

5 January 2020
Covenant Service

Bishop

The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

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The Rt Revd Low Jee King

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Revd John Lin

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Pas Loon Fu-Man

Pas Florence Hou

Pas Yeo Yun Jing

Pas Shirleen Yap

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 John Lin

Sermon Title : We will serve the Lord

Text : Joshua 24:14-28; Matthew 6:19-24



Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:14



COLLECT

Second Sunday of Christmas

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help us to live as the holy family, united in love and obedience, and bring us at last to our home in heaven; 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 church family

As we begin the new year 2020, let us trust in the sovereign Lord's grace and goodness and let us rest in the eternal God's love and power. The Psalmist declared confidently, "*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*" (Psalm 90:1-2)

The hymn-writer Isaac Watts faced difficult circumstances and uncertain times in the 18th century. As Isaac Watts read the Scriptures, Psalm 90 ministered deeply in his heart. Expressing the thoughts of Psalm 90:1-5, he composed this wonderful hymn "*Our God, our Help in ages past*". In the first stanza, Isaac wrote such words of trust and comfort, "*Our God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come, our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home.*" What a wonderful reminder that God is our faithful Help, our secure Hope, our strong Shelter and our eternal Home. God does not change and He stands above human time, for He is the everlasting God. May this hymn encourage and strengthen your heart.

Many of us will face challenges, uncertainties, struggles and fears in the new year ahead. In the midst of the heavy storms of life and the restless turmoil of this world, may we rest secure in the Lord God Almighty, who is our dwelling place in all generations. Let us hope in God and trust his loving grace, because from everlasting to everlasting, He is the eternal mighty God.

Maranatha
Pastor John

Intercession

Lord God, Heavenly Father, thank you that through the blood of your Son Jesus Christ, You have called us to this gracious Covenant. Help us as we respond to that call.

We take upon ourselves with joy, the yoke of obedience and love for you.

We give ourselves to seek and do Your perfect will. We are no longer our own but Yours.

Lord, put me to whatever task You will; rank me with whom you will. Let me be empty, let me be full. Let me have nothing, let me have all things. I freely embrace my place in Your Kingdom.

Today, we renew our community covenant and personal covenant with You; that we will love and serve You with all of our heart, our mind, our soul and our strength.

Eternal Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are our Covenant-God, and we, through Your infinite grace, are your children and servants. May this Covenant renewed with You bring honour and glory to you, Lord God Almighty. Amen.

Covenant Renewal Service - Today is Covenant Renewal Service. It will be a time of thanksgiving and renewal of our covenant with God. A buffet lunch will be served after the Service.

Reading through the whole Bible

We encourage everyone to make time to read through the whole Bible in 2020. The “Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan (Navpress)” are on the ushers’ table. Let us encourage one another to grow in spiritual maturity.

Men’s ministry: Men United For Christ

Calling all Brothers! For 2020, we'll be exploring our identity in Christ and its commensurate responsibilities. Come alongside others as disciples in accountability to fulfil our destiny in Him. The next 2 sessions are on “A man and his Anger”. Sessions are held every third Saturday. Next meeting is on 18 January 2020, 7.45am -10am in the Patmos Hall. (Join us for breakfast at 7am). Sign up at gg.gg/mufcinvite. Contact Hide (98178281) for details.

New Pastoral Staff – Shirleen Yap

Sister Shirleen Yap will be joining the church pastoral team as a part-time staff wef 1 January 2020. She will oversee the church children’s ministry in her appointment as Children’s ministry pastor. In addition, Shirleen will serve in the School chaplaincy team and also the Family Life ministry team. Value your prayers for Shirleen and her family in this new ministry journey.

St John’s Book Corner

We are starting a St John's Book Corner for all! If you have any good Christian books/resources you'll like to donate, please leave them in the book donation box in Shalom Room or you can also pass them to either Terence Seah or John Ho. We will be opening the Corner soon, so stay tuned!

Christian Education

Dates/Time: **Sundays, 2, 9, 16 & 23 Feb 2020 / 11.30am to 1.30pm**

Venue: IT Conference Room

Course Instructor: Ps Loon Fu-Man

A study on the book of JAMES

Theme: “Wisdom From Above For The Faith Below”

Please register with Ps Fu-Man at fuman@patmos.org.sg

Prisons Fellowship Singapore – Through Care Ministry

We seek volunteers to form Through Care Ministry (TCM) in partnership with PFS (Prisons Fellowship Singapore (<https://pfs.org.sg/through-care/>)). TCM provides (i) personal counselling and practical help during pre-sentencing, (ii) Chapel



Services & Bible Study including Christian Intensive Religious Counselling Programme (CIRCP) during and after terms of incarceration, with the object of reconciliation with families and reintegration into society and Christian communities. Interested parties kindly complete a 20sec survey and submit your questions. For enquiries, please speak with Ronnie Yip.

Appreciation

Christal and Gabriel Paul’s family would like to express their appreciation to the staff and congregation for their prayers, condolences and visits during their recent bereavement on the demise of Christal’s father on 28 December 2019.

DUTY ROSTER	SUNDAY 5/1/2020	NEXT SATURDAY 11/1/2020	NEXT SUNDAY 12/1/2020
Worship Officiant	Florence Ho	Patrick Lee	Ps Richard Ting
Celebrant	Revd John Lin	-	-
Holy Communion Assistant	Revd Bernard, Ds Lena, Florence Ho, Ps Alan & Ps Richard	-	-
Community Praise Team	Livingstreams	IHMS-Sat	Harmony
Preacher	Revd John Lin	Revd John Lin	
Scripture Text	Joshua 24:14-28; Matthew 6:19-24	Exodus 20:1-17	
Sermon Title	We will serve the Lord	Living the Ten Commandments in the 21st Century	
Scripture Reader	Aileen Tung	Xin Ying	Tan Rui Lin
Ushering Team	Shema	DR30	Flint & Brew It
Floral Arrangement	Doris Lee	Helen Liew	
Refreshment	Catered Food	-	Cho Ling & Susan
Treasurer	Helen Sng	Nellie Nam	Ding Cho Li
Treasury Witness	Eileen & Florence	Victor Tay	Aimin & Alyss
Staff On Duty	Patrick, Doris, Ps Chwee Lian & Ps Lyu Yang	Susan & Ds Lena	Ps Yun Jing & Ps Chwee Lian

Upcoming Events

Combined Service on 26 January 2020
 Church Prayer Meeting on 31 January 2020
 Christian Education on 2, 9, 16 & 23 February 2020
 Church Retreat from 14 to 17 June 2020

Church Ministries : Home Cell, 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,
 please email to admin@patmos.org.sg*

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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