



# Evangelical Community Church

*Gathered on Sunday, December 14, 2025*

## 1 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

"Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing."

# 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 behind the lobby in Room 5, near the restrooms.

## 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 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—\$298,489**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Announcements

Call to Worship — Psalm 86:1-10

Songs of Worship

*The First Noel*

*What Child Is This*

Old Testament Reading — Psalm 34

Prayer of Confession

Songs of Worship

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*O Come All You Unfaithful*

Pastoral Prayer

Fighter Verses — Revelation 21:3

Welcome & Dismissal of Children

Sermon Passage — 1 Peter 3:8-12

Sermon

**"Living A Godly Life"**

Shannon Brown

Response Song — *10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

Offertory Prayer — *Blessed Be Your Name*

Benediction — Romans 16:20

Silent Reflection Time

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Boxing Day Hike

Join us for a family-friendly hike on **December 26, 2025**. This is a great way to enjoy the fall temperatures and fellowship with one another. **Meet at 9:45am in front of Central Pier #5 to take the #15 City Bus to the Peak.**



You may also want to make your own way to the Peak via taxi, hiking or tram. We can discuss this in the WhatsApp group. Sign up via the QR code.

## 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 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!

## Membership Class

Are you interested in learning more about Evangelical Community Church? If so, please join us on **Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 12:30 pm** at the 4/F Metropole Ministry Center. Lunch will be provided. We'll share our vision for church life, ministry, our beliefs, and what it means to be a member of ECC.



Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. If you are interested, kindly register at the welcome table or by scanning the QR code. Please contact us at [info@ecchk.org](mailto:info@ecchk.org) for more details.

## Nomination for Elders

We are now accepting nominations for new elders through **Sunday, January 4, 2026**. For a more complete description of the qualifications, roles and responsibilities of an elder, please scan the QR code provided.



Recommended nominees will be introduced to the congregation in February before election at the Extraordinary General Meeting in March. Please submit the person's name to the Elders via email which can be found on the back of the bulletin.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### Psalm 86:1-10 (ESV)

- 1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am godly;  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- 3 Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you,  
for you answer me.
- 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.

# SONGS OF WORSHIP

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## The First Noel

### Verse 1

The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay  
Keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night  
That was so deep

### Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

### Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night

### Verse 3

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught  
And with His blood mankind hath bought

John Andrew Schreiner, Junko Cheng

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# What Child Is This

## Verse 1

What Child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping

## Chorus 1

This this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary

## Verse 2

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

## Chorus 2

Raise raise a song on high  
The virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy joy for Christ is born  
The Babe the Son of Mary

## Chorus 3

Nails spears shall pierce Him through  
The cross He bore for me for you  
Hail hail the Word made flesh  
The Babe the Son of Mary

Chris Tomlin, William Chatterton Dix

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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### Psalm 34 (ESV)

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!
- 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?



- 13 Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- 14 Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
- 20 He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.
- 21 Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

## SONGS OF WORSHIP

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### Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

#### Verse 1

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

#### Verse 2

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
he whose glories knew no end;  
by his life he brings us gladness,  
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

#### Verse 3

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by Thine own sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley, Rowland Hugh Prichard

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# O Come All You Unfaithful

## Verse 1

O come all you unfaithful  
Come weak and unstable  
Come know you are not alone

## Verse 2

O come  
barren and waiting ones  
Weary of praying  
Come see what your  
God has done

## Chorus

Christ is born  
Christ is born  
Christ is born for you

## Verse 3

O come bitter and broken  
Come with fears unspoken  
Come taste of His perfect love

## Verse 4

O come guilty and hiding ones  
There is no need to run  
See what your God has done

## Bridge

He's the Lamb who was given  
slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace  
for those who believe  
He's the Lamb who was given  
slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace  
for those who believe

## Verse 5

So come  
though you have nothing  
Come He is the offering  
Come see what your  
God has done

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## FIGHTER VERSES

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### Last week's Fighter Verse: December 7, 2025

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

—1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (ESV)

### This week's Fighter Verse: December 14, 2025

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. —Revelation 21:3 (ESV)

## SERMON PASSAGE

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### 1 Peter 3:8- 12 (ESV)

**8** Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. **9** Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. **10** For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; **11** let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. **12** For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

# SERMON NOTES

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## “Living A Godly Life”

1 Peter 3:18-12 (ESV)

Shannon Brown

### Outline:

- I. Internal reactions to evil and slander
- II. External reactions to evil and slander
- III. Christ’s reaction to evil and slander

# SERMON NOTES

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## Discussion Questions:

1. Why are these specific character qualities listed in 1 Peter 3:8-12?
2. How can we grow to be more loving, tender-hearted, sympathetic and humble...according to 1 Peter?
3. What kinds of slander, opposition and evil did Christ endure? What was his response? Give specific passages.
4. What does it mean to 'bless' someone? How could you [biblically] bless some difficult people in your life? What does that look like?
5. What is the blessing that Christians will obtain?

# RESPONSE SONG

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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

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

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## OFFERTORY SONG

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**Blessed Be Your Name**

of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious  
name

### **Verse 1 & 2**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of  
abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

### **Verse 3 & 4**

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down  
on me

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert  
place  
Though I walk through the  
wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

When the world's all as it  
should be

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with  
suffering

### **Pre-Chorus**

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord  
Still I will say

Though there's pain in the  
offering

Blessed be Your name

### **Chorus**

Blessed be the name  
of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name

### **Bridge**

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

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# HAPPENING TODAY

Time	Event	Venue
9:30am	Youth Group: <i>Sunday School</i>	6/F *MC
10:30am	Worship Service	4/F *YMCA
11:00am	<b>Children’s Ministry</b> Sunday School <i>Team Ruth (ages 3-6)</i> <i>Teams Joshua &amp; Timothy (ages 7-12)</i>	3/F YMCA Room 301 4/F *MC
12:30pm	Filipino Ministry: Christmas Fellowship	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
December 24	5:00pm & 7:30pm	Christmas Eve Service	4/F *MC

*\*Ministry Center, Metropole Building*

# CONTACT US

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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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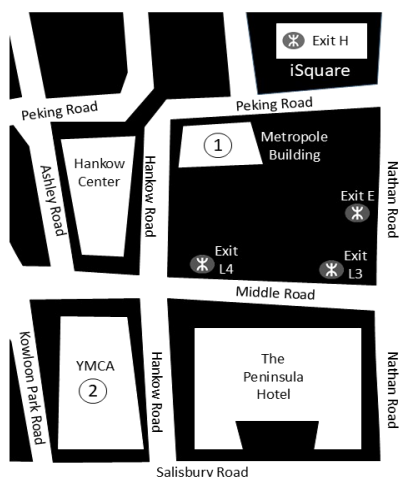
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② YMCA  
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