



Today's Sermon: Sunday, December 2, 2018

**“Three Voices of Advent Joy —
First Voice: Promise of Comfort”
Isaiah 40:1-5
Pastor Dave Magee**

The prophet Isaiah — writing some 700 years before the Lord Jesus Christ was even born — had comforting words for God's people. His words of comfort continue to resound today and they form the basis for your Advent joy — God's Messiah has come and He will come again! Hallelujah!

Series of horizontal lines for notes.

Upcoming Sunday Sermons

December 9	Advent Message - Family Worship Services	Pastor Dave
December 16	Advent Message	Pastor Dave
December 23	Advent Message - Family Worship Services	Pastor Dave
December 30	Special Message - Combined Family Worship Service	Elder Ngai Fong

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Financial Updates

FY2018/2019

Annual Budget	\$13,190,150
Last Week's Giving	\$142,050

FY2018/2019 (April - October)

(unaudited figures, excluding designated funds)

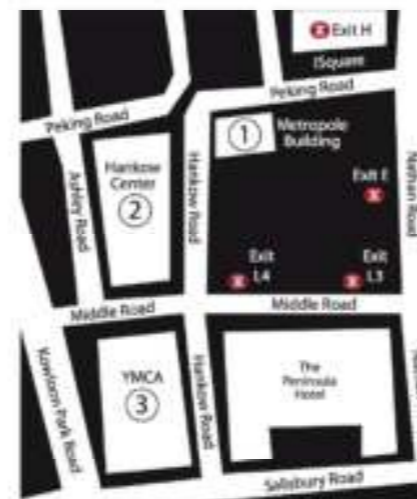
Actual Income	\$3,974,234
Actual Expense	\$6,015,785

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For US citizens wishing a US tax receipt, please ensure that your check is at least US\$100 (HK\$800) made out to "Friends of Hong Kong Charities, Inc." with any designations written on the offering envelope (available at the Welcome Table) - NOT on the check itself. For questions, please email finance@ecchk.org.

Prayer Corner

- Give thanks to the Lord for the joyous time of fellowship we had as a church family at Noah's Ark last weekend!
- Pray that as we enter into the Advent season, we will refocus and prepare our hearts for Christ through His Word and the various activities taking place in this upcoming month.
- Pray for our Mission Partner, Hope House and their annual spiritual retreat from December 7 to December 10, for students and staff at Chaung Tha in the Ayeyarwady Delta. Pray that God will open doors of opportunity among the people in that area, and that they all will have a blessed time of fellowship.



ECC Locations

- ① ECC Office & Ministry Center (Metropole MC)
6/F, Metropole Building,
53 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- ② ECC Ministry Center (Hankow MC)
Unit 417-421, 4/F, Hankow Centre,
5 Hankow Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- ③ YMCA (Sunday Worship Services)
4/F, Assembly Hall,
41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

Advent

God Abiding With Us



Evangelical Community Church

Today - December 2, 2018

Welcome to ECC

Welcome to the Sunday worship services at Evangelical Community Church. This is where we pray, sing, and learn from God's Word. We are here to bless one another and lead you into God's presence through Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, please contact our greeters or church leaders. Relax and make yourself at home.

A nursery room is available for your use on this floor. We also have children's classes at 9:30am and 11:15am. Please see below for location or ask a greeter for assistance.

If today's message has moved your heart, you may download the audio mp3 recording at www.ecchk.org. If you wish for someone to pray for you this morning, please come to the colorful banner near the stage after the benediction.

