



CHRIST

**FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID
A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.**

LUKE 2:11



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25 December 2017

**CHRISTMAS DAY
BAPTISM DAY**

9.00 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

Organ Prelude

Mr Ong Te-Min

Choral Introit

“There Was Love”

TMC Choir

Words by Mark Burrows, Music by Mark Burrows, incorporating Mueller & James R. Murray
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Before there were shepherds out in the field
keeping watch over flocks by night.
Before there were wise men from distant lands
guided on by a star so bright.

Before there were angels to sing the song,
one Voice was singing all along.

Before you and I, or the stars in the sky,
there was Light, there as Life, there was Love.

Before there were presents or Christmas trees
decorated in red and green.

Before there were pageants with parts to play
recreating a manger scene.

Before there were carols to fill the air,
God’s one True Light was always there.

Before you and I, or the stars in the sky,
there was Light, there was Life, there was Love.

In the beginning, before anything had ever been made, He was with God.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Before you and I, or the stars in the sky,
there was Light, there was Life, there was Love.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

“The Advent Candle Shines”

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The Advent candle shines with grace
and mercy from our God above.
Come to the Light and you'll receive
God's gift of hope, peace, joy, and love.

PRAISING

***Call to Celebration** (*Inspired by Isaiah 63:7-9 and Luke 2:8-20*)

Mr Kelvin Tan

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
People: **And hope to every discouraged heart.**
Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
People: **And peace to every conflicted soul.**
Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
People: **And joy to every downcast spirit.**
Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
People: **And love to everyone.**
Leader: Let us sing praises to our God.
ALL: Glory to God in the highest!

***Carols**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

UMH 240

CCLI # 27738. Authors: Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.
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1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

UMH 221

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1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.
4. What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

PRAYING

Carol

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

UMH 239

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1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born!

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming
grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born!

Personal Silent Prayer & Confession

Prayer On Behalf of All

The Lord's Prayer (sung ~ Malotte)

PARTICIPATING

Greetings & Welcome

Pastor Timothy Yong

Christmas Offering for Community Fund

(This fund supports TMC's Outreach and Social Concerns efforts in the community including financial assistance for the poor and needy)

Choral Offertory Anthem "Kneel With the Shepherds"

TMC Choir

Words by Herb Fromback, Music by Patti Drennan

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Come with the shepherds this silent, holy night.
Follow the guiding star, a beam of heaven's light.
Walk with the shepherds to where the Christ Child lay.
God in a manger asleep on the hay.

Kneel with the shepherds, kneel before the King.
Look to the heavens where angel voices sing.
"Glory in the highest and peace to all on earth".
Kneel with the shepherds, behold the Saviour's birth.

Stay with the shepherds who gaze in the stall.
Witness the miracle who brings His love for all.

Kneel with the shepherds, kneel before the King.
Look to the heavens where angel voices sing.
"Glory in the highest and peace to all on earth".
God in a manger, our Saviour and King.

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

PROCLAIMING

***Carol**

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

UMH 236

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1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground;
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around, and glory shone around.
2. "Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to all of humankind, to all of humankind."
3. "To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:"
4. "The Heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid."
5. Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God on high,
who thus addressed their song, who thus addressed their song:
6. "All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to earth
begin and never cease, begin and never cease!"

Scripture Reading

John 1:14-18
(TNIV p977)

Mr George
Sathiasingam

Sermon

Sermon Series: "The Presents from Christ"

"A New Glory"

Pastor Alvin Chan

Baptism

Pastors

During the singing of this song, baptismal candidates are to leave the Sanctuary to prepare themselves, and gather around the baptismal font.

Baptism Carol

"Angels from the Realms of
Glory"

UMH 220

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1. Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Refrain:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.
2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light: *(Refrain)*
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: *(Refrain)*
4. Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in His temple shall appear: *(Refrain)*

6. *The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

All: **We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

All: **With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

9. COMMENDATION AND WELCOME*

Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome our new sisters and brothers in Christ.

All: **Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

All: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

PROMISING

***Carol**

“Joy to the World”

UMH 246

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1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing *(3 times)*
2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy *(3 times)*
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found *(3 times)*
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love *(3 times)*

***Benediction**

Choral Response “Joy of Every Longing Heart”

Words: Marcus Aurelius C., Prudentius (4th c) tr. John M. Neale (1854), & Henry W. Baker (1859), Arranged: Lloyd Larson,
Tunes: Jesu, Joy of Man's Blessing, from BMV 147 by J.S. Bach and Divinum Mysterium, Plain song, 13th c.
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Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
of the things that are, that have been, and the future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Saviour of the our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him, angel hosts His praises sing.
Evermore! Evermore!

Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King.
 Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring:
 Joy of ev'ry longing heart. Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
 evermore and evermore!

Organ Postlude

(Please refrain from clapping and remain seated until after Postlude)

Church Bells

.....Depart to serve✝

*indicates congregation to stand



Pulpit Ministry		
31 December (8.45 & 11.15am) 1 st Sunday after Christmas Reception of New Members	"2 Words, That's It" (Revelation 2:1-7)	Rev Peter Goh
31 December (10.30pm) Watchnight Wesleyan Covenant Renewal & Holy Communion Service	Pastor Alvin Chan	
Sermons Online: www.tmc.org.sg/pulpit.html		

FAMILY MATTERS

Church Facilities Closed. Tue 26 Dec, church office and Chapel of Life will be closed.

SERVING TODAY

	Sanctuary @ L1	Emmanuel Hall @ L2
Ushers / Service Hosts	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	Damein Cheong, Stephen Lo	Winston Lee, Joshua Loke
Worship Band		Shaun Lai, Bryan Wong, Samuel Lee, Olivia Ng, Carine Ong, Shermaine Foo



**The Pastors, Church Office Staff and the Leaders wish all
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His
favour rests.” ~ Luke 2:14

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

PASTORS & KEY STAFF

Sundays

- 8.45am English Service**
Sanctuary @ L1
- Children's Ministry**
Hallelujah @ L3
- 9.00am Youth Ministry**
The Upper Room @ L3
- Serving at IMH (last Sun)**
10 Buangkok View
- 9.30am Mandarin Service Prayer Meeting**
Prayer Chapel @ B1
- 11.00am Mandarin Service**
Sanctuary @ L1
- 11.15am English Service**
Emmanuel Hall @ L2
- Children's Ministry**
Hallelujah @ L3
- After 11.15am service Young Adults' Lunch Fellowship**
Meet in Plaza @ L1

Wednesdays

- 10.00am Yum Cha@10 (1st Wed)**
Plaza @ L1
- 8.00pm Church Prayer Meeting**
Prayer Chapel @ B1

Thursdays

- 10.00am Serving at St Luke's Eldercare Centre (last Thu)**
Blk 217 Serangoon Ave 4 #01-156

Fridays

- 9.15am Friday Bible Study (1st and 3rd Fri, in recess)**
Prayer Chapel @ L1
- 8.00pm Healing Ministry**
Prayer Chapel @ B1

Saturdays

- 9.00am Fellowship of Ukulelians (not on 5th Sat, in recess)**
Hallelujah Room @ L3

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