Order of Worship

December 8, 2024

Speaker: Pastor Christopher Lam Worship Leader: Jonathan Chan

Scripture Reader: Eva Li

Call to Worship	Jonathan Chan
Worship in Song	Jonathan Chan
Grade 1-6 dismissed to Children's Worship	Jonathan Chan
Lighting of the Advent Candles	
Scripture reading Isaiah 9:6, John 14:27	Eva Li
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Joseph Yu
Sermon: "Advent – The Promise of Peace"	Christopher Lam
Response Song	Jonathan Chan
Offering and Prayer	Lawrence Tung
Doxology	Jonathan Chan
Community Time and Announcement	Lawrence Tung
Benediction	Pastor Joseph Yu

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope

fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.

Amen.

Announcement

- ESC Christmas Celebration Lunch at 1pm on December 15th. \$10 per person. Sign up at the Fellowship Hall after worship service or online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTHtSXTnuXUW-Y_j2zatHx5TWJOVOo5cTEvz1s8rD2OgdrYA/viewform
- 2. All Congregations Christmas Service: December 22nd, 10:30am.
- 3. Christmas Eve Service: December 24th, 7:30pm
- 4. Canada Chinese Christian Winter Conference: Living in God's Presence. December 27-31 in Richmond BC. Registration at CCCWC.ca
- 5. This year's last neighbourhood coffee will be today from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. We are in need of helpers to greet and serve coffee to neighbours. If you are able to help, please meet today at 12:45pm in room 3 for light lunch, prayer, and set up.
- If anyone is interested in getting baptized or membership transfer please contact Pastor Joe, Pastor Danny or email at hello@vcefc.org for class registration.
- 7. NEW Sunday School Class starting December 1st.

 The Book of Genesis II by Hansel Wang

 The Book of Genesis is the book of the beginnings. It details the fall of humanity and the beginning and purpose of God's plan of salvation for humankind. One cannot understand the meaning of the Good News of Jesus Christ without the foundations of Genesis. After a brief review of the first 11 chapters of Genesis, this course will study the next 17 chapters, covering the lives of the patriarchs Abraham and Isaac and the early life of Jacob.
- 8. Choir for the All-Congregations Christmas Service. Practices will be at 11am on Dec 15 (final rehearsal). Everyone welcome.
- 9. Please email the 2024 bilingual annual reports from each department to the church office at admin@vcefc.org. The submission deadline is December 20th (Friday). If translation is required, please submit it by December 13th.

10. Short-term mission opportunity - The Missions Department is planning to organize a short-term mission (STM) team to participate in the Panama English Camp again in 2025. The purpose of the camp is to share the gospel with the Chinese youths in Panama using the learning of English as a medium, and also hoping to reach out to their families. The VCEFC short-term mission team will be led by Pastor Joseph Yu. Here are some important dates:

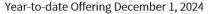
Trip Dates: June 13 Fri to June 23, 2025, Mon

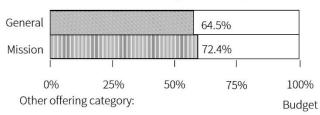
English Camp Dates: June 16 - 20, 2025

Application deadline: Feb 7, 2025 Friday

Participants must be baptized Christians aged 18 or older; participants under 18 must be accompanied by family members. More detailed information is available outside the sanctuary or click here. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Joseph, Carrie Ho, or send an email to missions@vcefc.org.

Weekly Offering:





Year-to-date Building Fund offering \$23,744

Year-to-date Benevolent Fund offering \$13,437

As of Nov 30th, the total General Fund expenses is $\underline{73\%}$ of the annual budget.

The <u>revenue</u> received is <u>61%</u> of the annual budget.

To find more about actual offering figures, please ask admin office.

Sunday Worship Service / Sunday School

English Service | 09:30am - 10:45amChildren's Worship | 09:30am - 10:45am Sunday School | 11:15am - 12:30pm

Wed Prayer Meeting | 07:30pm - 8:30pm (Zoom) |

Fellowship / Small Group

Saturdays 4:15 - 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall KG to Grade 6:

AWANA

Teens: Saturdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Timothy Fellowship

College Age: Fridays 7:30 - 9:30 pmFellowship Hall

Daniel Fellowship

The 1st Sunday of every **Young Adults:**

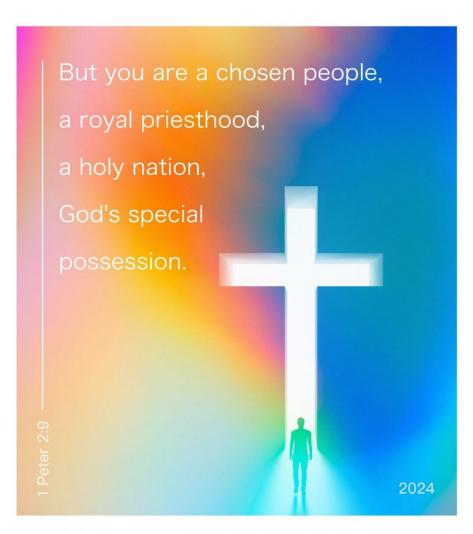
Journey Fellowship month at 2pm

Age 60 and up: Twice a month on 2nd and 4th Cornelius Fellowship Sundays from 1:30 - 3:30pm

Throughout the week Career and post-career:

Small Groups Young Families

3rd Sunday of the month **ESC Gathering** Fellowship Hall



Pastor Job Chan
Pastor Wai-Mui Wong
Pastor Janie Chan
Pastor Cheryl Hung
Pastor Brian Wong
Pastor Thomas Xu
Pastor Joseph Yu
Pastor Danny Wu
Pastor Lucy Li

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