EPHESIANS 3:20-21

# expecting GOD



2024.12.29 English Service

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CALL TO WORSHIP**

Orville Sabado

WORSHIP IN SONG

SCRIPTURE READING—Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT) Orville Sabado

Message "Infinitely More" Ken Ly

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE TESTIMONIES** 

Song of Response

BENEDICTION

Ken Ly

# EM COMMUNITY

## OPEN PRAISE TESTIMONIES TODAY

You will have an opportunity to briefly share your praise testimonies during our service this morning as we glorify God for his mighty works this past year. For those who are willing, please be prepared to come forward after the sermon to testify of God's goodness.

## 700M PRAYER GATHERING CANCELED 1/1

We will NOT be gathering over Zoom for our weekly prayer gatherings on 1/1. Instead, we encourage the congregation to utilize our prayer guide and reflections to pray with your family at home on those days. Let us continue in the spirit of prayerful expectancy and hope as we begin a New Year!

#### 2024 OFFERING DEADLINE 12/31 1PM

Offering meant to be included in tax year 2024 needs to be received by the church no later than 1pm Sunday, Dec. 31, 2024. Offering checks received after 1pm on 12/31, even if backdated, will be regarded as offering for 2025. If the offering is sent by mail, date of check and postmark date on the envelope must be marked on or before 12/31 in order to be included in your 2024 offering records.

NEXT SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION 1/5/2025 Please prepare your hearts to receive the bread and cup.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION QUESTIONAIRE Please fill out this online form in preparation to celebrate Christ's birth and as a reflection and wrap-up of 2024. Purpose: Individual - Personal reflection (to examine and reflect upon your spiritual health) & praise to God (to acknowledge and recognize God's mighty work in you). EM Leaders - Pulse of EM congregation (for EM leadership to gauge the overall spiritual health of the congregation and to better plan and lead for 2025). You can access the questionnaire Here.



# **CHURCH COMMUNITY**

#### THANKSGIVING CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Praise the Lord for His new work among us! As we expect God, He again shows us He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us! Over 250 people came to the Joy to the World outreach event on Sat (12/21). Many families came and were able to interact with us through various activities, and also created memories of cherished moments with the beautiful photo backdrops. One seeker confessed his faith in Jesus Christ after finding more about Christian faith with our evangelism team! We rejoice seeing God's amazing grace on display. Pray for the seed of the gospel sown to grow and bear fruit.

We exalt the lordship of Jesus as the whole body of Christ joined together, serving with our different gifts to make His way known. We are grateful for the planning team (Melody Cheng, Twiner Cheung, and Grace Tong), and all helpers who gave generously of their time and talents to make this event a heart-warming and inviting time overflowing with the joy and love in Jesus.

### CHURCH BOARD NEWS

Ally Chui, Fellowship Committee Chair, will be stepping down from her role at the end of this year, on December 31, 2024. We are thankful for her service to our church. We appreciate her leadership in the Fellowship ministry, especially her work with the Summer Retreat, which blessed so many of us. Pray for Ally as God leads her next steps. Also pray for God's wisdom and guidance for the Board as they seek the right person to appoint to carry this leadership role next year.

#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED wed 1/1

In observance of the New Year's Day holidays, the church office will be closed Wed (1/1/25).

## CHURCH COMMUNITY

#### TODAY CHILDREN'S WORSHIP 11:15AM

Topic: Follow Jesus and Be Fishers of Men. Text: Matt 4:17-25. Speaker: Grace Ng-Ngau.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 11/30/24

The year-to-date General Fund has a \$126,756 deficit, and the Mission Fund (includes general mission fund, designated fund, and interest) has a \$6,395 deficit. Offering summary:

	General	Mission	Building	C.P.	Caring	His Blue- print
2024 Annual Goal	1,917,071	350,000				
November Offering	131,812	38,385	2,992	144	21,761	-
2024 YTD Offering	939,712	304,846	40,599	2,394	66,328	2,378
1/1-11/30 Disbursement	1,066,468	311,241	3,301	-	73,425	-

# CHURCH COMMUNITY

#### KEEP PRAYING FOR PR. STEPHEN TANG

Update of Pr. Tang's condition as of 12/22/24.

Jesus "took our illnesses and bore our diseases." Matthew 8:17

Praise the Lord, God not only can heal our spiritual sickness but also our physical illnesses. Come, we can pray boldly for the healing of Pr. Tang's brain injury.

God listens to our prayers that both of Pr. Tang's pneumonia and diarrhea are under control. He likes listening to the recorded messages.

Please pray:

1. For Pr. Tang,

a) God needs to improve his coughing ability in order to avoid aspiration of fluids in his mouth into his lungs.

b) God continues to make him more alert, strengthen his swallowing ability, stop his diarrhea, and protect him from all infections.

c) Pray that we will find a bed in a quality subacute facility near home.

d) God will use essential oils, acupuncture points and nerve stimulations, various medications, and recorded voices to arouse him.

e) God will help him building up a new nerve bypass system to compensate the damaged ones; use massage to promote blood circulation and oxygen supply to his brain; and send angels to help this.

- 2. For his father: Praise the Lord, the medication is effective on his infections. Please pray that God will continue to stabilize his condition, give him a good medical team, a peaceful heart and assurance to his faith.
- 3. For C-Mo: Pray that she recovers quickly from her weakness, has less back pain, and God protects her with a strong faith, gives her perseverence, restful sleeps, and a great wholistic health.
- 4. God gives all 3 sons good physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Praise the Lord! He knows how discomfort of our illness is and he is willing to heal it in his own way!

Glory be to our Lord!

Appreciate your prayers!

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## **OUR MISSION**

We glorify God by spreading the Gospel through words, deeds and relationships transformed by the Gospel – from ourselves, to our families, our city and the ends of the earth.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tue - Fri: 9am – 5pm



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