



Evangelical Community Church

Gathered on Sunday, November 16, 2025

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

WELCOME

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

We would be happy to pray for you. If you have any prayer requests, please email us at prayer@ecchk.org.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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 October 2025)

Offering received - \$3,191,827

Other income received - \$96,402

Expenses incurred - \$4,936,570

(all figures are unaudited)

Last Week's Offering—\$42,260

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Call to Worship — Psalm 96

Songs of Worship

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
Cornerstone

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 43:1-21

Prayer of Confession

Songs of Worship

God Moves In A Mysterious Way
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Pastoral Prayer

Fighter Verses

Welcome & Dismissal of Children

Sermon Passage — 1 Peter 2:4-10

Sermon *“The Highest Privilege in the Universe”*
Shannon Brown

Response Song — *The Church’s One Foundation*

Offertory Prayer — *The Lord Is My Salvation*

New Member Introduction

Benediction — Ephesians 3:20-21

Silent Reflection Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 at 1:30pm, followed by AGM on November 30, 2025 at ECC Ministry Center to meet statutory requirements. A quorum is necessary for the AGM. All registered ECC members are requested to attend. Non-ECC members are also welcome, although they will not be eligible to vote on church matters. Lunch will be provided at the same location at 12:30pm.

Church Retreat Feedback Form

We would love to hear from you! For those who attended our church retreat, your feedback will greatly help us improve and plan future retreats better. Please scan the QR code to fill out the form.



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Weekly Email

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96 (ESV)

- 1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- 6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- 9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- 10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- 12 let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- 13 before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Verse 1 & Verse 2

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise

The glories of my God and King; The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God

Assist me to proclaim

To spread thru all the earth abroad; The honors of Thy name

Verse 3 & Verse 4

Jesus the name that charms our fears

That bids our sorrows cease

'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin

He sets the pris'ner free

His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me

Verse 5 & Verse 6

He speaks and list'ning to His voice

New life the dead receive

The mournful broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love

Be ever ever giv'n

By saints below and saints above

The Church in earth and heav'n

Carl Gotthelf Glaser, Charles Wesley

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Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, William Batchelder Bradbury
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-21 (ESV)

1 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. **2** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. **3** For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. **4** Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. **5** Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. **6** I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, **7** everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

8 Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! **9** All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true. **10** "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. **11** I, I am the Lord, and besides

me there is no savior. **12** I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and I am God.

13 Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?"

14 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I send to Babylon and bring them all down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice.

15 I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, **17** who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: **18** "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. **19** Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

20 The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, **21** the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

God Moves In A Mysterious Way

Verse 1

God moves in a mysterious way; His wonders to perform
He plants His footsteps in the sea; And rides upon the storm

Verse 2

Deep in unfathomable mines; Of never-failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs; And works His sovereign will

Refrain

God of mercy God of grace; Give us eyes to see
Eyes to see Your smiling face within the mystery
Within the mystery

Verse 3

Ye fearful saints fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much
dread
Are big with mercy and shall break; In blessings on your head

Verse 4

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense; But trust Him for His grace
Behind a frowning providence; He hides a smiling face

Verse 5

His purposes will ripen fast; Unfolding every hour
The bud may have a bitter taste; But sweet will be the flower

Verse 6

Blind unbelief is sure to err; And scan His work in vain
God is His own interpreter; And He will make it plain

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness; O God my Father
There is no shadow; Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been; Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness; Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning; New mercies I see
All I have needed; Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness; Lord unto me

Verse 2

Summer and winter; And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars; In their courses above
Join with all nature ;In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness; Mercy and love

Verse 3

Pardon for sin; And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence; To cheer and to guide
Strength for today; And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine; With ten thousand beside

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan

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FIGHTER VERSES

Last week's Fighter Verse: November 9, 2025

But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. — 1 Timothy 6:6-7

This week's Fighter Verse: November 16, 2025

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!
— Psalm 79:9

SERMON PASSAGE

1 Peter 2:4-10 (ESV)

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, **5** you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

8 and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

SERMON NOTES

"The Highest Privilege in the Universe"

1 Peter 2:4-10 (ESV)

Shannon Brown

Outline:

- I. The Glorious Privilege of the Church
- II. The Glorious Purpose of the Church

SERMON NOTES

RESPONSE SONG

The Church's One Foundation

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation; Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation; By water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her; To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her; And for her life He died

Verse 2

Elect from every nation; Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation; One Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses; Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses; With every grace endued

Verse 3

'Mid toil and tribulation; And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation; Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious; Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious; Shall be the Church at rest

Verse 4

Yet she on earth hath union; With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion; With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy; Lord give us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly; On high may dwell with Thee

Samuel John Stone, Samuel Sebastian Wesley
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OFFERTORY SONG

The Lord Is My Salvation

Verse 1 & Verse 2

The grace of God
has reached for me
And pulled me from
the raging sea
And I am safe
on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss
when I am weak
I know His grace
will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help
me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Verse 5

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise
He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid
and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation

Verse 3 & Verse 4

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise
of His Word
When winter fades
I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

Bridge

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

Jonas Myrin, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan
Nockels

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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	Children’s Ministry Sunday School <i>Team Ruth (ages 3-6)</i> <i>Teams Joshua & Timothy (ages 7-12)</i>	3/F YMCA Room 301 4/F *MC

UPCOMING EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Every Wednesday	10:30am	Women’s Bible Study	4/F *MC
Every Wednesday Night	7:30pm	Adult Education: Bible Study	4/F *MC
November 30	12:30pm	Lunch,	4/F *MC
	1:30pm	Church Chat & AGM	

**Ministry Center, Metropole Building*

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If you have any questions for our staff or need assistance in any way, please email us.

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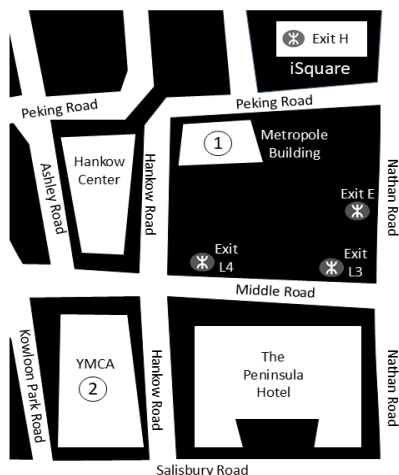
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② YMCA
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4/F, Assembly Hall,
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