



Sunday Bulletin

Glorify God by loving Christ, loving one another and reaching the world.

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Advent - The Season of Hope, Faith, Joy & Peace

Dear Friends,

Starting on November 28th and ending with Christmas eve is the Advent season. Advent is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds as we look forward to our Savior's birth. With the coming of the Advent we will be light a new candle each week up until Christmas Eve when we light all five candles. **What do these candles symbolize?**

The **first candle**, which is purple, symbolizes **hope**. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The **second candle**, also purple, represents **faith**. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The **third candle** is pink and symbolizes **joy**. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the **final purple candle** to mark the final week of prayer as we wait for the **birth of our Saviour**. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "**Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.**"

The **white candle** is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "**Christ Candle**" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Saviour.

Blessings,

Pastor Joel

City of Hope



A Cantata for Christmas

by
Tom Fettle and Jay Rouse
Narration by Rose Aspinall

Alfred Sacred
A Division of Jubilate Music Group

On December 26th, the AIC musicians will be performing a Christmas Cantata during the Sunday Service. There will be no children's ministry or discipleship classes that day. However, the nursery will be available. The service will start at 10:45 AM as usual. See you there!

Worship Through Giving

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

To support AIC ministries, please help us meet this year's budget.

For giving, you may transfer online to our HSBC Account: 012-184 255-838 Alliance International Church or send a cheque to the church office – 21 Tak Fung Street, Whampoa.

If time is not a concern, you can always stop by the AIC office. Come say hello, Tuesday to Friday 9:30-17:00. We will love to see you!

Donation to AIC is tax-deductible, if you need a receipt, email Dorie at dorie@aic.org.hk

FINANCE

Adult (Sat/Sun) & Children Attendance: 185

General Fund: \$13,415.60
Budget/week: \$84,616.00
Missions & Others: \$4,000.00

General Fund & Other Income:
April 2021 to present \$2,052,840.22
Budget for April 2021 to present:
\$2,876,944.00
Budget **deficit** April 2021 to present:
\$824,103.78

HOTEL QUARANTINE MINISTRY

If you know someone coming to work in Hong Kong for the first time, do let us know. We will be happy to be of help! Email: dorie@aic.org.hk

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The Alliance Filipino Fellowship has been serving domestic helpers from the Philippines who are undergoing quarantine in designated facilities. The fellowship partners with eight other Filipino churches in Hong Kong, as well as Kabayan Radio Hong Kong, and provides welcome kits to the helpers who are serving their 21-day quarantine in Silka Tsuen Wan Hotel or Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre on Lantau Island. The kit includes masks, hand sanitiser, a SIM card, snacks, a New Testament Bible and devotional material Our Daily Bread. Those helpers are also under follow-up through text messages after they have received those kits.

Since the ministry began in March, AFF was privileged to be part of the HQM team who had helped many incoming Filipino domestic workers. The fellowship prays that connection with those helpers could be continued and they could share with them the love of Christ in person.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

24 December @ 6:30pm

EVERYWHERE

Faith Comes By Hearing

VISION 2033

GOD'S AUDIBLE WORD FOR ALL

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14

What we are doing?

- Audio Bible Recordings
- Oral Bible Translation
- Bible Listening Programs
- Gospel Films
- Military Outreach



If you have any questions about the organizations or the offering, please feel free to contact MMT

members:

Eric Wan

Jed Daproza

Matthew Chung

Tracy Wallace

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
II Corinthians 9: 7

Websites

Here: Christian Perfect Church
<https://perfectchurch2015hk.wordpress.com/>

There: Alliance Global Serve - Cambodia Ministry
<https://www.alliancegs.org/cambodia/?lang=en>

Everywhere: Faith Comes by Hearing
<https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/what-we-do>



Mission – Love Offering 26 Dec 2021

Dear Church,

To follow up on our Mission Emphasis Month, AIC's leadership, together with the Mission Ministry Team (MMT), would like to invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the following 3 organizations financially this Christmas season, representing "Here, There, & Everywhere", a motto of AIC.

By faith, we've set the target amount to be **HKD \$100,000**. Your offerings will be collected on **26 December**, and they will be equally distributed among the three organizations. Thank you for your prayerful consideration! May God bless you richly as you participate in His kingdom's work!

Mission Ministry Team (MMT)

" But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NIV 1984)



Christian Perfect Church

基督教全備教會

Called by the Lord Jesus, the church was established since its dedication on March 2, 2014. It is dedicated to serving the most disadvantaged communities in Sham Shui Po, including drug addicts, street sleepers, disabled people, mental patients, released prisoners, people with intellectual disabilities, single-parent families, border youths, new immigrants, elderly people living alone, and so on.

HERE



MISSION STATEMENT

Thank the Lord for saving us, Hallelujah... The Lord Jesus bought us and we left the power of darkness and entered the kingdom of light. We have to shoulder our mission—to go to the world, to exalt Jesus, and to preach the cross of salvation.

PURPOSE AND DIRECTION

- Walking towards the crowd, touching lives,
- To gain the soul, glorify God, and bless others.



Alliance Global Serve - Camboidia Ministry

The school provides Grade 7 to 12 classes with elective vocational subjects & an internship program. The potential of the students will be fully developed and life skills will be mastered by engaging in an interactive & inspirational learning environment. The construction plan for this project includes a high school, vocational workshops, dormitories, an assembly hall & a community center.

Pailin Vocational High School

THERE



“PHASE 1 IS DUE TO OPEN NEXT FALL.”

Cambodia is one of the poor countries. Seeing the rapidly changing Cambodia, in 2016, AGS launched the vocational high school project, aiming to provide an advanced learning environment for the next-gen of this remote province and continue to nurture them to become loving and knowledgeable young leaders of tomorrow!