

FAIRFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

Church Theme 2023:

Cultivate Authenticity, Embrace Our Community

FOCUS

We are many but one body

CORE VALUE

Community-Focused in Authenticity

3 December 2023

1st Sunday of
Advent



⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,
⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5



May he defend the afflicted
among the people and save the
children of the needy; may he
crush the oppressor.



Psalm 72:4 (NIV)

Following Christ, Making Disciples

OUR VISION

To be a disciple-making church.

OUR MISSION

That every member be committed to Magnify God,
Multiply disciples and Minister to all peoples in Singapore and beyond.

May each of us with reverence & awe
experience the living presence of Christ in this hour of corporate worship

Livestream at 10.30am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*LIGHTING OF 1ST ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to
show us the way of salvation.

All: *O come, O come, Emmanuel.*

*LECTIONARY READING

Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mrs Joanna Loh (8.30am)

Mrs Elaine Ho(10.30am)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs Amelia Tan

*PRAISE & WORSHIP

Mrs Amelia Tan

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

WELCOME

OFFERING

FAIRFIELD HIGHLIGHTS

CHOIR ANTHEM

Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace

(10.30am)

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Psalms 72

SERMON

Remembering Christ, Anticipating His Return:
Songs For Advent The Perfect King

Rev Ezekiel Tan

*SONG OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

ONSITE HOLY COMMUNION

*Congregation to Stand

The Season Of Advent



Advent marks the beginning of the Church Liturgy Year. It is a period of reflection, penitence, and joy when Christians remember the birth of the Baby Jesus - The First Advent of the Son of God in Bethlehem. Advent is also a time when Christians prepare and look forward to the second coming of Jesus - The Second Advent of the Risen Christ to rule triumphantly over life in heaven and on earth. The liturgical colour is purple.



1. PULPIT CALENDAR (2023)

Date	Preacher	Topic	Text
10 December	Rev Ivan Tan	Remembering Christ, Anticipating His Return: Songs For Advent The Eternal Priest	Psalm 110
17 December	Dr Ho King Hee	Remembering Christ, Anticipating His Return: Songs For Advent The Divine Ruler	Psalm 97
24 December Baptism (10.30am)	Dr Kwa Kiem Kiok	Remembering Christ, Anticipating His Return: Songs For Advent The Restoring King	Psalm 80
25 December Christmas Day (10.00am)	BE Dr Robert Solomon	Remembering Christ, Anticipating His Return: Songs For Advent God's Promises	2 Peter 1:4-5

2. WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT

Rev. Ezekiel Tan is the General Secretary of The Bible Society of Singapore and Evangelical Alliance of Singapore.

3. WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Join us this Wed, **6 December 2023** at 7:30pm via Zoom. Meeting details will be sent via FFMC Connect every Tuesday.

4. ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & YEAR-END SERVICES UPDATES

17 December

10.30 am Mandarin Baptism Service
7.00 pm CN Ministry Baptism

24 December

10.30 am English Baptism Service

31 December

10.00 am English Thanksgiving Service
10.00 am Mandarin Thanksgiving Service
12.00 pm Thanksgiving Lunch
2.00 pm Cantonese Thanksgiving Service
10.30 pm Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service

25 December

10.00 am Christmas Service

**5. YEAR-END THANKSGIVING LUNCH (organised by WSCS)
31 DEC 2023, 12 PM TO 2.30PM, ENCOUNTER LOUNGE.**

Let us come together as a church family to **GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS** (1 Thessalonians 5: 18).



Registration required for catering purposes. Please register with the QR code or at the WSCS booth at church lobby (from 03 Dec to 17 Dec) or contact Edna Lum 9765 5366 or Winnie Kan 9617 1764.



6. OSC YEAR-END THANKSGIVING DINNER IN COLLABORATION WITH KRETA AYER CC

60 volunteers are needed to befriend, bless, love and embrace our community together in our Christmas outreach to our neighbours in Kreta Ayer, Jalan Kukoh and Chin Swee-Kim Seng.

Please scan QR code below to register as a volunteer by 5 December 2023



7. CHRISTMAS / YEAR-END LOVE GIFTS FOR MISSIONS WORKERS

Let us encourage our mission workers by giving them our Christmas/ Year-end love gifts and sending them our warm greetings.

