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The Pastor's Message

Fourth Quarter 2026 – "Daily Manna Together" – "GO"

Dear Family of FMC,

Peace of the Lord be with you.

As we enter the final quarter of 2026, the Church calendar summons us into a season that calls us to "GO." Not aimlessly, but with the weight of prophecy and the warmth of the Advent promise pressing us forward. The Holy Spirit has guided our selection of Scripture from three distinct voices: the soaring call of Isaiah (chapters 1–9, 40–50), the piercing challenge of Micah, and the Advent lectionary Gospels. Together, they form a three-cord strand that will not be broken.

Why Isaiah?

These chapters take us from the thundering indictment of empty religion (Is. 1) to the tender promise of a Child born for us (Is. 9). Then we leap to the "Comfort, comfort My people" of Isaiah 40, through the Suffering Servant (Is. 52–53). Isaiah prepares us to go – because we have first seen the Lord high and lifted up. You cannot stay still after encountering the Holy One.

Why Micah?

This minor prophet delivers a major message for a "GO" season. Micah 6:8 is our compass: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" As we go into our neighbourhoods and workplaces, Micah checks our pace. Are we going for spectacle, or for substance? Advent people do not simply rush – we walk humbly, with justice and mercy as our travel gear.

Why the Advent Lectionary Gospels?

Because "GO" is meaningless without a destination. Advent announces that God is coming to us so that we might go for Him. Mark, Luke, and John in these weeks will show us John the Baptist preparing the way, Jesus drawing near, and Mary's fiat ("let it be to me"). The Gospels remind us: before we can go to the world, we must first go toward the manger. The Word becomes flesh – and that Word is now on our lips.

So, take up this manna. Go and tell, go and love, go and serve, go and kneel. The journey is the worship.

Waiting with you for His coming,

FMC Pastoral Team

Introduction to Advent

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical year. The term derives from the Latin word *Adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” It typically begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas (the Sunday closest to November 30) and lasts for approximately four weeks, ending on December 24, Christmas Eve. For example: In 2026, Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, and ends on Thursday, December 24.

The Spiritual Significance of Advent:

- **Reflecting on Christ’s First Coming**: Remembering and celebrating the redemptive grace of Jesus Christ’s Incarnation and birth in a manger.
- **Looking forward to Christ’s Second Coming**: Reminding believers to remain vigilant, repentant, and hopeful in their daily lives as they await the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory.

Some Advent Traditions and Symbols

Advent Wreath: A circular wreath made of evergreen branches, adorned with four candles (typically three purple and one pink; some traditions include an additional white candle in the centre). One candle is lit each Sunday, symbolising the light leading up to Christmas and the countdown:

Purple: Symbolises repentance, self-denial, and vigilance.

Pink: Symbolises the joy of the approaching Christmas (usually lit on the third Sunday).

White: Symbolises the holiness and true light of Christ (often lit on Christmas Eve).

During Advent, we believers set aside the hustle and bustle of the world and, through quiet reflection, prayer, Scripture reading, and meditation, prepare our hearts to celebrate the redemptive grace of Jesus Christ’s Incarnation and birth in a manger, and to welcome the coming of the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

How To Practice Daily Devotions

God is a personal Spirit, and "Heavenly Father" is more than just a title—it reflects the deep reality that He is our loving and caring Father. Through the spiritual discipline of daily devotions, we come to know, communicate, and walk closely with Him.

Daily devotions involve setting aside specific times to draw near to God, to know Him, and to align with His will. Through reading the Bible, we come to understand His intentions, and we can respond to God in prayer and reflection. By dedicating time each day to read the Bible, pray, and meditate on God's word, we allow God's presence into our lives to guide us. Jesus often withdrew from the crowd and His disciples to commune with the Father in solitude, gaining strength and direction to fulfil His mission.

1. The Purpose of Daily Devotions
   a. To draw closer to God and communicate with Him. In these end times, God calls us to be awake and alert, using His Word to sustain us.
      "I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word. My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises." (Psalm 119:147-148, NIV)

   b. To receive guidance and light for our lives.
      "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105, NIV)

   c. To renew our minds to live out our new life in Christ.
      By studying the scriptures, God's servants are thoroughly equipped for every good work and taught to live righteously.
      "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NIV)

2. Preparation for Daily Devotions
   - Time: Select a time when you can be undisturbed and alone, whether in the morning or in the evening for reflection.
   - Place: Find a quiet, distraction-free space where you can focus.
   - Materials: Have your Bible, a notebook for recording reflections, and a pen ready.
   - Mindset: Approach God with a calm and open heart, prepared to hear from Him and encounter Him.

3. Spiritual Discipline

   Daily devotions as a spiritual discipline is not meant to be rigid or legalistic, just as our relationships with family members are not meant to feel burdensome. Time spent with our Heavenly Father should feel genuine and heartfelt. For those starting out, simple and practical methods can help cultivate meaningful spiritual habits and deepen our relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Daily Scripture Readings

Date	Verses	Date	Verses
23/11	2 Timothy 2:8-13	14/12	Ephesians 6:10-17
24/11	Revelation 19 :1-9	15/12	Acts 3:17-4:4
25/11	John 5:19-40	16/12	Mark 9:9-13
26/11	Revelation 14:6-13	17/12	Hebrews 1:1-4
27/11	1 Thess 4:1-18	18/12	Hebrews 1:5-14
28/11	Weekly Reflection	19/12	Weekly Reflection
29/11	Sermon—Mark13:24-37	20/12	Sermon—Luke1:26-38
30/11	Revelation 15:1-8	21/12	Hebrews 9:1-14
1/12	Revelation 18:1-10	22/12	Hebrews 8:1-13
2/12	Luke 21:34-38	23/12	Mark 11:1-11
3/12	1 Thess 1:2-10	24/12	Luke 2:1-20
4/12	Acts 11:19-26	25/12	Matthew 1:18-25
5/12	Weekly Reflection	26/12	Weekly Reflection
6/12	Sermon—Mark 1:1-8	27/12	Sermon—Isaiah 43:18-19
7/12	Acts 2:37-42	28/12	Matthew 2:13-18
8/12	Acts 11:1-18	29/12	Matthew 12:46-50
9/12	Luke 1:5-17	30/12	2 Peter 3:8-13
10/12	Philippians 3:7-11	31/12	John 8:12-19
11/12	Philippians 3:12-16		
12/12	Weekly Reflection		
13/12	Sermon—John1:6-8, 19-28		

23/11
(Mon)

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Suffering can indeed cause people to lose faith in God. However, Paul encourages believers here to remember Christ in the midst of suffering and to persevere steadfastly. Through this, Paul encourages Timothy (and all believers) not to lose heart when facing persecution while sharing the gospel, but to hold fast to God's faithful and trustworthy Word.

Reflection
Have you ever felt so discouraged while sharing the gospel that you lost heart? What did you do at the time? How are you doing now? Are you still sharing the gospel? What motivates you to continue? If you have stopped sharing the gospel, would you consider starting again? Please pray for yourself.

Reflection

Application & Prayer

24/11
(Tue)

Revelation 19:1-9

Immediately after the overthrow and judgment of the great city of Babylon, great praise breaks out in heaven, as the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures rejoice together, shouting in unison, “Hallelujah” (meaning “Praise the Lord”). Almighty God reigns; His true and righteous judgment on the wicked has been carried out; and not only that, but the Lamb’s wedding feast and the preparation of the Bride are also taking place. God’s true Word tells us: His eternal will shall ultimately be fulfilled, and mourning will surely be turned into eternal rejoicing.

Reflection
When we worship God through hymns, the lyrics often include “Hallelujah.” Even in our daily lives, we frequently use “Hallelujah” as a common expression. What are we expressing when we sing or say “Hallelujah”? Is our praise grounded in the objective fact that “God reigns,” or does it fluctuate with our circumstances?

Reflection

Application & Prayer

25/11
(Wed)

John 5:19-40

In response to the Jews' accusations that "He healed on the Sabbath and considered Himself equal with God," the Lord Jesus offered an authoritative defence and revelation. Jesus declared, "The Son can do nothing on His own; He does only what He sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise," demonstrating His absolute alignment with the Father's will and His complete obedience to Him. Jesus did not act independently.

Reflection
Jesus did not act independently. He was in absolute harmony with the Father's will and was completely obedient to Him. Do we "act independently"? May the Lord help us to remain vigilant at all times and resolve to obey Him.

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

26/11
(Thu)

Revelation 14:6-13

The first angel proclaims the "everlasting gospel," declaring to "every nation, tribe, language, and people" that they should fear God and give Him glory.
The second angel proclaims, "Babylon the great has fallen!" Babylon represents a secular system that opposes God, as well as temptation and hegemony. On the surface, it appears strong, prosperous, and highly attractive, but under God's judgment, it is bound to fall.
The third angel issued a most solemn warning: those who worship the beast and its image, and those who receive the mark of the beast, will drink the wine of God's fierce wrath. The saints endure in adversity, holding fast to God's commandments and the true teachings of Jesus.
We who live in this present age must also keep the angels' message firmly in mind.