Order of Service (9:30am and 11:15am)

Welcome & Invocation	Staff
Worship in Song*	Congregation
Worship through the Word	Pastor Dave
Responsive Worship*	Congregation
Worship through Tithes & Offering*	Congregation
Announcements	Staff
Benediction	Pastor Dave

Happening Today

9:30am / 11:15am	Worship Services	4/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Team Noah (0-2 yrs)	Room 5, 4/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Team Miriam (3-4 yrs)	Room 305, 3/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Teams Ruth, Joshua, Paul & Timothy (5-12 yrs)	Hankow MC
11:00am / 2:30pm	Filipino Ministry: Fellowship	Main Hall, Metropole MC
11:00am	Adult Sunday School	Room 605, YMCA
11:15am	Youth Sunday School	Room 603, YMCA
1:30pm	Children Christmas Choir Rehearsal	Room 6, Hankow MC
2:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Main Hall, Hankow MC
4:30pm	Baptismal Service	Main Hall, Hankow MC

*If you would like to enjoy the music used for this week's worship, please use the QR code to open our playlist.



General News and Upcoming Events

Baptismal Service: Today!

Sunday, December 2, 4:30pm, Hankow MC
 Contact: info@ecchk.org

Come support our brothers and sisters as they profess their faith publicly through water baptism! We will gather for worship at the Hankow MC and then move to the YMCA for the Baptism Ceremony afterwards.

Christmas 2018

Come and join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus and experience the joy of Christmas! Please note we will only be having one worship service on Sunday, December 30.

Fri, December 14	Bus Caroling	7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm	Tickets Required
Sun, December 23	Family Worship Services	9:30am, 11:15am	4/F YMCA
Mon, December 24	Christmas Eve Services	5:00pm, 6:15pm	Hankow MC
Mon, December 24	Christmas Eve Caroling	8:30pm	TST
Sun, December 30	New Year's Eve Combined Service	10:30am	4/F YMCA

Bus Caroling: Tickets Now Available!

Friday, December 14, Pick Up & Drop Off outside YMCA Salisbury on Hankow Road

Hop on the bus and join us as we spread the joy of Christmas throughout TST! Stick around for warm drinks and a time of fellowship at the Metropole Office following the bus ride. Tickets are available now at the Podium on a first come, first serve basis upon full payment (\$40).

Round 1: 7:00pm-7:45pm (Boarding at 6:50pm)
Round 2: 8:00pm-8:45pm (Boarding at 7:50pm)
Round 3: 9:00pm-9:45pm (Boarding at 8:50pm)

New Small Group Leaders Wanted

Contact: [Chris McKenzie / chris.mckenzie@ecchk.org](mailto:Chris.McKenzie@ecchk.org)

Are you "devoted to the apostles teachings and to fellowship"? (Acts 2:42) Are you ready to "practice hospitality"? (Romans 12:13) If so, we need you! We are looking for people who have a heart for community and a love for God's Word to step up and become Small Group Leaders. If you feel like that might be you, please send us an email or come talk to Chris at church.

Volunteers Needed for Welcome Table Pack Up Team

Contact: info@ecchk.org

We are recruiting volunteers for the Welcome Table Pack Up Team to help out after the second service. We need help to clear off the table and to move the heavy items from the YMCA to the Metropole Office. If you are detail oriented or strong and want to serve the Lord in this capacity, we would love to hear from you. Please email info@ecchk.org for more information.

Adult Sunday School: Genesis

Sundays, December 2 - January 27, 2019, 11:00am - 12:30pm, Room 605, 6/F, YMCA
 Contact: [Jenifer Liu / jenifer.liu@ecchk.org](mailto:Jenifer.Liu@ecchk.org)

We are studying Genesis this semester. This 8 session course (except December 23, 30, January 6) is taught by Elder Ngai Fong. To enroll, please pick up a course brochure at the Welcome Table or go to our church website.



Alpha Fall 2018

Thursdays, December 6 - December 20, 7:00pm - 9:30pm, Rooms 1 & 6, Hankow MC
 Contact: [Sarah Cox / sarah.cox@ecchk.org](mailto:Sarah.Cox@ecchk.org)

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in both English and Cantonese that freely explores the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. This is a great opportunity to reach out to your friends and family members. For registration, please sign up at the Welcome Table. If you are interested in being involved as a volunteer, please contact us by email.

