

# SUNDAY BRIEFING



## Hope of Advent

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING (Advent Season):** This Sunday, we will begin to celebrate our preparation for the Celebration of Christ's birth. On the 3rd of December, we will have brothers and sisters gathering in our building to do what is called "hanging of the green," as we decorate our facilities. The Advent wreath will be used on Sunday as part of our worship service as a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, five candles will be arranged. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Families, or other small groups of friends may give devotional readings or prayers while lighting the candles on the Advent wreath. Some Christians may also have this tradition in their homes as a way of focusing their spiritual lives at this time.

On the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 28, 2021), the first candle (usually purple or blue) is lit. This candle may be called the "Prophecy Candle or Hope Candle" as it reminds us of the Prophecies preparing the way for the Messiah: "Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call Him Immanuel (Is. 7:14)"

## UPCOMING

**December 12th |**  
Children's Christmas  
Program & Joint Service

**December 19th |**  
Joint Christmas Service

**December 24th |**  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

# FCBC Order of Worship

## Sunday, November 28th, 2021

**Welcome & Prayer** | Ashley Yap

**Music** | Praise Team

**Announcements** | Deacon Rick Ong

**Advent Candle & Prayer** | Randy & Joyce Lew

**Scripture Reading** | Pastor Dillon Le

**Message** | Pastor Don Gardner

**Music & Prayer** | Praise Team

## "Christmas Hope Is Coming"

**Revelation 1: 5-18**

**Pastor Don Gardner**

- I. The Messiah of Old (Jesus, the Suffering Servant)
- II. The Messiah of New (The Victorious Christ...the Hope of Believers)
- III. Christ Lives and Introduces "Eternity" to Our Thinking!

## Announcements

### **Dec. 12th @ 9:30AM**

Children's Christmas Program & Combined Service\*

### **Dec. 19th @ 9:30AM**

Christmas Combined Service\*

Deacon Larry and Lesa Yap will be working with us to have some special music for the 19th and 24th of December. Joy & Qiu Lan will also be assisting the Chinese Congregation in music preparation for these services. Please know you are encouraged to join for these fun times of service to our Lord.

### **Dec. 24th @ 6:00PM**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We are still looking for some "Family Singing" or "Sharing of Drama" for the December 24th evening service....could that be you? Let us know!

**\*Sunday Bible study classes will meet following service**

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be patient in  
tribulation, be  
constant in  
prayer.*

ROMANS 12:12

