



**21 December 2019 – Evening Prayer**  
**22 December 2019 – Morning Prayer**

**Bishop**

The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

**Assistant Bishop**

The Rt Revd Low Jee King

**Vicar**

Revd John Lin

**Clergy**

Revd Bernard Yee

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Ds Lena Lim

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Pas Loon Fu-Man

Pas Florence Hou

Pas Yeo Yun Jing

**Administration**

Susan Ling

Doris Lee

Patrick Lee

**Worship Service on  
Saturday**

**English Service**

4.30 pm at Sanctuary

**Worship Services on  
Sunday**

**English Service**

9.00 am at Sanctuary

**Cantonese Service**

9.00 am at Patmos Hall

**Mandarin Service**

11.15 am at Sanctuary

**Hokkien Service**

11.15 am at Patmos Hall

**A Warm Welcome to all our guests**

**Do send your children** to our Children's Ministry. We have a well-supervised and nurturing programme for your children. 'Kids For Christ' (7 to 12 years) and 'Little Lambs' (24 months to 6 years). There is also a Toddlers' Room upstairs.

**Please do not feel obliged** to participate in the offertory. The offertory is meant for Christians.

**After the service, do stay back** for a cup of coffee. We would like to get to know you better.

**Do join us again next week.** We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Speaker : Revd Lawrence Seow

Sermon Title : Sing Christmas

Text : Luke 2:8-14

**COLLECT**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: fill us with your grace, that in all things we may accept your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Mission and Purpose:** As we see the gracious salvation plan in the missional heart of God, may we be a missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

## Vicar writes

Dear friends, guests and church family

A very warm special welcome to all our friends, guests and visitors. We are so glad that you are with us today for our special Christmas program. We hope that you will have an enjoyable and meaningful experience that will bring deep peace and great joy in your heart this Christmas.

There are times when we go through painful struggles in areas in life such as ill health, financial debt, family quarrels, marriage issues, disobedient children, work stress, job loss, etc. Our hearts feel deep pain and we experience great anxieties. In such times, we can only pray that the painful situation will have a happy turnaround as we cling on to the **hope** of a clear solution and a good change.

**Hope** is so important in every area of life. The unemployed person hopes to get a job soon. Students hope to pass their exams. Parents hope their child will grow up well. Families in conflict hope for restoration in their relationships. Struggling families hope for enough food and finances. There is a popular Mandarin song that expressed the hope in every heart that "Tomorrow will be better" (明天会更好).

Christians all over the world celebrate the joy of Christmas because of the **blessed hope we have in Jesus Christ**. In Jesus Christ the Son of God, we experience the love, joy and peace of God. We receive the grace and mercy of God. We receive forgiveness for our sins. We have purpose and meaning in life. We have the joyous hope of eternal life.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."* Romans 15:13

Love in Christ  
Pastor John

## Intercession

### **\*The Greatest Gift\***

We will be celebrating Christmas with the children and their families on Saturday, 28 December 2019. We thank God for the children and parents who have signed up for the event. We also thank God for the helpers who have responded to serve alongside with us as well as church members who have helped in collecting the Meiji milk bottles.

Prayer pointers:

1. Please pray for Mrs Daisy Yip as she shares her experiences and tips with the parents during her workshop.
2. Pray for opportunities for church members who will be joining in the Parents' Programme to interact and get to know the parents better and for relationships to be built.
3. Pray for the openness of hearts for both parents and children as they hear the message of Christmas, that Jesus is the greatest gift.

### Combined Services

- 1) **Christmas cum Baptism Service** - On Wednesday, 25 December 2019 at 10.00am followed by a buffet lunch after the Service. Take this opportunity to invite your family and friends.
- 2) **Covenant Renewal Service** – On Sunday, 5 January 2020 at 10.00am followed by a buffet lunch after the Service. There is no '1 John' Service on Saturday, 4 January 2020.