Other On-going Ministry Opportunities

Children's Ministry

Contact: [Iris Wong / iris.wong@ecchk.org](mailto:Iris.Wong@ecchk.org) or [Nonette Tsang / childrensministryecc@gmail.com](mailto:Nonette.Tsang@childrensministryecc@gmail.com)

Children's Ministry is a vibrant, thriving ministry where children come to worship God and are equipped with the knowledge of who God is and what He has created them to be. All children are welcome!

This is the last month of Bible Memorization Challenge. Parents, please encourage and join together with your child(ren) to participate in this fun challenge! The focused verse for December is Hosea 13:4.

Filipino Ministry

Saturdays, 2:00pm - 6:00pm, Metropole MC / Sundays, 11:00am - 9:30pm, Metropole MC
 Contact: [Ellen Ibarra / ellen.ibarra@ecchk.org / 5545 7746](mailto:Ellen.Ibarra@ecchk.org)

Lunch Kaarawan Fellowship	1st Sundays	11:00am / 12:45pm
Lunch Fellowship, Prayer & Singing,	2nd to 4th Sundays	11:00am / 12:45pm onwards
Bible Study in Small Groups		
Blue Jeans Day (outreach)	5th Sundays/Saturdays	2:00pm onwards
Counselling & Prayer	Saturdays/Sundays	5:00pm onwards
Fellowship / Bible Study	Saturdays	2:00pm - 6:00pm

Men's Group

Fridays, December 7, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Metropole MC
 Contact: [sg.ministry@ecchk.org / jeffcheng2000@hotmail.com](mailto:sg.ministry@ecchk.org)

Our Men's Group meets every Friday night for a time of Bible Study and fellowship. We are studying 1 Peter ("The Living Stones"). Please email Jeff Cheng to sign up and to keep in touch on future studies, fellowship, dinners and more.

Prayer Ministry

Wednesdays, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Room 6, Hankow MC
 Contact: weeklyprayer@ecchk.org

Please go to our website's Prayer Ministry section to learn about prayer, request a prayer visit, or submit emergency prayer requests. Join us on Wednesdays by praying wherever you are, or with us at the prayer meeting, using the weekly prayer list as a guide. Subscribe to the list using the QR code.



Small Group Ministry

Contact: [sg.ministry@ecchk.org / sarah.cox@ecchk.org](mailto:sg.ministry@ecchk.org)

Looking to get plugged into the church community? Joining a small group is a great way to get involved in ECC's family. Check out our website and contact us for more information.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, December 5, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Room 6, Hankow MC
 Contact: [Suet Ha Yeung / fredsuetha@gmail.com](mailto:Suet.Ha.Yeung@fredsuetha@gmail.com) or [Cathy Cheung / cathywaung@yahoo.com](mailto:Cathy.Cheung@cathywaung@yahoo.com)

December 5	Ray Vandalaan's Faith lesson video series
December 12	Christmas celebration and last meeting of the year
January 9, 2019	"Monsters that Eat You Alive!": Taking a look at Anxiety, Fear, Depression, and how to deal with them, to be taught by Dori Carlblom.

Youth Ministry

Contact: [Nikky Sepnio / youth@ecchk.org](mailto:Nikky.Sepnio@youth@ecchk.org)

Our Youth Ministry aims to cultivate a Christ-centered community where youth are encouraged to grow strong in faith and are empowered to shine bright for Christ! Check out our website for more information!

For Middle and High School Students (Age ~12-17)

Youth Friday Night	Fridays	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Main Hall, Hankow MC
Youth Sunday School	Sundays	11:15am - 12:30pm	Room 603, YMCA

For College Students (Age >17)

Friday Fellowship	Fridays	7:30pm - 10:00pm	Room 3, Hankow MC
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Friendly Reminders:

1. Please do not eat or drink in the Assembly Hall during worship services.
2. Please turn your phone and electronic devices to silent mode during worship services.

Friendly Reminders:

Ministry Leaders: Bulletin announcements for your ministry must be submitted to bulletin@ecchk.org **no later than 2:00pm, Wednesdays**. Please refer to **For-Ministry-Leaders** on our website for guidelines. Late submissions will not be entertained. Thank you.