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25 December 2017 (Sunday)

10:00 am



PRELUDE/PERSONAL REFLECTION & PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O come, let us adore Him—

C: whose coming was announced by the prophets.

L: O come, let us adore Him—

C: whose message was proclaimed by the angels.

L: O come, let us adore Him—

C: whose glory was hailed by the shepherds.

L: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

UMH234

CHRISTMAS PRAYER (IN UNISON)

O almighty God, by the birth of Your holy child Jesus.

You gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness.

Grant that in His light we may see light.

Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people,

so that the likeness of Your Son may be formed in us,
and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

Thanksgiving And Intercession

Holy God, heaven and earth are met this day
in the newborn Child, Savior of the world.

We celebrate His birth;

for in Him You come close to us, that we might be close to You.

Especially we give You thanks

for the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
and all He means to us...

for prospects of peace in the world ...

for confidence in Your almighty love ...

for those who generously give ...

for those who graciously receive ...

for the Church's nurturing us in faith ...

God of all mercy

as you have come in Jesus Christ to be our guest,
inspire our hearts to a hospitality
that welcomes all Your children in His name.

Especially we pray

for those who have not heard Your good news ...

for the sick and suffering ...

for those who know no laughter, only tears ...

for those who govern and rule ...

for those enslaved to tyranny ...

for prisoners of addiction or abuse ...

for the Church as a refuge for the needy ...

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Dear God and Father of Jesus Christ, we praise You with joyful songs! We are glad to celebrate the birth of Your only Son, Jesus. His life is the light of all people. Thank You for opening our eyes to recognize Him as our Saviour. May our lives and ministries embody Christ's grace and truth so that our neighbours will find new life in relationship with You. We return a portion of Your goodness to us in these tithes and offerings, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING & FAMILY NEWS

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING TITUS 2:11-14

SERMON HIS WORD MY HOPE SECURES

CHRISTMAS CREED (L: Leader; C: Congregation)

L: I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

C: I believe in the One whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.

L: I believe in the One for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.

C: I believe in the One who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

L: I believe in the One who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible:

C: I believe in the One whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

L: I confess my everlasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold,

C: I believe in God who gives us the best of Himself.

All: I believe in Jesus, the Son of the living God, born in Bethlehem, for me and for the world. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

UMH219

BENEDICTION

(P: Pastor C: Congregation)

P: God comes to us now; comes to embrace us.

C: Emmanuel, God who is with us.

P: For this Child is Peace beyond all peace,

C: Love beyond all loves, Light of light, Song of songs, God Almighty!

P: Follow this Child who is Grace beyond all grace,

C: A Gift beyond all gifts, Joy of joys, God made flesh, Almighty!

P: Go in joy and love to serve your newborn King!

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!

“WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS”



DAILY PRAYER GUIDE BASED ON THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS OF INFLUENCE (Dick Eastman, 2012)

You are encouraged to use the following in your daily intercession. As you are led by the Holy Spirit, pray specifically for our church, other churches, our nation and nations of the world.

1 RELIGION (The Church and her ministries)

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing on all churches regardless of their denominations.
- Pray for ministries involved in evangelism and discipleship including foreign missionary activity.

At the recent 42nd TRAC Annual Conferences, a number of pastors are due for transfers as a result of their appointments, including Rev. Thomas Chin.

- Pray for all the pastors involved (especially Rev. Thomas Chin) including their families, to make the necessary preparation, and pray that the transfers will be carried out smoothly.
- We also welcome back Rev. Dr. Andrew Tan and Mrs. Anna Tan.

The Chairman of Christian Federation of Malaysia is calling on churches in Malaysia to pray for Pastor Raymond Koh and his family this Saturday & Sunday as we approach the 300th day of his abduction in broad daylight in Kelana Jaya.

- Pray for his wife and children that God will grant His presence, peace and persevering strength to them to face the uncertainty over his whereabouts.

Pray for CGMC's Jubilee Year

- As we celebrate the Jubilee Year, pray for unity among the pastors, leaders and members and for the Lord's favour to bring about a mighty spiritual breakthrough in all our ministries.
- Pray for 'Be A Blessing' project, that all cell groups, leaders and members will enthusiastically take up a project or two to bless those who are in need with the love and grace of God, and in turn be blessed.

2 FAMILY AND MARRIAGES (Youth, Children, Marriage, etc)

- Pray for families in general, and particularly for the healing of broken relationships in marriages and families especially among believers and those in the Christian ministry.

3 EDUCATION (All Schools, Universities, Colleges and Educators)

The focus is to pray for all institutions of learning; to give special emphasis and care for the very young, as children are so easily influenced and for those preparing for higher education.

- Pray for teachers and educators. Pray for those you know by name.

The school children are on a month-long holiday

- Pray for the protection of children from harm-ways.
- Pray that the parents and guardians will ensure that their children and charges are supervised and engage in healthy activities.

4 BUSINESS (The Marketplace)

This focus involves praying for a spiritual awakening in the marketplace.

