



**Today's Sermon: Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**“Three Voices of Advent Joy —  
Third Voice: Here is Your God”  
Isaiah 40:9-11  
Pastor Dave Magee**

The prophet Isaiah called on God's people in his day to vigorously communicate to as wide an audience as possible the news that "Here is your God!" This morning's sermon explores how this message continues to resonate among God's people in Hong Kong this advent season.

Series of horizontal lines for notes.

**Upcoming Sunday Sermons**

December 23	Advent Message - Family Worship Services	Pastor Dave
December 30	Special Message - Combined Family Worship Service	Elder Ngai Fong
January 6, 2019	1 Peter 2:18-25	Pastor Dave
January 13, 2019	1 Peter 3:1-7	Pastor Dave

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**Financial Updates**

<b>FY2018/2019</b>	
Annual Budget	\$13,190,150
Last Week's Giving	\$156,427

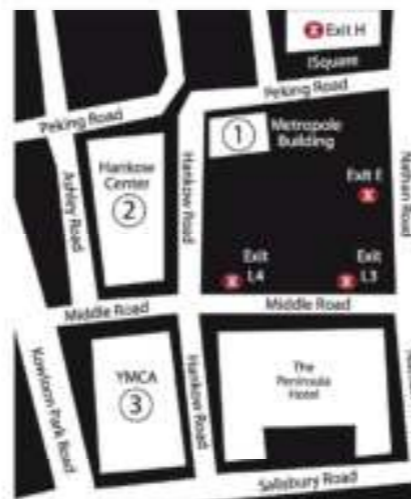
<b>FY2018/2019 (April - November)</b> <i>(unaudited figures, excluding designated funds)</i>	
Actual Income	\$4,521,610
Actual Expense	\$6,919,730

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**Prayer Corner**

- Pray for the upcoming Christmas Evangelistic Program on Sunday, December 23, jointly hosted by our Children's and Filipino Ministry. Pray that the children and families in our church will take this opportunity to invite their domestic helpers to join this event and know the true meaning of Christmas.
- Pray for God to raise up new elders for our church, as we are now accepting nomination for elders.
- Pray for our Mission Partner, SAT-7, as they focus on ministering to the women of the Middle East and North Africa. Pray that these women will bravely overcome numerous challenges and seek to provide a better future for the next generation.
- Pray for our Mission Partner, BACM in Davao City for effective Christmas Outreach activities.



**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**



# Today - December 16, 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](http://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*	Choir
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	Prayer Class	Room 6, Hankow MC
2:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	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

### Prayer Class - The Ancient Faith: TODAY!

Sunday, December 16, 1:30pm - 3:30pm, Room 6, Hankow MC  
 Contact: [weeklyprayer@ecchk.org](mailto:weeklyprayer@ecchk.org)

In this Christmas season, we will continue to look at faith, the foundation of prayer. We will look into the faith of many in the Bible, who through faith in God prepared the way for the Messiah's first coming; in order that we might know the rich inheritance of faith we have in God's holy people throughout many generations; so that we may follow their footsteps of faith to be ready for the promised second coming of our Lord Jesus.

### 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.

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

### Christmas Caroling Volunteers Needed

Where: iSQUARE, TST When: Monday, December 24

We need enthusiastic volunteers to help hand out gospel tracts and engage with the crowd as we sing carols to celebrate the birth of our Lord. The worship team will be gathering in front of iSQUARE to perform. Please sign up at the Welcome Table or scan the QR code to join the outreach team.



### Nomination for Elders

Contact: [Fenella Chu / fenella.chu@ecchk.org](mailto:fenella.chu@ecchk.org) Deadline: January 20, 2019

Nominations are now accepted for Elders through Sunday, January 20. For a more complete description of the qualifications, roles and responsibilities of an elder, please refer to the bulletin insert or pick up the information sheet at the Welcome Table. Recommended nominees will be introduced to the congregation in February before election at Annual General Meeting in March. Please submit the person's name to Fenella via email.

### Philippines Short Term Mission Trip

Contact: [Sarah Cox / sarah.cox@ecchk.org](mailto:sarah.cox@ecchk.org) Trip Dates: April 21-28, 2019

Want a chance to serve the Lord by loving local kids in the Philippines? Join us as we put together a team to spend time teaching, training, and serving the local church in Sorsogon with our mission partner, "Matthew 18:14". Sign up at the Welcome Table today for our upcoming information session!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@ecchk.org) for more information.

### Job Opportunity

Contact: [job@ecchk.org](mailto:job@ecchk.org) Application Deadline: January 6, 2019

To meet the ongoing and growing needs of the church's ministries, we are now accepting applications for a Ministry Support Associate for Children's Ministry. If you or someone you know have a passion for serving in this ministry, please find more details at [ecchk.org/about-us/job-opportunities](http://ecchk.org/about-us/job-opportunities).

## 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@ecchk.org)

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 21, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Metropole MC  
 Contact: [smallgroups@ecchk.org / jeffcheng2000@hotmail.com](mailto:smallgroups@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](mailto: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: [smallgroups@ecchk.org / sarah.cox@ecchk.org](mailto:smallgroups@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, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Room 6, Hankow MC  
 Contact: [Suet Ha Yeung / tredsuet@gmail.com](mailto:Suet.Ha.Yeung@gmail.com) or [Cathy Cheung / cathywaung@yahoo.com](mailto:Cathy.Cheung@yahoo.com)

We are on Christmas break. We will resume our study on January 9, 2019 on the topic "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@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](mailto: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.