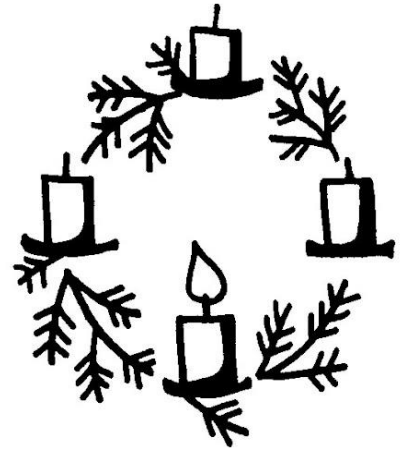


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**First Sunday in Advent**  
**27 November 2022**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

(\* : Congregation stands)

### **APPROACH**

#### **ADVENT LITANY**

**PREPARATION SONG** “Light of Hope ” – Music: T.Chan; Lyrics: M.Mathieson

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* HYMN** “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” – Composer: Shirley E Murray

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** “Kyrie Eleison ” – Composer: Trad Orthodox

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

**UCCP SINGERS** “Awaken and Prepare Us ”– Music: M. Hayes Words: H Frombach

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5 (O.T)

Matthew 24: 36 - 44 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

#### **FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON** “Longing For The Light ”

#### **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

#### **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**ALL RESPOND** “Wait For The Lord ”

– Composed: Taize Community

**OFFERTORY**

**THE PEACE**

\* **HYMN** “Christ Be Our Light ”

– Composer: Bernadette Farrell

\* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

### **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

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

- Another shooting has occurred in the USA, targeting those from the LGBT community in Colorado Springs. We seek God's peace for those who have lost their lives and their family and friends who grieve for them.
- The World Health Organisation and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have warned that measles is at "Imminent threat " of spreading in various parts of the world after the COVID - 19 pandemic led to many children missing their routine vaccinations. So let us hope and pray that there can be a vaccine drive to help unvaccinated children.
- Several places have been badly affected by earthquakes and the aftershocks that have ensued. Rescuers in West Java are battling dozens of aftershocks in their search for survivors from the recent earthquake, which has claimed almost 300 lives, including that of many children. Around 151 people remain missing, and more than 100 are injured. A large earthquake was reported near the Solomon Islands; a tsunami warning was issued on Tuesday. By the grace of God, there were no fatalities. May the Lord bring healing to the injured, peace to those who mourn, and energy and strength to those seeking to find the lost.
- As temperatures drop in Ukraine, the World Health Organization alerts the world community to the plight of those caught in the war-torn area. Ten million people live without power in their homes as half of Ukraine's energy structure has been damaged or destroyed. Temperatures are expected to plummet to - 20C. In addition, there have been multiple attacks on the health infrastructure since the conflict began. May God have mercy on all trying to survive in those lands, and may a peaceful solution be found.
- The registered number of street sleepers on the streets of Hong Kong has risen from 595 people in 2013 to 1564 people this year. This is an increase of 2.6 times in the last decade. However, despite the government's allocation of 30 million dollars in grants to local NGO's serving this community, only 27% of those eligible are receiving the help they need. The Audit Commission has urged the Social Welfare Department to review and monitor the system. Pray that all can create a strategy to help all those in need.

- We pray for all in the world suffering under the shadow of Covid 19. As case figures remain high in our city, we hold in prayer those on the front line dealing with the virus. We also remember those who have lost loved ones.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore.

We **give thanks** for:

- Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical churches and councils of churches in Malaysia and Singapore which have witnessed to the gospel and ministered to groups who are discriminated against and marginalized
- economic developments that have enhanced the standard of living for many
- policies and practices that seek to sustain the environment and its resources
- those who have sought to further ethnic and religious harmony.

We **pray** for:

- a more just, participatory and democratic rule
- locally-determined economic development that lessens inequalities and protects natural resources
- greater ethnic and religious understanding and cooperation
- the forging of national identities and visions that genuinely include all the diverse people in these countries.

### **For the Congregation**

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee, Florence Tse and Chris Wong, for Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Habib, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ramon Bultron, Lyn, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulis Zaki, Saafa, Selvia and Stella Chan. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We remember in prayer Dr Vivian Lee and the medical team from HIS Foundation – Hong Kong, who are on a two-week medical mission trip to Madagascar. The team will be carrying out multiple surgical procedures as well as general medical ones in the time they are there. The team already have done some outstanding medical procedures for those who would not have been treated if it were not for the team's presence.

Pray especially for Dr Vivian, who has tested positive for COVID in Madagascar. Give her peace of mind to heal and recover from the virus. And pray that others in the team may remain healthy and free from the virus.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Today**

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. Our preacher this morning is our own Pastor Phyllis. Thank you for sharing the Word of God with us today.

Thank you to all who spent some time in the last two days cleaning and polishing the Sanctuary for Advent. Thank you

## **This Week's Programs in Church**

- Sunday - KUC Singers will practice directly after worship  
KUC Movie Sunday at 1:30 pm
- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship in Number 2 Jordan Road at 10:00 am
- Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm
- Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am  
Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **December 4 – Fellowship Lunch**

The Care and Fellowship Committee invites you to join in a time of friendship, fellowship and food at Blue Ocean Restaurant, 80 Shanghai Street, Jordan.

Registration is limited - please click on the QR code to register.



### **December 4 – Candles and Carols**

After Lunch - join together to decorate a candle for Christmas and sing along to some old and new carols.



### **December 21 - Ordination Announcement**

We are happy to share the news with everyone that our former Social Minister, Timothy Chan, will be ordained as a minister on Wednesday, 21 December. Timothy Chan has established a church named, The Ecumenical Hub, and this community has called him to ordination. The ordination will be conducted in the Church of Christ in China Church, Wan Chai. More details to follow.

	<b>TODAY 27 November</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 4 December</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Jessica Tso	Han In Kyu
Lector:	Precious Kato	Amber Tong
Intercessory Prayers:	Katie Ho	Tory Caplan
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	Lydia Catedral
Greeter:	Chris Law plus others	Paul Wong plus others
Offering Rota:	Susan Babasa Journaliz Badon	Ching So Ben Baxter
Counting Rota	Doris Lee Chan Beng Seng	Doris Lee Ramon Bultron
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Tong Chong Sze	Lo Yuk Fai
<p style="text-align: center;">Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3570- Promissory offering last week: HK\$12,100-</p>		