

AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO HER, FEAR NOT, MARY:

FOR THOU HAST FOUND FAVOUR WITH GOD. AND, BEHOLD,

THOU SHALT CONCEIVE IN THY WOMB, AND BRING FORTH A SON,

AND SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS.

LUKE 1:30-31



#### TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

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3 December 2017

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY COMMUNION

8.45 am

⊕Enter to Worship ......(Please switch phone to silent mode)

As you enter the Sanctuary, let your conversation with others cease and begin to commune with God.

## **PREPARING**

Personal Silent Prayer & Meditation

**Church Bells** 

Prelude Mr Nicholas Leow

Lighting of the First Advent Candle - The Candle of Hope

"The Advent Candle Shines"

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The Advent candle shines with hope and faith to fuel its timeless flame. Like the old prophet we declare, "Immanuel," our Saviour's name.

## **PRAISING**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor Timothy Yong

Leader: The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

People: We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God's

faithful people.

Leader: Shout for joy and seek God's light wherever you go.

Praise God for this day!

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, dwell in us.

\*Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196

#### **PRAYING**

Prayer Hymn "O Come, O

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**UMH 211** 

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O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar! Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light. (Refrain)

Personal Silent Prayer & Confession Prayer On Behalf of All Organ Response

## **PARTICIPATING**

**Greetings & Welcome** 

**Concerns & News** 

Tithes & Offering

\*Doxology "My Tribute" UMH 99

**PROCLAIMING** 

Scripture Reading John 1:1 Mr George (TNIV p977) Sathiasingam

Sermon "A New Beginning" Pastor Alvin Chan

## **PARTAKING**

# Communion Hymn "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

**UMH 182** 

(During the singing of this hymn, we will receive the Communion Offering for the Missions Fund, see p9)

Celebration of Holy Communion			UMH 12
	(r	responses to be sur	ng UMH 17 & 18)
The Lord's Prayer (sung ~	Malotte)		
Communion Hymns		Ms Jear	Santa Maria
1) UMH 534	2) UMH 494	3) UMH 47	
4) UMH 400	5) UMH 332	6) UMH 24	.0
	PROMISING	,	
*Hymn of Promise "Sav		ns, Come"	UMH 214 une of UMH 465
*Benediction			
Postlude (Please refrain from clapping a	and remain seated unt	til after Postlude)	
Church Bells			
Prayer Ministry at Altar			
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*indicates congregation to sta	nd		



"He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Matthew 11:15)

3 December 2017

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#### **PREPARING**

**"5 Kuehs & 2 Kopis"** (From 10:45am)

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42)



#### **PRAISING**

Lighting of the First Advent Candle - The Candle of Hope

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\*Call to Worship

Mr Richard Seng

\*Singing of Praise & Worship Songs

## **PRAYING**

Praise Reports & Prayers (collated during "5 Kuehs & 2 Kopis")

Ms Eugenia Koh

## **PARTICIPATING**

Tithes & Offering

\*Doxology

**Greetings & Announcements** 

**Community Time** 

## PROCLAIMING

\*Song of Preparation

Mr Richard Seng

**Scripture Reading** 

John 1:1

Sermon "A New Beginning"

Pastor Alvin Chan

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## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

#### PROMISING

\*Closing Song

\*Benediction

**Community Time** 

.....Depart to serve

<sup>\*</sup>indicates congregation to stand



Pulpit Ministry				
Advent Sermon Series: "The Presents from Christ"				
<b>10 December</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	"A New Creation" (John 1:3)	Pastor Paul Nga		
17 December 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	"A New Life" (John 1:4)	Bishop Emeritus Dr Wee Boon Hup		
24 December Christmas Eve	"A New Strength" (John 1:5)	Pastor Timothy Yong		
<b>25 December</b> (Mon, 9.00am) Christmas Day   Baptism of Children, Youths & Adults	"A New Glory" (John 1:14-18)	Pastor Alvin Chan		
End of sermon series				
<b>31 December</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas   Reception of New Members	Rev Peter Goh			
<b>31 December</b> (10.30pm) Watchnight Wesleyan Covenant Renewal & Holy Communion Service	Pastor Alvin Chan			
Sermons Online: www.tmc.org.sg/pulpit.html				

