



# Evangelical Community Church

*Gathered on Sunday, November 2, 2025*

## 1 Peter 1:22 (ESV)

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

# WELCOME

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We're glad that you could join us this morning! We'd love to get to know you. Please scan the QR code which will take you to our main links page where you will find our connect card.



**CHILDREN** — Children will be dismissed for Sunday school right after the first part of the worship service. **Team Ruth (ages 3-6) will meet in Room 301 on the 3rd floor of the YMCA.** Other age groups (ages 7-12) will gather at the Ministry Center.

Alternatively children are welcome to stay with their family during the worship service. Additionally, we have an overflow/cry room for children aged 2 and under, equipped with a livestream of the service. This room is located on the same floor, right outside the welcome table.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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We would be happy to pray for you. If you have any prayer requests, please email us at [prayer@ecchk.org](mailto:prayer@ecchk.org).

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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### Giving to ECC:

Please Scan the QR code above for online giving methods. You may place your gift in the offering bag as it is passed.



### FY2025/26 (April to September 2025)

Offering received - \$2,709,006

Other income received - \$83,514

Expenses incurred - \$4,303,307

*(all figures are unaudited)*

**Last Week's Offering—\$221,416**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Announcements

Call to Worship — Psalm 117

Songs of Worship

*All Creatures Of Our God And King*  
*How Firm A Foundation*

Old Testament Reading — 1 Corinthians 13

Prayer of Confession

Songs of Worship

*Almost Home*  
*Speak O Lord*

Pastoral Prayer

Fighter Verses

Welcome & Dismissal of Children

Sermon Passage — 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Sermon

***“Signs of New Life: Love and Growth”***

Pastor Adam McCulloch

Response Song — *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

Offertory Prayer — *Behold Our God*

Benediction — Romans 15:5-7

Silent Reflection Time

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Church Retreat - Ticket Collection & Activities Registration - Today!

For those who have registered for the Church Retreat, please come to the Retreat Registration Table today to collect your tickets. We have arranged both outdoor and indoor activities for you, and we invite you to sign up at the Retreat Registration Table!



Please also check your email for a QR code to join our WhatsApp Group, where you can receive direct updates about the Retreat. You can also scan the QR code for information about the retreat.

**A reminder that there will be no service at the YMCA next week as we will have our service at the retreat venue at 10:00am!**

## Friends for Christmas 2025

International students often stay in the city during the major holidays like Chinese New Year, Easter and Christmas. Why not invite some students into your home this Christmas to share a meal together? It's a great opportunity for you to build friendship, learn about foreign cultures and help international students experience the love, acceptance and hospitality that Christ has shown us.

Sign up by  
24 Nov.



More details:



## Notice for Church Chat and Annual General Meetings (AGM)

We will hold our church chat and AGM on November 30 at 12:30pm to meet statutory requirements. A quorum is necessary for this meeting. All registered ECC members are required to attend. Non-ECC members are also welcome, although they will not be eligible to vote on church matters. Lunch will be provided.

**Stay Connected: WhatsApp Community/ Weekly Email.**



WhatsApp Community



Weekly Email

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### Psalm 117 (ESV)

- 1 Praise the Lord, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!
- 2 For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.  
Praise the Lord!

## SONGS OF WORSHIP

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### All Creatures Of Our God And King

#### Verse 1

All creatures of our  
God and King  
Lift up your voice and  
with us sing  
Oh praise Him; Alleluia  
Thou burning sun  
with golden beam  
Thou silver moon  
with softer gleam  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

#### Verse 2

Let all things their  
Creator bless  
And worship Him  
in humbleness  
Oh praise Him; Alleluia  
Praise praise the Father  
praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit  
Three-in-One  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

#### Verse 3

All the redeemed  
washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice  
in His great love  
Oh praise Him; Alleluia  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens  
now on Him  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

#### Verse 4

He shall return in  
pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth  
will join to say  
Oh praise Him; Alleluia  
Then who shall fall  
on bended knee  
All creatures of our  
God and King  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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# How Firm A Foundation

## Verse 1

How firm a foundation  
ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith  
in His excellent word  
What more can He say  
than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge  
to Jesus have fled

## Verse 2

Fear not I am with thee  
O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God  
I will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee help thee  
And cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous  
omnipotent hand

## Verse 3

In every condition  
in sickness in health  
In poverty's vale  
or abounding in wealth  
At home and abroad  
on the land on the sea  
As thy days may demand  
shall thy strength ever be

## Verse 4

When through the deep waters  
He calls thee to go  
The rivers of grief  
shall not thee overflow  
For He will be with thee  
in trouble to bless  
And sanctify to thee  
thy deepest distress

