



Café VEF Worship Service

(December 13th, 2020)

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

*Website: www.vefellowship.com



Call to Worship	Matthew 11:2-11
Worship in Song	Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee
Advent Candle Lighting	
Worship in Song	10,000 Reasons Wonderful Peace
Announcements	Jims
Message <i>"Restoration"</i>	John Olson Isaiah 35:1-10
Response Song	As the Deer
Benediction	John Olson

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?

Prayer Requests

Pray for all of the outreach events that are taking place this month. Pray that we would be able to build relationships with non-Christians and point them to God.

VEF needs to find someone (or a team) who can help lead youth group on Friday nights. Pray that the right person(s) would step forward.

Pray that Pastor Tom and Rhonda would receive their visa soon. Pray that God would grant them patience while they wait.

3rd Week of Advent

The first candle of the advent wreath was lit so that we would remember the Prophets. The second candle was lit to help us to remember the Angels. The third candle we will light today will help us remember the Shepherds.

The Shepherds remind us that Jesus has come for the common, everyday man. Our need for a Savior is not based on our status in life, but is based on sinfulness. Even Jesus said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick." [Matthew 9:12](#)

The Bible goes on to tell us in 1 Corinthians Chapter 1 "Consider your calling, brethren, that there are not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised, God has chosen, the things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are, that no man should boast before God."

And so we come today to light the third candle of the advent wreath, that we may remember the Shepherds.

Announcements

VEF needs a person or group of people who are willing to help lead the youth group on Friday nights. If you would like more information please talk with Pastor John or Jims.

There is a Christmas Party on December 25th on 8F of Victory starting at 6:30PM. Bring Christmas snacks, desserts, and goodies to share. (We won't have a potluck, but feel free to bring your own food to eat).

Looking ahead

December 20 – Junior Choir

December 24 – Candlelight Service (7:30PM – B1)

December 25 – Christmas Party (6:30PM – 8F)

Last Sunday's (12/6)

- Morning worship attendance – 115
- Afternoon worship attendance – 55
- Children's Sunday school attendance – 38

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.

VEF Contact Information

Pastor John Olson – 03-571-6803 x2221 / vefpastor@gmail.com

Minister Jims Jeong – 03-571-6803 x2226 / jims.vef@gmail.com

Peter Park – koo26@naver.com

Join us on LINE or FB to get regular updates regarding VEF.



Question: "Should Christians celebrate Christmas?"

Answer: The debate about whether or not Christians should celebrate Christmas has been raging for centuries. There are equally sincere and committed Christians on both sides of the issue, each with multiple reasons why or why not Christmas should be celebrated in Christian homes. But what does the Bible say? Does the Bible give clear direction as to whether Christmas is a holiday to be celebrated by Christians?

First, let's look at the reasons why some Christians do not celebrate Christmas. One argument against Christmas is that the traditions surrounding the holiday have origins in paganism. Searching for reliable information on this topic is difficult because the origins of many of our traditions are so obscure that sources often contradict one another. Bells, candles, holly, and [yuletide/yule](#) decorations are mentioned in the history of pagan worship, but the use of such in one's home certainly does not indicate a return to paganism. While there are definitely pagan roots to some traditions, there are many more traditions associated with the true meaning of Christmas—the birth of the Savior of the world in Bethlehem. Bells are played to ring out the joyous news, candles are lit to remind us that Christ is the Light of the world ([John 1:4-9](#)), a star is placed on the top of a Christmas tree to remember the Star of Bethlehem, and gifts are exchanged to remind us of the gifts of the Magi to Jesus, the greatest gift of God to mankind.

As we have seen, there is no legitimate scriptural reason not to celebrate Christmas. At the same time, there is no biblical mandate to celebrate it, either. In the end, of course, whether or not to celebrate Christmas is a personal decision. Whatever Christians decide to do regarding Christmas, their views should not be used as a club with which to beat down or denigrate those with opposing views, nor should either view be used as a badge of honor inducing pride over celebrating or not celebrating. As in all things, we seek wisdom from Him who gives it liberally to all who ask ([James 1:5](#)) and accept one another in Christian love and grace, regardless of our views on Christmas.

For the full article go to <https://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-Christmas.html>