### Baptism

We give thanks to God for his grace and mercy upon the following who will be baptized on Christmas Day:

Infant: Matilda Ho

Adults: Lee Yok Lan; Chern Siang Sin; Chua Teng; Ashley Chong Sook Ning

### Tithe and Freewill Offering Pledge Form

In continual obedience to the Lord, we encourage all church members and regular worshippers to return God's tithe to Him as our act of worship. Thank you for prayerfully responding to the Lord in the renewal of 2020 Tithe and Freewill Offering. We request your help to fill up the "Pledge Form 2020" and drop the completed form into the Pledge Form Box on the ushers' table. For any queries, please approach our Pledge Secretary, Nellie Nam.

### Serve Programme

The Serve Programme, 2 Jan to 10 Mar 2020 is a specially designed programme for many youths, especially those who have recently completed the "O" & "A" levels to discover God and grow in Christlikeness. Our church has 1 youth, Charis Lin who is participating in this programme.

The Inauguration Service is on **Thursday, 2 January 2020, 7.30pm** at The Diocesan Centre (Service at Sanctuary of Chapel of Resurrection, Level 2). Buffet dinner will be served at 6.15pm. Please support and encourage the youths and be present for this Service.

### Children's Christmas Event - \*The Greatest Gift – 28 December 2019\*

Join us as we discover what is the greatest gift this Christmas. There will be fun games, and a DIY Christmas Lights workshop, songs and an interactive Bible story planned for children aged 4 to 12. There will also be a workshop - 'Bringing out the Best in Your Child' for parents. Light refreshments will be served. So, do invite your family members, friends and their children to celebrate Christmas with us on **Saturday, 28 Dec 2019, 3.30pm to 6.30pm**. Register at [the-greatest-gift.eventbrite.sg](http://the-greatest-gift.eventbrite.sg). Limited tickets are available. So hurry! **There is No '1 John' Service on Saturday, 28 December 2019.**

### Appreciation

The following families would like to express their appreciation to the staff and congregation for their prayers, condolences and visits during their recent bereavement:

1. Luanna & Mun Loong's family on the demise of Luanna's mother on 13 December 2019.
2. Moses & Gabriel Paul's family on the demise of their mother on 15 December 2019.
3. Ann Lai's family on the demise of her father on 17 December 2019.

DUTY ROSTER	SATURDAY 21/12/2019	SUNDAY 22/12/2019	NEXT SATURDAY 28/12/2019	NEXT SUNDAY 29/12/2019
<b>Worship Officiant</b>	Ps Loon Fu-Man	Kenneth Sng	<b>Children's Christmas Event.</b>  <b>3.30pm to 6.30pm</b>	Ps Loon Fu-Man
<b>Celebrant</b>	-			-
<b>Holy Communion Assistant</b>	-	-		-
<b>Community Praise Team</b>	Choir			Ethan
<b>Preacher</b>	Revd Lawrence Seow			Revd John Lin
<b>Scripture Text</b>	Luke 2:8-14			Psalm 100
<b>Sermon Title</b>	Sing Christmas			Give thanks with a grateful heart
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Victor Tay	Joshua Tung		Choo Heng Yu
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Ut	JP14		FH50K
<b>Floral Arrangement</b>	Audrey Kua			Helen Lim
<b>Refreshment</b>	Catered by church			Lee May & Sunali
<b>Treasurer</b>	Koh Li Jie	Ding Cho Li		Ho Boon Sing
<b>Treasury Witness</b>	Angela & Kai Ting	Aimin & Alyss		Esther Ling & Lye Chee
<b>Staff On Duty</b>	Doris & Patrick	Ds Lena & Ps Lyu Yang		Ps Yun Jing & Lydia

### Upcoming Events

Combined Christmas cum Baptism Service on 25 December 2019  
 Children's Christmas Event on 28 December 2019  
 Combined Covenant Service on 5 January 2020  
 Church Retreat from 14 to 17 June 2020

**Church Ministries** : Home Cell, Little Lambs, Kids-for-Christ, Tweens, Tekna Youth, Young Adults, Choir, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Men's Fellowship, Sisters' Fellowship

**Outreach**: SMSS Chaplaincy, The Boys' Brigade & The Girls' Brigade, Befrienders Club

*If you wish to know more about the ministries and outreach,  
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**School Gate E Open for Entry** : Saturday : 7.00 am to 5.00 pm  
Sunday : 7.45 am to 12 noon