You can give via internet banking, PayNow or scan PayNow Code, or cheque made payable to Fairfield MCP Fund. Please indicate under Bank Reference or at the back of the cheque "YEGift" and name of the mission workers that you would like to give to. Appreciate your love gifts to our mission workers by 31 December 2023.



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Missionary	Local Missions Workers	Local Professional Workers	Theological Student / Missionary Intern
1. Vena Lung	2. Chan Yew Ming 3. Roland Chia 4. Ivy Choy 5. Leong Wai Ling 6. Loh Ngiap Tai 7. Wilson Tan 8. Doris Tan	9. Sean Foo 10. Ho Wen Jin 11. Martin Sham	12. Joyce Loke 13. Lin Qin Ying

8. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BREAKFAST CONNECT IN DECEMBER



Share the Love, Joy, Peace & Hope of Christmas with our community over Breakfast Connect

Date: 3, 10, 17 & 24* Dec 2023

Time: 9.00 am to 10.30 am (*24 Dec ends at 10.00 am)

Venue: FFMC Encounter Lounge/Lobby

Please register with Shermaine @ 97424665 if you are available to serve, love and bless our community at Breakfast Connect.

<p>14. DECEMBER 2023 SECOND OFFERING – MWS CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY (TRAC)</p> <p>You may give via internet banking (A/C No. 001-030235-3), PayNow (UEN:S87CC0541F) scan QR code. Or send a cheque to church office. Please indicate “DEC-02” under Bill Reference or at the back of the cheque.</p>	
<p>15. FFMC BUILDING FUND UPDATE AS OF 15 NOV 2023</p> <p>Fairfield Methodist Church’s building lease ends in 2027 and as of July 2022, we need to raise at least \$9 Million to renew the lease for another 30 years.</p> <p>2022 Renewal Fund Target: \$9,000,000</p> <p>Amount raised to date: \$6,728,357</p> <p>Outstanding Amount: \$2,271,643 (not including pledges yet to rcv)</p> <p>Pledges yet to receive: \$838,601</p> <p>Please issue cheques in favour of “FFMC Building Fund”.</p>	 <p>A/C No. 001-030237-0 UEN No.S87CC0541FBFD</p>

16. BEQUESTS, GIFTS AND LEGACIES TO FAIRFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

The recommended manner of making bequests, gifts and legacies to our Methodist churches and other entities is for the donor to name the intended recipient of the donation in the following manner:

The Secretary of the Trustees of The Methodist Church in Singapore, a body corporate incorporated by & under the Methodist Episcopal Location Board Ordinance, Chapter 368, Singapore Statutes on behalf of and for the benefit and use of Fairfield Methodist Church, currently located at 1 Tanjong Pagar Singapore 088437.

17. JOB VACANCY - PASTORAL TEAM MEMBER (OUTREACH/PASTORAL CARE)

The Ministry Staff will be responsible and accountable for the execution of the church outreach ministry programmes that serve the various communities around the church and pastoral care towards achieving Fairfield Methodist Church’s vision and mission. Please refer to <https://fairfieldmc.org/job-vacancies> for more details.

18. BOOKING OF CHURCH PREMISES FOR WEDDING IN 2024

Members who wish to book the Church premises for weddings in 2024 are required to email their enquiries to mail@fairfieldmc.org by the end of December. Thereafter, booking will be opened to non-members.

19. GETTING MARRIED IN FFMC

Planning to have a marriage solemnization or blessing? Submit the FFMC's official wedding application form to the Church Office and speak to our pastor(s) regarding your application. All couples must complete their marriage preparation course before the intended date of solemnization. Couples require marriage preparation must submit request at least 12 months prior to the intended date of solemnization. Please email Ms Zoe Lim at mail@fairfieldmc.org to request for the application form.

METHODIST NEWS & OTHER NEWS

20. THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE! (PSALM 118:24)

We rejoice with and pray for our sister TRAC church who celebrates her anniversary this December.