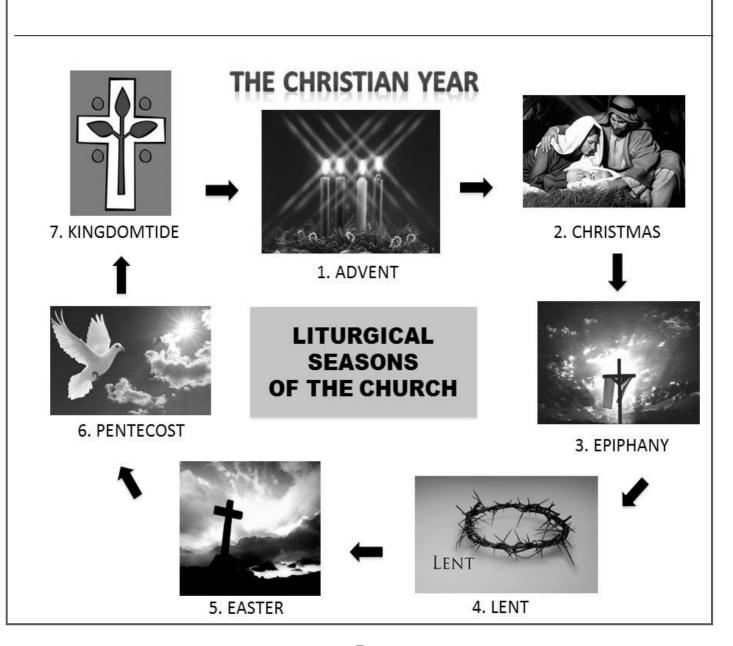
## The Season of Advent

The new Christian year begins today, the First Sunday in Advent. The word "Advent" is derived from a Latin root which means "coming" or "arrival", and the season was developed in the Church as a preparation for the festival of the birth of Christ.

The liturgical colour is **PURPLE**, symbolizing penitence and preparation. The Advent wreath consists of four candles surrounding one white candle.

Each candle is successively lit to mark the four Sundays in Advent. The white candle is lit on

Christmas Day and it marks the beginning of Christmastide. The Advent wreath helps us to focus our thoughts and awareness towards the birth of our Saviour.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESS SOMEONE THIS CHRISTMAS!**

Our thanks to all those who have registered and invited their unchurched family/friends to our Christmas Alfresco Dinner on Fri 15 Dec!

#### **Confirmation and Payment**

Kindly confirm the names of your invited Guests by Wed 6 Dec or earlier. Payment (\$5/head) can be made at the Registration Booth at the Plaza. If you have not picked up the invitation cards, please do so at the booth.

#### Hosts' Prayer Meeting

We are holding a special prayer meeting for the Christmas Alfresco Dinner. Hosts are strongly encouraged to join us on:

Date: Wed 6 Dec 2017
Time: 8.00pm - 9.30pm
Place: TMC Prayer Chapel

## We are also looking for Volunteers!

We need a number of volunteers to help with serving/cleaning during and after the dinner. Do consider volunteering as an individual, family, small group or with friends!

Check out www.tmc.org.sg/xmas2017.html for more information.

#### New ministry for 0-3 year olds at TMC. Please contact

atotfulmorning@gmail.com if you are able to donate <u>clean and as-good-as-new</u> toys, board books, walkers, mats, tables and chairs (incl bumbo seats) for 0-3 year olds. We will then get in touch with you regarding delivery / collection. We hope to complete our collection by 31 Dec. More details to come about this new ministry.

**Disciple 3 (D3 – Remember Who You Are)**, a 32-week journey focusing on the Prophets in the OT and Paul's Letters in the NT, is being planned on Friday Nights from 9 Mar till 30 Nov 2018. More details can be found at http://www.tmc.org.sg/d&n.html#disciple or collect the flyer from iSunday Counter.

**WSCS Prophetic Art Workshop (Jan 2018).** - Sign up through email address given below. Closing date is Dec 17.

Our Creator God speaks truth into our lives through images. Our Lord Jesus also uses pictorial imagery as He taught.

In this "hands on" workshop, we will dig into specific Scriptures and partner God to experience His Truth for our self! Get in touch with the creative gift you were born with and be inspired to draw or even paint! No drawing skills required. All materials are included.

Jan 6, 20, 27 (1st, 3rd & 4th Sat) | 9:30am – 5:00pm | Trinity Methodist Church

| TMC member = \$30 / non-member = \$50 (Note: Lunch not included) Please register via email to "wscs.empowering.workshop@gmail.com" by Dec 17.

**WSCS Christmas Party for Domestic Helpers** | Sun 31 Dec | 10.00am | The Upper Room @ L3. Employers, thank your domestic helpers by registering them for this event. Register by SMS to Lydia Han / 9752 5261 or at the iSunday counter.

Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) is being planned for Saturday afternoons from 27 Jan till 31 Mar 2018. More details can be found at http://www.tmc.org.sg/highlights.html#mpc or collect the flyer from iSunday Counter.

## **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Communion Offering** today is in support of the **Missions Fund**, which is a fund that provides support for missionaries, missions-related organisations, and also TMC's mission fields in Cambodia, in particular, Glory Trinity Methodist Church.

**No Mandarin Service.** There will not be Mandarin Service on Christmas Day, 25 Dec (Mon).

**Double-Parking** is only permitted in B3. If you have to double-park, please ensure that you provide your handphone number legibly on the dashboard, and remove your car <u>immediately</u> after the service. If you have not yet registered your vehicle with us, or if you have changed your vehicle registration number since registering with us, please register or let us know at the iSunday Counter.

## PASTORAL AND STAFF MATTERS

**Pastor Paul Nga** is presiding over Holy Communion at the Mandarin Service Holy Communion Service (11.00am) today.

**Pastors on Leave.** 5 & 8 Dec, Pastor Timothy Yong | 5 to 16 Dec, Pastor Alvin Chan.

**Staff on Leave.** 1 to 7 Dec, Ang Hern Shung | 5 to 6 Dec, Cheng Wai Cheng | 8 to 9 Dec, Eddie Goh | 8 to 9 Dec, Tan Kim Lam.

## **TODAY'S ACTIVITIES**

**2.00pm** Baptism & Membership Class The Upper Room @ L3

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Tue, 5 Dec

1.00pm Youth Ave Indoor Event

123 Serangoon North Ave 1

Wed-Sun, 6-10 Dec

**WSCS Mission Trip to Cambodia** 

Wed, 6 Dec

10.00am Yum Cha@10

Plaza @ L1

Fri, 8 Dec

9.00am Youth Ave Zoo Outing

Singapore Zoo

2.00pm GYM Line Dancing

The Upper Room @ L3

Sat, 9 Dec

**10.00am** Youth Ave Leaders

**Captains' Development** 

123 Serangoon North Ave 1

3.00pm GYM Thanksgiving/

**Christmas Celebration** 

Plaza @ L1

3.00pm Youth Ave Sport Activity

123 Serangoon North Ave 1

SERVING TODAY			
	8.45am	11.15am	
	Ong Eng Hong, Chiang Suat Hong, Sam Wong, Helen Tio, Tan Poh Ling, Anita Leo, Lim Yuet Lin, Lin Hoe	Eugene Koh, Angela Ang, Ivan Lee, Samantha Yong	
AV team	Stephen Lo, David Yong	Winston Lee, Joshua Loke	
Worship Band		Bryan Wong, Christabel Goh, Jill Koh, Daryl Ong, Dex Khor, Shermaine Foo	
	Christina Choo, Kelvin Tan, Anthony Woo, Pamela Woo, EK Khoo, Tan Kim Lam, Cheng Wai Cheng, Paul Ng		





## TRAC 42<sup>ND</sup> Session (20 - 23 Nov 2017) @ Wesley MC Conference Highlights & Updates

1. Delegates received *Welcome* and *Wonder* ful hospitality from host church Wesley MC.

#### 2. Conferencing in Small Groups

Delegates had a lively and enjoyable exchange of views in small groups discussing two topics: the pros and cons of appointing Lay Pastors, and the challenges and hopes of restructuring our current model of 3 Annual Conferences.

#### 3. Ordination of Deacons & Elders

- **3.1.** Rev Ian Lee, Rev Jeremy Ong, Rev Ling Kin Yew and Rev Jason Phua were ordained Elders.
- 3.2. Rev David Ho Seng Hian and Rev Benjamin Fong were ordained Deacons.

