



VEF Worship Service

(December 27th, 2020)

*Address: #2 Jiangong 1st Road, Hsinchu.

*Website: www.vefellowship.com

Call to Worship	Luke 2:1-7
Worship in Song	Joy to the World Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Scripture Readings	Luke 2:8-21
Worship in Song	The First Noel What Child is This?
Christmas Skit <i>(Emmanuel & Barnabas CGs)</i>	The Unexpected Quest
Mission Focus	Prayer
Message <i>"The Gift That Keeps on Giving"</i>	John Olson Titus 2:11-14
Response Song	Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
Communion	John Olson
Benediction	John Olson

Children's Sunday school meets weekly. Children should go with their parents to the worship service and stay for the music portion of the service. After the music is done the children will be dismissed to their classes and can be picked up at 10:20.

Nursery (0-3 years old) – B101

Pre-school (4-6 years old) – B103 *Children should be 4 years old by September 1st, 2020

G1-G2 – B105

G3-G4 – B102

G5-G6 – B104

For safety reasons all parents need to fill out a registration form. Scan the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/Rx5NSLB5fAByNu6H9> to register.



Questions for Group Discussion

1. What is something that you are thankful for this past week?
2. Do you have any questions about the message today?
3. What did God teach you?
4. Do you have any prayer requests?

Announcements

Praise God that Pastor Tom & Rhonda received their visas and passports back from the TECO office. They arrived in Taiwan last night. Pray that they are able to finish their quarantine period without any issues and adjust to life in Taiwan.

The government requires that masks be worn while we are at church. Please wear a mask while you are at church (only removing it to eat).

“Your Confirmation” is a Bible study led by Peter Park that meets on Sundays from 10:45-11:45 in B104.

Last Sunday's (12/20)

- Morning worship attendance – 103
- Afternoon worship attendance – 49
- Children's Sunday school attendance – 41

How to pay tithes by Wire Transfer You can transfer your offerings to Victory's Postal account, the bank code is 700, follow by the account number - 0061021 0478485. Contact Pastor John at vefpastor@gmail.com or Yu-Hwa at yhwang217@yahoo.com.tw. Please make sure to contact one of them to make sure the money goes into the VEF account and transfer was properly made.

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Question: "Should we give gifts at Christmas?"

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Christmas-gifts.html>

Answer: Many people take the idea of gift giving at Christmas back to the scripture in [Matthew 2:10-11](#) which talks about the Magi (wise men) giving gifts to Jesus at his home: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh."

The Bible gives a wonderful story about the gift God gave us—Jesus Christ—and we can use it as an opportunity to present the gospel and to show love. Giving and receiving gifts can be part of fulfilling what Paul says about giving in [2 Corinthians 8:7-8](#), "Just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others." Paul encouraged the churches to give financial gifts to the believers in need in Jerusalem and stressed that their gifts were to be voluntary and motivated by earnest love. We can apply this same lesson to our own lives by giving to others, not just at Christmas, but year-round!

So, can gift giving become the focus of Christmas instead of thanking the Lord for the gift of His Son ([John 3:16](#))? Absolutely! Does giving gifts have to take away from the true meaning of Christmas? No, it does not. If we focus on the wonderful gift of salvation the Lord has given us ([Isaiah 9:6](#)), giving to others is a natural expression of that gratitude. The key is our focus. Is your focus on the gift or on the ultimate gift-giver, our gracious Heavenly Father? "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights..." ([James 1:17](#)).