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**First Sunday in Advent**  
**28 November 2021**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

(\* : Congregation stands)

### APPROACH

#### **ADVENT LITANY**

#### **PREPARATION SONG “Light of Hope”**

– Music: Timothy Chan; Lyrics: Maggie Mathieson

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

#### **\* HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

– Translators: J M Neale; H S Coffin; L H Stookey

#### **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 “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”**

– Composer: Edith McNeill

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (O.T)

Luke 21:25-36 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

**UCCP Choir “Immanuel Draws Near”** – Music: Katie Houts; Adapted by BK Lundblad

#### **FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON “Born Anew ... with Hope”**

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

### THE OFFERTORY

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

**MINISTRY MOMENT** – Christian Education Committee

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

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL RESPOND** "I Waited, I Waited on The Lord" – Composed: Iona Community

## **OFFERTORY**

## **THE PEACE**

\* **HYMN** "In Christ Alone"

– Composer: Keith Getty; Stuart Townend

\* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

## **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

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

- Members of the indigenous Emberá people in Northern Colombia have been camping out on the city streets since mid-April. Many left their home and villages to escape the growing violence between armed rivals and still cannot return. Living conditions are dire and health is deeply affected.
- Medical researchers paint a very bleak picture for Europe this Christmas as the Covid figures continue to rise. We pray that people in those places most affected by the virus will contain the Christmas celebrations to be mindful of those around them.
- Pray for the migrants who have lost their lives seeking a place of safety in the UK. Many had already given up all they possessed for the chance to reach other shores. May God receive them and bring peace to their families.
- Pray for the families and loved ones of the 45 people killed in the tragic bus accident in Bulgaria and for all who have lost loved ones on accidents throughout the world.
- For understanding between the Muslim and Hindu communities in India's north eastern state of Tripura. Muslim schools, shops, mosques and private homes are targets of vandalism and violence all blamed on religion. May the hearts of each one be softened.
- That the needs and voices of children be heard fully in the courts of India as many are outraged at the courts decisions in recent days to reduce sentencing in abuse cases against minors.
- We pray that those in deepest financial need in our city will not be tempted by the cash offers of those seeking to use their bank accounts to launder money. Pray God will strengthen and protect some of our most vulnerable members of society from this temptation.
- As parents and children alike have been given the news of school allocations, we congratulate those who have been successful and pray comfort for those who have not. At this early age the competitive push is already in place making our children's lives stressful and not memorable as it should be.
- As temperatures 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 Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore.

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

- 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 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, Kathy Chan and Louis Lo. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- Pray for our sister Pauline Loh and her son Jeffrey. Jeffrey's father passed away Friday afternoon after a short illness. May Raymond rest in peace
- Give thanks for a very smooth EGM conducted last week and continue to pray for our community here as we strive to build the kingdom here in this place.
- We thank God for the many hands that have helped to clean up the church and prepare her for Advent.
- Let us pray for the Lord to prepare the right person for our new secretary here in Kowloon Union Church.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome!**

Welcome, 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.**

- **Movie Sunday** – In the upper fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m. – details overleaf
- **Bible study online Monday at 11:00 a.m. We prepare for the coming of the Christ in our Advent Study.** Please contact Pastor Maggie if you are interested in joining the study group.
- **Tuesday Peacemaking Fellowship @ 10:30 a.m.** here in KUC
- **Wednesday - Harambe Choir @ 6:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday – ‘Jingle all the Way!’** Christmas Concert with The Cecilian Singers, @ 7:30 p.m. here in KUC
- **Friday – Junior Choir @ 3:00 p.m.**

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **Today Movie Sunday: *The Hunting Ground* (2015)**

103 min.

The documentary *The Hunting Ground* follows the lives of several college student sexual assault survivors as they seek justice and prevention of more harm to others. Through the film, we can hear first-person testimonies from survivors on how authorities responded when they reported their assaults. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual global campaign from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, until 10 December, Human Rights Day. MOE Committee has chosen this film as part of the 16 Days of Activism, so we can equip ourselves as allies of sexual assault victims and reflect on how to create a safe space for both women and men in church and in society.

We welcome you to join us for the film and discussion afterwards.

Date: 28 November 2021 (Sunday) Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Venue: Kowloon Union Church, Upper Fellowship Hall

Organized by: Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee

### **First Sunday Feasts**

There is a change of name and change in eating plan for our 'First Sunday Feast'.

Members of the Care and Fellowship Committee have been scouting for alternatives to Yum Cha and they found Blue Ocean Restaurant, Shanghai Street – a number of friends from the community have found this restaurant very satisfactory. Sign up sheet is posted on the board.

### **Sewing Class**

There will be two more sewing sessions facilitated by the Peacemaking ministry on Dec 4 and 11am. Session will begin at 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Speak to Cecili for more details.

	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b> <b>5 December</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Judy Chan	Hope Antone
Pianist:	Jessica Tso	Cheryl Hui
Lector:	Harry Chan	Kurt Law
Intercessory Prayers:	Rey Asis	TBC
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson	Tong Chong Sze
Greeter:	Peter Youngblood Muriel Orevillo-Montenegro	Paul Wong Mayson Fung
Offering Rota:	Sunita Suna Kevin Ng	Ching So Aimé Girimana
Sunday School Leaders:	Jaylin Tomitis	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Tony Chan Tong Chong Sze	Lo Yuk Fai Monkey Lui

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$6,789-  
Promissory offering last week: HK\$1,640-  
Welfare fund: HK\$5,000-