



Vancouver Chinese Evangelical Free Church
November 19, 2023 - ESC Worship Service

Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:10-12

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “Rejoice and Be Glad” (Pastor Chris Lam)

Response in Song

Offering and Prayer for Offering

Doxology

Community Time and Announcement

- Welcome! If you're new to our worship service, welcome to our church! You are invited to stay for snacks and refreshment at the Fellowship Hall after today's service. If you like us to connect with you, please email us at hello@vcefc.org so that someone from the care team can reach out to you.
- After over many months of searching, waiting and praying, the Church Board is pleased to announce that **Ms. Patsy Wong**, recently immigrated from Hong Kong, has accepted the position of **Administrator** of our Church. Patsy comes to us with a wealth of administrative experiences—over 18 years of church administrator experience, and another 10+ years of accounting experience. She will be responsible for the operations of the Administration Department: the administrative, maintenance, and janitorial services. Her official start date will be Tuesday December 5, 2023. Please offer her your warmest welcome!
- The Church Board is pleased to announce that **Ms Cheryl Hung**, recently immigrated from Hong Kong, has accepted the position of **Interim Church Ministry Assistant** of our Church. Cheryl will be assisting the pastoral team to carry out their pastoral responsibilities in areas of administration, coordination and management of various church ministry activities. Cheryl has 20 years of experience handling a variety of church duties such as serving on the deacon board, managing and completing various planning and administrative duties. Her official start date will be Tuesday November 21, 2023. Please offer Cheryl your warmest welcome!

- ESC Third Sunday Gathering : Wisdom Sessions Sunday Nov. 19th@ 12:45-2:45pm -A meeting for brothers and sisters to encourage one another spiritually through sharing and learning of life experiences as a Christian. The meeting is meant to encourage the building of spiritual friendships across different ages and life stages, learn from one another, and motivate each other to grow spiritually.
- Sunday School Class:
 - Church History II: Protestant Reformation and Theology by Pastor Joe Yu
The **Protestant Reformation** was one of the major epochs in European history. It began in 1517 with the publication of Martin Luther's *Ninety-Five*. It changed people's way of looking at themselves and the world, it led to wider European literacy, and eventually forced governments to grant religious freedoms. More importantly in our Sunday school context, it impacted our view of the role and relation between the Church and individual believers, as well our theology about faith and salvation.
 - How to Interpret the Bible II by Hansel Wang
As an extension to the general principles and guidelines that govern the interpretation process for the Bible. This "Part II" course explores the specific rules for the interpretation of different literary types, such as narrative, prophecy, epistle, apocalypse, etc., in both the Old and New Testament.

11. Benediction:

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