

# SUNDAY BRIEFING



## Joy Found in His Coming

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

Advent is about preparation for Christ's arrival. Different denominations sequence the steps and content for the weeks leading up to the celebration of Christ's birth. Yet, the time of "Advent" isn't about traditions alone but is about us having our hearts prepared to appreciate what Christ has done for the spiritual welfare of those who follow Him. It is true that the world has denied Christ and His message of sacrifice, forgiveness, and salvation. Yet, this same world selects December of each year as an opportunity to allow materialism to run rampant as we find persons traveling and partying with no consideration for Christ's role in the Christmas season.

For we Christians, we find ourselves highly challenged as we must determine to what degree, and in what ways, we may allow ourselves to participate in the revelry of the activities that are around us. How can we retain our clarity of Christian identity when all around us presents a message that seems to neglect the basic ideas and definitions of Advent? Remember, Advent is about Jesus! It is a time/season to prepare ourselves for celebration of Christ's earthly birthday and also a reminder of His future Second Coming for His Church. It is a time of Praise and JOY!

## 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, December 5th, 2021

**Welcome & Prayer** | Deacon Jim Loui

**Music** | Praise Team

**Announcements & Lord's Supper** | Deacon Rick Ong

**Advent Candle & Prayer** | Ryan & Debbie Lee

**Scripture Reading** | Heather Ong (video)

**Message** | Pastor Don Gardner

**Music & Closing Prayer** | Stuart Loui

## "Righteous Days Are Coming!"

**Revelation 4:1-11**

**Pastor Don Gardner**

Notes:

## 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**

*You have put  
more joy in my  
heart than they  
have when their  
grain and wine  
abound.*

PSALM 4:7

