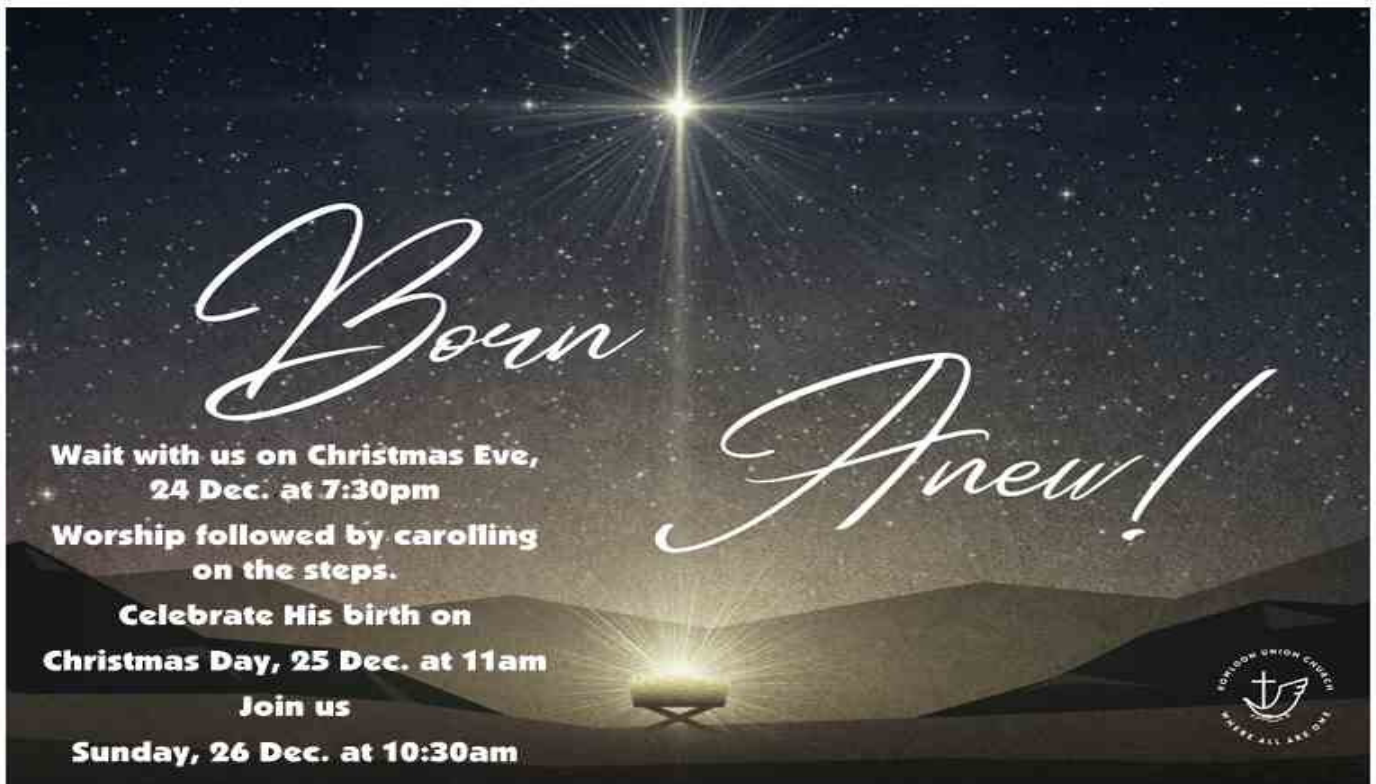
### English Unity Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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



	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b> <b>26 December</b>
Liturgist:	Aimé Girimana	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Judy Chan
Pianist:	Lucy Lim	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Jennifer Chan	Angeline Onwufuju
Intercessory Prayers:	Cecilia Yeung	To be confirmed
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson	Chan Beng Seng
Greeter:	Kevin Ng, Mercy Matilda	Paul Wong, Vikki Chan
Offering Rota:	Rey Asis, Journaliz Badon	Doris Lee, Hope Antone
Sunday School Leaders:	Jaylin Tomitis	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong, Bervinder Kaur	Lo Yuk Fai, Bervinder Kaur

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$4,595-  
 Promissory offering last week: HK\$1,600-  
 Organic farm: HK\$100-