- Pray especially that God will use Christian businessmen and businesswomen to influence others in their professions.
- Pray that major corporations will build their companies on a foundation of high moral and ethical standard.

5 GOVERNMENT (State, National and International)

Pray for the leaders of our state and the national government. Remember especially to intercede for the judiciary (judges) of our nation and the nations of the world. Intercede also for the military, the police and civil servants.

Once again the East Coast States of Peninsular Malaysia are experiencing the North-East Monsoon.

- Pray for the Lord's restraining hand on the weather to prevent excessive flooding and the protection of human lives and properties

Pray for children at risk

- More than half a million Rohingyas have fled to Bangladesh from Myanmar, among them are thousands of children suffering from malnutrition and sicknesses. Pray for international aid of basic needs and medicines to save the children.
- The civil war in Yemen also displaced thousands of children who are suffering from malnutrition and some are dying from famines because of shortage of food and medicines. Pray for the children to be saved.

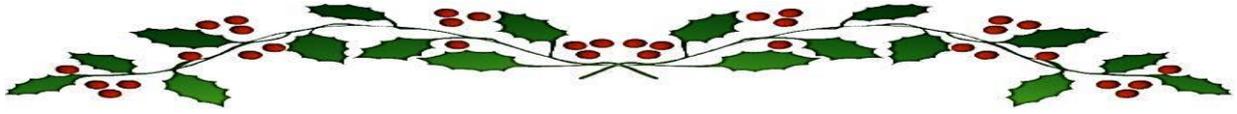
6 MEDIA (The Press, Television, Internet, Social Network)

- Ask God to cause all aspects of the media and information technology to become a tool in His hands to change the culture around us for His honour and glory.

7 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT (including sports)

This focus includes all the various fields of the arts and entertainment including sports.

- ❖ Ask God to use Christians in these areas to influence and impact those around them.



Worship Enablers

Date:	25 Dec 2017 (Monday) 10:00 am	30 Dec 2017 (Saturday)	31 Dec 2017 (Sunday) 8:45 am	31 Dec 2017 (Sunday) 10:30 pm (WatchNight Covenant Service)
Preacher	Rev. Thomas Chin	<h1>No Service</h1>		
Scripture Reading	Mrs. Lynnette Tan			
Liturgist	Rev. Thomas Chin			
Worship Leader	Dr. Philip Ho			
Co-Worship Leaders	Mrs. Selina Lim Mrs. Irene Lim Mrs. Juliana Yong			
Musicians	Ms. Emily Ho Ms. Megan Ravi Ms. Hannah Kuah			
Visual Projectionist	Ms. Joy-Anne Yew			
Welcome Team	Saturday & Sunday Team			
Fellowship Hour				
Flowers				
		Rev. Dr. Andrew Tan	Rev. Dr. Andrew Tan	Pastor Dato' Daniel Ho
			Mr. Sum Kwan Hoo	Mr. Loh Xiu Ming
		Mr. Sum Kwan Hoo	Mr. Sum Kwan Hoo	Rev. Dr. Andrew Tan
		Mrs. Jennifer Liew	Mrs. Jennifer Liew	Ms. Tham Lai Meng
		Mrs. Tan Sau Chun Mrs. Claire Lai Ms. Winnie Goh	Mrs. Tan Sau Chun Mrs. Claire Lai Ms. Winnie Goh	Ms. Winnie Goh Mrs. Lana Lim
		Ms. Rachel Sum Mr. Micheal Drieberg Mr. Leong Siew Hong Mr. Justine Chai	Ms. Rachel Sum Mr. Micheal Drieberg Mr. Leong Siew Hong Mr. Justine Chai	Ms. Tiang Wen Sze Dr. Chow Weng Sum Mr. Daniel Leo
		Ms. Alicia Ching	Ms. Alicia Ching	Ms. Joy-Anne Yew
		Sunday Team	Sunday Team	Saturday & Sunday Team
		CG6 & CG21	CG6 & CG21	
		Julia Solomon & Freddie Lim	Julia Solomon & Freddie Lim	

Welcome to CGMC Worship Service

May you encounter God and be enriched in your fellowship with us.
Visitors, guests and members are welcome to join us for coffee / tea
at our Concourse after worship.

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CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON

26 December 2017 (Tuesday)

in lieu of Christmas Day work.

Church Office will resume as usual on 27 December 2017
(Wednesday).

SERVICES

NEW YEAR EVE SUNDAY SERVICE

31 December 2017, Sunday 8:45am,

WATCH NIGHT AND HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE (COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE)

31 December 2017, Sunday 10:30pm

HALF DAY OF PRAYER FOR NEW YEAR

01 January 2018, Monday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

2018 Please Take Note

SIT DOWN EXERCISE	Resumes 05 Jan 2018 (Fri)	11:00 am – 12:30 pm
CGMC KIDS	Resumes 07 Jan 2018 (Sun)	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
CGMC YOUTH	Resumes 07 Jan 2018 (Sun)	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
AEROBIC CLASS	Resumes 07 Jan 2018 (Sun)	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm