

## FAITHFUL SERVANTS

	This Week	Next Week - Christmas Joint Service
<b>Speaker</b>	Scott Changchien	Benson Wang
<b>Presider</b>	James Lee	
<b>Worship</b>	Arthur Au	Choir
<b>Ushers</b>	Lihsuen Chen Emily Sun / Kaitlyn Su	
<b>Midweek Prayer Meeting</b>	Jacky Yang	Jacky Yang

### Your faithful participation

**December 11, 2022**

Hybrid Worship Service	83
Hybrid Sunday School	9

## HARVESTLA MINISTRIES

Tue	8:00 - 9:30 PM	Oikos Men's Group	Online (Zoom)
Wed	7:30 - 8:30 PM	Midweek Prayer Meeting	Online (Zoom)
Thu	7:15 - 9:00 PM	FIZ Group	Online (Zoom)
		(Young/Married Couples meet every other week)	
Fri	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Student Ministry	Hybrid (Campus/Zoom)
	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Adult Ministry	Campus
	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Oikos Fellowship	Campus (Biweekly)
Sun	10:00 - 10:45 AM	Christian Education (CE)	
		Middle/High School	Hybrid (R109G/Zoom)
	11:00 - 12:30 AM	Worship Service	Hybrid (Campus/YT/FB)
	10:00 AM	Children's Worship	Room #202-203
	11:00 AM	Children's Sunday School	Campus

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**Release and Renew  
in Prayer  
Acts 13:2-3**



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## ORDER OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 18, 2022

**Call to Worship** .....*Scripture, Prayer*

**Worship in Song** ..... *Music and Singing*

**Worship in Fellowship**..... *Welcome and Announcements*

**Worship in Word** ..... The Child is Born .....**Scott Changchien**

**Worship in Giving and Response** ..... *Tithes and Offering*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Free Calendar:** Care department has printed the calendars for the year 2023 as a gift to our church family. Please pick up one for each household after the Sunday worship service today.

**Annual Coworker Appreciation Dinner:** Our annual coworker appreciation dinner is today at 5pm in the fellowship hall.

**Christmas Celebration:** 1) On 12/23 (Fri) we will have a Christmas potluck and celebration for FNF from 7pm. All church families are welcome and feel free to invite people to join us. 2) Candlelight service is 12/24 (Sat) at 7pm in the main sanctuary. Please invite your family and friends to come and celebrate Jesus' birth. 3) Christmas Sunday is 12/25 for joint worship service at 10:30am.

**Winter Retreat 2022:** "Rooted and Life Forward" is the theme this year. For those taking the bus, departure time on December 29th is 10AM from the church parking lot. Please arrive at church by 9:30AM to start loading the luggage with packed lunch. Please prepare your heart and stay healthy so we can enjoy our time at the retreat altogether.

**Courtyard Renovation:** The renovation of North Courtyard is near completion. The comma in the amount should be fixed to \$49,652.44 for the estimated budget (\$80,000). Please continue to pray for this project and the necessary funds. (Memo: Courtyard).

**Reimbursement:** If any coworker or fellowship has prepaid expenses for the church, please bring the receipts to the department elders ASAP before closing accounting books at the end of the fiscal year.

**Mailbox:** Next year there will be a rearrangement for the mailbox in the Pastoral Office. Please take away everything from the box by 12/25. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Upcoming:** Holy Communion (1/1/2023)

## DAILY DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE

12/18	Ecclesiastes 6:1-12	12/19	7:1-14	12/20	7:15-29	12/21	8:1-8
12/22	8:9-17	12/23	1 John 3:1-10	12/24	Matthew 1:18-25	12/25	2:1-12

## SERMON NOTES

Title: **The Child is Born**

Passage: **Isaiah 7:14, 9:6**

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH (EFCLA)

- **Pray for church Pastors and Elders.** Church pastors and elders are the most vulnerable group of people. Pray that God will give pastors / elders good family relationships and that the blood of Jesus Christ will cover them with purity so that they will not be tempted by money, sex, or power and fall. Pray that the pastors / elders will have caring partners, a healthy mind and body, and know how to relieve stress and not let negative emotions affect their ministry, so that they can be renewed and strengthened by the Lord every day.
- **Pray for Christmas Celebration.** Pray for that the Lord would use the candlelight service and the Christmas Sunday to celebrate the birth of Jesus while offering thanksgiving so that we can look up to the year 2023.
- **Pray for the Sick.** Pray that the Lord would heal those who are sick and restore their health and strength.

## PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- **Pray for USA.** Even though many American youth are facing environmental challenges and the impact of multiculturalism, it is exciting to know that God is still at work among young people! According to Youth For Christ (YFC), more than 7,000 children and youth have decided to follow Jesus in 2022, double the number from last year! The urgent needs of today's young people can only be met and their hope for life restored in Christ. Pray that more watchmen will be raised up to walk alongside and build relationships with young people at difficult times in their lives and bringing the Gospel to the next generation.

- **Pray for UK.** The 2021 UK Census report shows that less than half of the country's population is Christian, but the “no religion” population, Muslims and Hindus are all on the rise. More students and the entire Generation Z are interested in astrology and tarot, linking to websites through mobile apps, and some even want to learn more, listening to podcasts, attending events, and even joining pagan or witchcraft groups. Pray for the church and spiritual atmosphere in the UK. Pray that the Lord would raise up the church and that it would continue to be a light and a salt in this generation.