#### 4. New Local Preachers

District 1	Ms Lam Tsui Hang, Yvonne (BRMC), Mdm Luu Quynh Anh, Anna (BRMC),
	Mr Sofian Tan (BMC)

**District 2** Mr Alex Chew (AMKMC), Mr Justin Chan (AMKMC)

**District 3** Ms Chen Siru, Joey (WMC), Mr Lau Jia Wen, Benjamin (WMC) **District 4** Mr Anton Chan Lian Seng (CCMC), Mr Allan Lee (LWMC)

#### 5. New District Superintendents w.e.f 1st Jan 2018

<u>District</u>		District Superintendent	<u>Churches</u>
5.1. One	-	Rev Paul Nga	Barker Road, Bedok, Christ, Christalite,
			Kampong Kapor
5.2. Two	-	Rev Derrick Lau	Ang Mo Kio, Living Hope, MC Incarnation,
			Paya Lebar, Pentecost, Trinity
5.3. Three	-	Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun	Agape, Cairnhill, Fairfield, Toa Payoh,
			Wesley
5.4. Four	-	Rev Stanley Chua	Aldersgate, Covenant Community, Faith,
		•	Holland Village, Living Waters

#### 6. New Ministerial Appointments w.e.f 1st Jan 2018

Detailed ministerial appointments may be obtained from the TRAC website <u>www.trac-mcs.org.sg</u>.

#### 7. Retirement

Rev Lim Min Hock Philip will retire at the end of 2017 after 28 years of faithful service. He will, however, be re-engaged and re-appointed to Wesley MC.

#### 8. Venues for 42<sup>nd</sup> TRAC Special Session & 43<sup>rd</sup> TRAC Annual Conference 2018

Conference was pleased to accept with thanks the invitation from Covenant Community MC and Pentecost MC to host the 42<sup>nd</sup> TRAC Special Session (21 Jul 2018) and 43<sup>rd</sup> TRAC Annual Conference (19-22 Nov 2018) respectively.

	REGULAR ACTIVITIES	PASTORS &	KEY STAFF	
Sundays		<b>Rev Alvin Chan</b> 9636 0022	Pastor-In-Charge	
8.45am	English Service Sanctuary @ L1	alvinchan@tmc.org.sg  Rev Paul Nga	Pastor	
	Children's Ministry Hallelujah @ L3	9758 4654 paulnga@tmc.org.sg		
9.00am	Youth Ministry The Upper Room @ L3	Pastor Timothy Yong 9832 2350	Assistant Pastor	
	<b>Serving at IMH</b> (last Sun) 10 Buangkok View	timothyyong@tmc.org.sg  Mr Eddie Goh	Lay Ministry Staff	
9.30am	Mandarin Service Prayer Meeting Prayer Chapel @ B1	9835 5058 eddie@tmc.org.sg	(Mandarin Ministry)	
11.00am	Mandarin Service (not on 25 Dec) Sanctuary @ L1	<b>Ms Alice Lim</b> 9092 1589	Lay Ministry Staff (Children's Ministry)	
11.15am	English Service Emmanuel Hall @ L2	alice@tmc.org.sg  Mr Ang Hern Shung	Lay Ministry Staff	
	Children's Ministry Hallelujah @ L3	9154 7223 hernshung@tmc.org.sg	(Youth Ministry and Prayer)	
After 11.15am service	Young Adults' Lunch Fellowship Meet in Plaza @ L1	Mr Lee Park Ming 9671 7100 parkming@tmc.org.sg	Lay Executive Staff (Discipleship & Nurture)	
Wednesday		Mrs Claire Lowe	Lay Executive Staff (Missions &	
10.00am	<b>Yum Cha@10</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed) Plaza @ L1	9430 5165 claire@tmc.org.sg	Evangelism)	
8.00pm	Church Prayer Meeting Prayer Chapel @ B1	Mr Tan Kim Lam 9683 2671 kimlam@tmc.org.sg	Lay Ministry Staff (Discipleship)	
Thursdays		Mrs Cheng Wai Cheng	Lay Executive Staff	
10.00am	Serving at St Luke's Eldercare Centre (last Thu) Blk 217 Serangoon Ave 4 #01-156	8797 8113 waicheng@tmc.org.sg	(Administration)	
Fridays		Mr Calvin Ang 9172 1638	Sr Facilities Assistant	
9.15am	<b>Friday Bible Study</b> (1st and 3rd Fri, in recess)	calvin@tmc.org.sg		
	Prayer Chapel @ L1	Ms Cathrine Mathiew Sunitaa	Sr Operations and Admin Assistant	
8.00pm	Healing Ministry Prayer Chapel @ B1	6285 8450 cathrine@tmc.org.sg	(Youth Avenue)	
Saturdays		Website: www.tmc.org.sg		
9.00am	<b>Fellowship of Ukulelians</b> (not on 5 <sup>th</sup> Sat)	E-mail: churchoffice@tmc.org.sg		

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Hallelujah Room @ L3

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