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Second Sunday in Advent
5 December 2021
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion Service

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

ADVENT LITANY

PREPARATION SONG "Light of Hope Ignite in Us"

– Music: Chan Ka, Lyrics: M Mathieson

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "Come Now O Prince of Peace"

– Composer: Geonyong Lee

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** "Comfort, Comfort"

– Composer: Robin Mann

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Malachi 3:1-4 (O.T)

Luke 3:1-6 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "Born Anew... With Peace"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINISTRY MOMENT

– Mission, Outreach & Ecumenism (MOE) Committee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND "I Waited, I Waited on The Lord"

– Composed: Iona Community

OFFERTORY

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands”

– Fred Kaan

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”

– Adapted by Sebastian Temple; Words attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- 1 December World AIDS Day. Millions of people are affected by this life-threatening condition and though medical advances have come so far, they are not shared equally and developing countries are sadly left out when new advances in medicines come.
- We give thanks for the recent unanimous decision in the Canadian House of Commons to ban so called LGBT conversion therapy. This is definitely a welcome step in the right direction for all struggling to live their lives as the person they are.
- Countries throughout the world are gearing themselves up in a bid to protect and contain the heavily mutated Covid variant, Omicron. A number of cases have been discovered here in Hong Kong too. As Winter Solstice and Christmas approach we pray people will be extra mindful of their health and the needs of other people.
- We hold the peoples of Afghanistan in our prayers as doctors speak out against the conditions in the hospitals and the numbers of deaths related to hunger and lack of basic medical care. As the weather conditions worsen, many other issues are added to the deepening humanitarian crisis.
- We pray for justice for the Uyghur Muslims of China as a newly published cache of documents have revealed links with top Chinese officials and the State’s crackdown on the Uyghur people. These documents if authenticated will prove what has been feared.
- As the Urban Renewal Authority go forward in their plans to redevelop areas in Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok, the Democratic Party has urged the government to fully consider the needs of the residents in the assigned area. The plans include more than 3,300 buildings in the area, a staggering number of people to be rehoused.

- MTR services were suspended on Thursday evening after the carriage door came off as the train entered the station. By God's grace no one was injured.
- 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 Myanmar and Thailand.

We are thankful for...

- the beauty of these countries and their people, and their many distinctive Buddhist temples
- those who long have struggled that these countries might become more democratic
- the faithful witness of churches, which have advocated with others for greater justice
- efforts to protect the environment and resources in these countries.

We pray for...

- minority ethnic and religious groups who continue to experience discrimination, persecution or even genocide (such as the Rohingyas), and for greater interfaith understanding and tolerance for ethnic and religious diversity
- those victimized by sex tourism and exploitation, and those who perpetuate such acts
- political stability and progress toward democratic rule
- economic justice for all people, and environmental protection, as these countries undergo development.

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, Kathy Chan and Louis Lo. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- Let us continue to 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.

- **First Sunday Feast** – Following worship we will venture to The Blue Ocean restaurant for Sunday lunch – please follow Paul Wong and Kevin Ng.
- **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.**
- **Sewing Class: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** in the Lower Fellowship Hall

DATES FOR THE DIARY

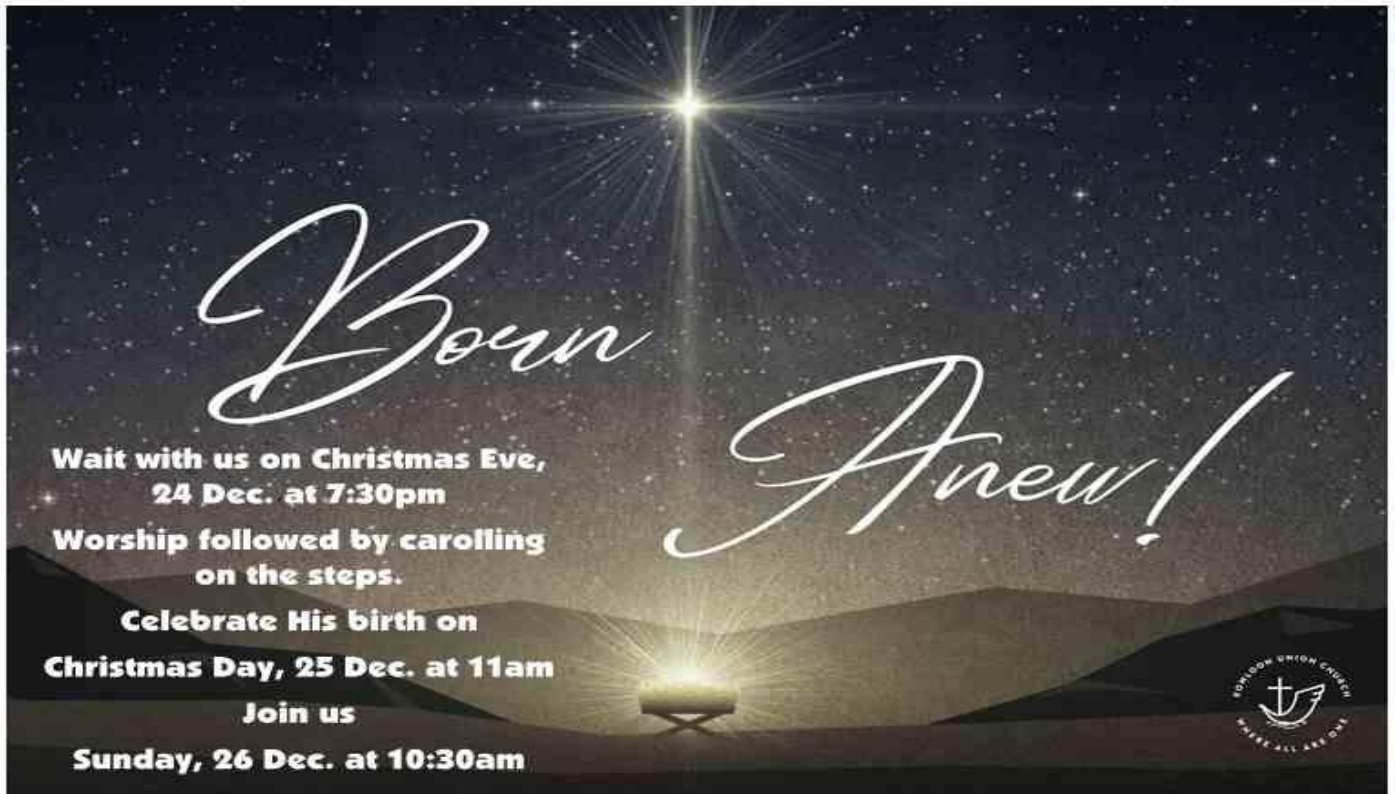
Sewing Class

Second session for sewing facilitated by the Peacemaking ministry on 11 December. Session will run from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Speak to Cecilia for more details.

Taize Prayer

Here in KUC on Thursday 18 November @ 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Program



	TODAY	NEXT WEEK 12 December
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Hope Antone	Tony Chan
Pianist:	Cheryl Hui	Eric Sin
Lector:	Kurt Law	Holly Chui
Intercessory Prayers:	Maggie Mathieson	Ramon Bultron
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Rey Asis
Greeter:	Paul Wong Mayson Fung	Edwina Antonio Guy Syret
Offering Rota:	Ching So Aimé Girimana	Sunita Suna Modeste
Sunday School Leaders:	Jaylin Tomitis	Gabi Baumgartner
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai Monkey Lui	Bervinder Kaur Tong Chong Sze

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$4,330-
 Promissory offering last week: HK\$600-
 Organic farm: HK\$120-