



Café VEF Worship Service

(December 20th, 2020)

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Call to Worship	Psalm 96:11-13
Worship in Song	Joy to the World Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Away in a Manger O Little Town of Bethlehem
Advent Candle Lighting	
Announcements	Jims
Message <i>"Jesus, God With Us"</i>	Steven Choi Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-14
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.

Thank you to all the members of the junior choir and for leading us in worship today.

Question: "What is the true meaning of Christmas?"

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

Answer: The true meaning of Christmas is love. [John 3:16-17](#) says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

The real Christmas story is the story of God's becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Savior! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself ([1 John 4:8](#)). Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshiping Him, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. God loved His own and provided a way—the only Way—for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" ([Romans 5:8](#)).

Announcements

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).

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.

We'll be having 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 24 – Candlelight Service (7:30PM – B1)

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

Last Sunday's (12/13)

- Morning worship attendance – 93
- Afternoon worship attendance – 57
- Children's Sunday school attendance – 23

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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4th Week of Advent

The 4th Candle reminds us of love. The word “love” occurs hundreds of times in the Bible. It makes sense because the Bible is the story of God’s love. Without love there would be no Christmas.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 - Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:6-7 - Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:13 - And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 John 4:7 - Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:9-10 - God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 John 4:19 - We love because he first loved us.

John 3:16-17 - “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.