



### *THE SEASON OF ADVENT*

Advent is a season in the liturgical year observed by many churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the second coming. The word "advent" comes from the Latin "adventus" meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance. The advent for this year starts from 29 November to 24 December 2020.

Advent is a time of hoping, of renewing our trust in God's merciful love and care, and of reflecting on the several comings (advents), of Christ in our lives, reminds [Vatican Radio](#). The days of Advent are "joyful and prayerful anticipation of Jesus' coming," states the Vatican, because this season is intended to fill people with great expectations of the coming of the Messiah just as parents expectantly wait for the birth of their child and make preparations for receiving the child into their family.

Purple is historically the main color used for advent because it reflects penitence, fasting, and the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King (Jesus Christ). The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his first Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his second Advent.

We ponder again the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord humbled Himself, taking on our humanity, and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the Creed that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him.

The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord.

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*During this unusual time when we cannot come together for worship, we can still be part of a worshipping community. We invite you to join us at our pre-recorded worship service at this website <https://www.cplink.org.sg/>. We hope you can also connect with our Life Groups. Please contact one of our Pastoral Staff if you like to join a Life Group. We are still meeting and connecting through various digital platforms.*

*Welcome!*

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*We want to grow in Christlikeness through devotion and delight in God, nurturing devotion and delight in God, nurturing relationships and intentionally multiplying disciplemakers.*

The five wise virgins in the parable of the ten virgins were so consumed by their joyful anticipation of the bridegroom's arrival that they were very thorough in their preparations and brought oil with their lamps. The five foolish ones, on the other hand, were ill prepared and neglected their duties. As a result of their lukewarm devotion, they were unable to join the bridegroom when he finally arrived.

The season of Advent is the perfect reminder for us to stay focused on Jesus and remember that our earthly journey is only temporary. Our hearts and souls must be ready when the Lord returns. Like the wise virgins in the story, we must stay faithful, vigilant and totally consumed by our devotion to Him.

*~ Rev Christina Ong ~*

The mission collection for December we are collecting for our CPC missionaries as a year-end love gift. As we come to the year end, we wish to take this time to appreciate our missionaries for all their labour and hard work in their mission fields. Let's give generously to bless them.

# MISSION COLLECTION

(Year-end love gift for our CPC Missionaries)

Account Name: **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-MC**

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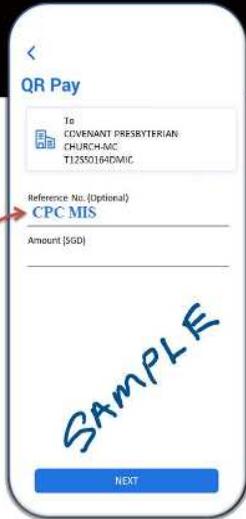
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Please indicate **\*ONLY\*** the Mission Collection Code here:

**CPC MIS**



# GIVING

**Kindly take note of the separate bank accounts for Tithing and Offering.**

## TITHING



*Please key in your tithing number at the reference section. If you are unsure of or do not a tithing number, you may drop us an email at the church website. under “Request” tab and we will get back to you.*

### INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: 025-905375-8

Account name: Covenant Presbyterian Church - Tith

UEN no. **T12SS0164DTTH**

## OFFERING



*Please key in only the alphabet at the reference section as follows :*

*“E” for English Service  
“C” for Chinese Service  
“SL” for Sri Lankan Service*

### INTERNET TRANSFER

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Account name: Covenant Presbyterian Church

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✝ **CPC Combined Prayer Meeting** (Fresh Fire & C.HOP) on 11 Dec (Fri) @ 8pm. Meeting ID : 298 108 8560  
Password: 2768768
- ✝ **Christmas Worship Service** on **25 Dec @ 10.30am**. Remember to pre-register your attendance via our Church's website, <https://cplink.org.sg/>
- ✝ **Adult & Child Baptism, Confirmation and Transfer-in** on **25 Dec**. Closing date 18 Dec. You may register at the church office or send an email to [Hope@cplink.org.sg](mailto:Hope@cplink.org.sg) or [Hazel@cplink.org.sg](mailto:Hazel@cplink.org.sg)



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Pr Lionel Neo  
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#### Sri Lankan Service

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#### Chinese Service

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#### CareWorks Community Services

Rev Dr Henry Wong

#### Gladiolus Place

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#### Ministry Team Leaders

##### *Creche*

Kong Soh Lian

##### *Children*

Pr Lionel Neo

##### *Youth and Young Adult (YaYA)*

Rev Abel Lee (ad interim)

Aruneeporn Ng

Audrey Wong

##### *Young Working Adult & Young Married*

Rev Dr Henry Wong

##### *Adults & Seniors*

Rev Keith Lai/ Ps Lai Mui Fong

##### *Hospitality*

Jenny Ho

##### *Worship*

Arthur Lim

##### *Missions*

Ho Chung Tat

##### *Prayer*

Rev Dr Henry Wong

##### *Freedom & Wholeness*

Alfred & Jenny Koay

##### **GB / BB**

Pr Lionel Neo

##### *Chinese Seniors Alpha Course*

Pr Chin Yoke Fen

##### *Day Alone with the Lord*

Ps Lai Mui Fong