## Verse 5

When through fiery trials  
thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient  
shall be thy supply  
The flames shall not hurt  
thee I only design  
Thy dross to consume  
and thy gold to refine

## Verse 6

The soul that on Jesus  
hath leaned for repose  
I will not I will not  
desert to its foes  
That soul though all hell  
should endeavor to shake  
I'll never no never  
no never forsake

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## NEW TESTAMENT READING

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### 1 Corinthians 13 (ESV)

**1** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

**4** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6** it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. **7** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**8** Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10** but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. **11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. **12** For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

**13** So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



# SONGS OF WORSHIP

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## Almost Home

### Verse 1

Don't drop a single anchor  
We're almost home  
Through every toil and danger  
We're almost home  
How many pilgrim saints  
have before us gone  
No stopping now  
We're almost home

### Verse 2

The promised land is calling  
We're almost home  
And not a tear shall fall then  
We're almost home  
Make ready now your souls  
for that kingdom come  
No turning back  
We're almost home

### Chorus

Almost home  
We're almost home  
So press on t'ward  
that blessed shore  
Oh praise the Lord  
We're almost home

### Verse 3

This journey ours together  
We're almost home  
Unto that great forever  
We're almost home  
What song anew we'll sing  
'round that happy throne  
Come faint of heart  
We're almost home

### Verse 4

This life is just a vapor  
We're almost home  
That sun is setting yonder  
We're almost home  
Take courage for this darkness  
shall break to dawn  
Oh lift your eyes  
We're almost home

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# Speak O Lord

## Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

## Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

## Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

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## FIGHTER VERSES

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### Last week's Fighter Verse: October 26, 2025

"Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?  
You are the God who works wonders; you have made known  
your might among the peoples."

— Psalm 77:13-14

### This week's Fighter Verse: November 2, 2025

"Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered  
me and set me free. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.  
What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side as my helper;  
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to  
take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man."

— Psalm 118:5-8

## SERMON PASSAGE

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### 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 (ESV)

**1:22** Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, **23** since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; **24** for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, **25** but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**2:1** So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. **2** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— **3** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

# SERMON NOTES

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## “Signs of New Life: Love and Growth”

1 Peter 1:22-2:3 (ESV)

Pastor Adam McCulloch

### Outline:

Signs of New Life:

I. Love For One Another (1:22-25)

II. Longing For Spiritual Growth (2:1-3)

# SERMON NOTES

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## RESPONSE SONG

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### Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

#### Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

#### Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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### Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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# OFFERTORY SONG

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## Behold Our God

### Verse 1

Who has held the  
oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered  
every grain of sand  
Kings and nations  
tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

### Chorus

Behold our God  
seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King  
nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him

### Verse 2

Who has given  
counsel to the Lord  
Who can question  
any of His words  
Who can teach the  
One who knows all things  
Who can fathom  
all His wondrous deeds

### Verse 3

Who has felt the  
nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the  
guilt of sinful man  
God eternal  
humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior  
risen now to reign

### Bridge

You will reign forever  
You will reign forever

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# HAPPENING TODAY

| Time    | Event                                                                                                                    | Venue                           |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9:15am  | Adult Sunday School                                                                                                      | 4/F *MC                         |
| 9:30am  | Youth Group                                                                                                              | 6/F *MC                         |
| 10:30am | Worship Service                                                                                                          | 4/F *YMCA                       |
| 11:00am | <b>Children’s Ministry</b> Sunday School<br><i>Team Ruth (ages 3-6)</i><br><i>Teams Joshua &amp; Timothy (ages 7-12)</i> | 3/F YMCA<br>Room 301<br>4/F *MC |
| 2:00pm  | Prayer Meeting                                                                                                           | 4/F *MC                         |

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

| Date                     | Time    | Event                           | Venue   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Every Wednesday          | 10:30am | Women’s Bible Study             | 4/F *MC |
| Every<br>Wednesday Night | 7:30pm  | Adult Education:<br>Bible Study | 4/F *MC |
| November 7-9             |         | ECC Annual Church Retreat       |         |

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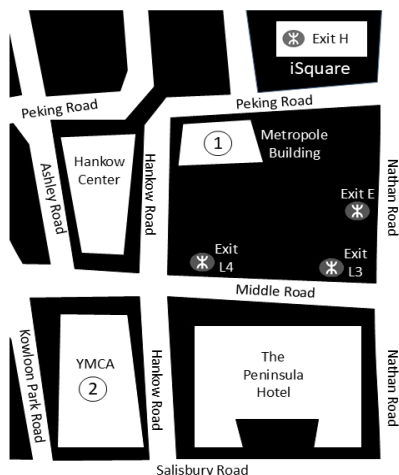
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② YMCA  
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4/F, Assembly Hall,  
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