



Evangelical Community Church

Gathered on Sunday, November 23, 2025

1 Peter 2:17 (ESV)

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

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—\$48,262

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Call to Worship — Psalm 95:1-7

Songs of Worship

Rejoice The Lord Is King

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Old Testament Reading — Psalm 2

Prayer of Confession

Songs of Worship

We Fall Down

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Pastoral Prayer

Fighter Verses

Welcome & Dismissal of Children

Sermon Passage — 1 Peter 2:11-17

Sermon

"God and the Government"

Pastor Adam McCulloch

Response Song — *Before The Throne Of God Above*

Offertory Prayer — *Holy Holy Holy*

New Member Introduction

Benediction — 1 Timothy 6:15-16

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.

Christmas Eve Services

We'd love for you to join us on **December 24th at 5:00PM OR 7:30PM** in the 4th-floor Ministry Center for our Christmas Eve Service! Let's come together to celebrate the joy and wonder of the season and really capture the true spirit of Christmas. It's a great chance to spend this special time with family, friends, and our wonderful community. We can't wait to see you there!

Stay Connected: WhatsApp Community/ Weekly Email.



WhatsApp Community



Weekly Email

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7 (ESV)

- 1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Rejoice The Lord Is King

Verse 1

Rejoice the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore

Chorus

Lift up your heart lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Verse 2

Jesus the Saviour reigns
The God of truth and love
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above

Verse 3

His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given

Verse 4

Rejoice in glorious hope
For Christ the Judge shall come
To gather all his saints
To their eternal home

Charles Wesley, John Darwall

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Crown Him With Many Crowns

Verse 1

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly
anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy
matchless King
Through all eternity

Verse 3

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each
burning eye
At mysteries so bright

Verse 2

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Verse 4

Crown Him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never never fail
Throughout eternity

George Job Elvey, Godfrey Thring, Matthew
Bridges

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 2 (ESV)

- 1 Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
- 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6 "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."
- 7 I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- 11 Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

We Fall Down

Verse

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

Chris Tomlin

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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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FIGHTER VERSES

Last 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 (ESV)

This week's Fighter Verse: November 23, 2025

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun
and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing
does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of
hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

—Psalm 84:10-12 (ESV)

SERMON PASSAGE

1 Peter 2:11-17 (ESV)

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. **12** Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution whether it be to the emperor as supreme, **14** or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. **15** For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. **16** Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. **17** Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

SERMON NOTES

"God and the Government"

1 Peter 2:11-17 (ESV)

Pastor Adam McCulloch

Outline:

- I. Live as a sojourner (v.11-12)
- II. Live as a subject under authority (v.13-17)

SERMON NOTES

RESPONSE SONG

Before The Throne Of God Above

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Chorus

Hallelujah,
hallelujah
Praise the one,
Risen Son, of God

Turn next page for verse 3.

Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

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OFFERTORY SONG

Holy Holy Holy

Verse 1

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Verse 2

Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden
crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which wert and art
And evermore shalt be

Verse 3

Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide
Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

Verse 4

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy
name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

John Bacchus Dykes, Reginald Heber
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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	
December 7	2:00pm	Prayer Meeting	4/F *MC

**Ministry Center, Metropole Building*

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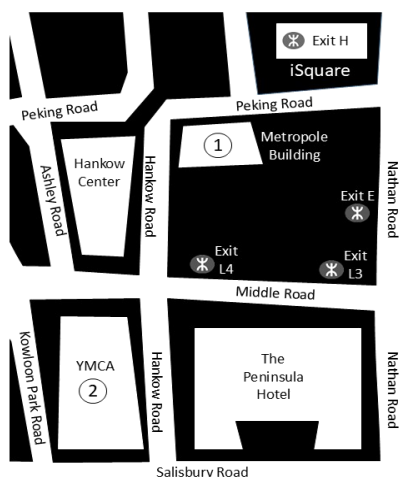
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② YMCA
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