 Agape Methodist Church (18th Anniversary) on 3 December 2023

1. PRAY FOR SPEAKERS

Services	This Sunday (3 December 2023)	Next Sunday (10 December 2023)
English	Rev Ezekiel Tan	Rev Ivan Tan
Mandarin	Dr Chan Yew Ming	Dr Lydia Sha
Cantonese	Mr Stephen Ng	Rev Lee Bing Sun, Daniel
CN Ministry	Dr Lydia Sha	Mr Bai Jie

- Pray that the hearts and minds of God's people will be receptive and ready to act upon His Word.
- Pray that the glory of God will weigh upon the people in all the services.

2. BIRTHDAYS PRAYER BLESSINGS

We rejoice with the following people who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We thank God for these wonderful birthday babies for another year to glorify Him and may they enjoy His grace and goodness throughout this year.

Mr Robert Chung Kay Gong	Mrs Kong-Teo Hui Ling	Ms Hannah Sham Mo-Yan
Mr Kenny Kwan Chee Jing	Mr Yau Tian Soon	Mrs Michelle Lam-Loh Wai Cheng
Mr Abel Wong Ren Jie	Mrs Teh-Kok Fong Lin	

3. PASTORAL/LAY LEADERSHIP OF FFMC

- "The fear of the Lord is beginning of wisdom". Pray for the pastoral and lay leadership of the church to fear God and serve Him faithfully.
- Pray that leaders would seek the Lord and love one another with sincerity.
- Pray for all who are serving to have a spirit of honouring one another in the ministry.

4. THE SICK AND UNWELL

- May God's healing be upon all who are unwell, especially those who are down with Covid-19.
- May God restore the weary souls of the caregivers.
- May those who are in pain or suffering in the body find hope in the Lord.

5. COVID-19 SITUATION IN SINGAPORE

- For the health care workers: May God protect them and grant them quality rest.
- For the spread of Covid-19 in the community: May each of us exercise care and social responsibility to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the community.

6. MISSIONS

"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." (Proverbs 16:9)

Vena Lung

1. Pray that she will get the letter from Ministry of Social Welfare that will enable her to apply for extension of visa with the Immigration Dept. Pray for God's favour that all will be well.
2. Pray for the preparation of the 2nd Mission Team to North. Pray for wisdom, clarity, discernment, strength and grace to see to the many local co-ordination, especially for transport.
3. Pray for God's favour with the fundraising efforts and repairs for the office. Pray for wisdom in making good choices for contractors and materials and all needed to smoothly complete the projects.

Our Sunday Services

English	8.30am	Sanctuary
English (Livestream)	10.30am	Sanctuary
Youth Ministry*	2.00-4.00pm	Fairfield Hall
Children's Ministry*	10.30am-12pm	Fairfield Hall
*(except first & fifth Sunday)		
Mandarin (Livestream)	10.30am	Kuehn Hall
Cantonese	2.00pm	Kuehn Hall
Ministry for China Nationals (except fifth Sunday)	7.00pm	Kuehn Hall

Prayer@Zoom

Every Wednesday	7.30pm
Corporate Prayer:	8.00pm
1 st Friday of the month	
Every Sunday	8.30-9.00am

Holy Communion Services

English Services – First Sundays
Mandarin/Cantonese Service – Third Sundays

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Wendy Tay-Pastor-in-Charge	(HP) 9845 7372	Mr Bai Jie-Mandarin/CN	(HP) 9879 9607
Rev Ivan Tan	(HP) 9665 9847	Dr Lydia Sha-Mandarin/Training	(HP) 9479 9828
Mr Yu Heng Kong-Senior Administrator	(HP) 9362 9637	Mr Roger Teo-Youth Ministry	(HP) 9450 7860
Mr Stephen Ng-Cantonese Ministry	(HP) 9425 1606	Mr Joshua Loke-Young Adults/ Pastoral Care	(HP) 9671 3792

ELECTRONIC BANK TRANSFER FOR TITHES AND PLEDGES

Bank : DBS Bank Ltd / Bank Code : 7171

Pledges/Offerings/donations/others
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Missionaries' MCP Fund
FMC-Fairfield MCP Fund
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Church Lease Renewal Fund
FFMC Building Fund
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