Reflection
Following the Lord is not a smooth and easy path. When our faith conflicts with social trends, utilitarianism, or even our physical safety, do we have the courage to "endure"?
The world views death as an end or a source of fear, but the Bible points out that for those in Christ, death is "rest from toil," and everything we have offered to God during our lifetime holds value in eternity. How do you view death?

Reflection

Application & Prayer

27/11
(Fri)

1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

Paul mentions that Christians should strive even more in their conduct. Our life of faith should not be superficial. Rather, we must strive to grow daily, reaching for higher things, and living in the likeness of the Lord Jesus.
The passage points out that those who have died in Christ are “asleep.” We mourn, but not as those who have no hope. The ultimate meaning of our life’s labour is not worldly success, but rather it points to the Lord Jesus, who is to come again.

Reflection
Do we demonstrate a sense of responsibility and virtue in our daily lives rather than living by empty talk or prying excessively into others’ lives with a gossipy mindset?
When faced with the loss of loved ones or the transience of life, do we possess an eternal certainty that transcends despair?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

28/11 (Sat) **Weekly Spiritual Reflection**

Reflection

Application & Prayer 

29/11 (Sun) **Sunday Service: Mark 13:24-37**

Sermon Topic: Go with Hope: Watching for Christ's Return

"Be still, listen, and respond to God."

Notes

Application & Prayer 

30/11
(Mon)

Revelation 15:1-8

Revelation 15 serves as the prelude to the seven bowls of judgment.
Before God's judgment comes, the Apostle John first allows us to see God's victory and the worship of His people. A group of overcomers stands on the sea of glass, holding harps and singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb.

Reflection
Do I praise God only in times of prosperity, or do I continue to trust in His righteousness and faithfulness even in the midst of adversity?
When I see injustice and evil in the world, do I believe that God is still in control, and that His righteousness, holiness, and glory never change? How will this help me face the road ahead?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

1/12
(Tue)

Revelation 18:1-10

The fall of Babylon serves as a wake-up call to the world. Babylon symbolises a world system that opposes God and pursues worldly power and luxury. Though it appears prosperous and powerful on the surface, it will ultimately face God's judgment because of pride, greed, and sin.

Pay attention to the contrast between the voices from heaven and the realities of this world. In this situation, which side will you choose—mourning or rejoicing?

Reflection
Am I easily drawn to the world's wealth, status, and pleasures, to the point that I neglect God's will?
When I see the world's splendour and injustice, am I still willing to wait patiently for God's timing?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

2/12
(Wed)

Luke 21:34-38

Jesus reminded His disciples to be vigilant and keep their hearts from being consumed by feasting, drunkenness, and the cares of this life, lest they be caught off guard on the day of His return.
True vigilance is not merely waiting for the Lord's return, but faithfully following Him in our daily lives.

Reflection
In the face of life's busyness and worries, do I still maintain the habit of praying and drawing near to God?
If the Lord were to return today, am I prepared to meet Him with a watchful and faithful life?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

3/12
(Thu)

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

Paul thanked God for the Thessalonians' testimony of "faith, love, and hope" (v. 3), because the object of their "faith, love, and hope" is Christ.
True faith is not merely a matter of professing belief with the mouth. It is living out the gospel in daily life, serving as an example to other believers, and faithfully awaiting the return of Jesus Christ.

Reflection
Does my faith lead to concrete actions? How do my love and hope manifest themselves?
When facing difficulties and challenges, do I still hold fast to my hope in God?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

4/12
(Fri)

Acts 11:19-26

Because of persecution, the believers were scattered to various places, yet they did not stop proclaiming the gospel. They brought the gospel to Antioch, leading many to believe and turn to the Lord.

When Barnabas saw God's grace, he rejoiced and encouraged everyone to set their hearts firmly on the Lord and remain steadfast in Him. He also had a heart focused on the Kingdom, willing to mentor the next generation and work alongside Paul to advance the gospel.

Reflection
When circumstances change or I face difficulties, am I still willing to recognise and seize the opportunities God provides to share the Gospel?
What lessons have I learned from Barnabas's ministry? How can this help me serve better and work more effectively with others?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

5/12 (Sat) **Weekly Spiritual Reflection**

Reflection

Application & Prayer 

6/12 (Sun) **Sunday Service: Mark 1:1-8**

Sermon Topic: Go in Peace: Preparing Hearts through Repentance

"Be still, listen, and respond to God."

Notes

Application & Prayer 

7/12
(Mon)

Acts 2:37-42

Peter's sermon was powerful; it pierced people's hearts and led them to repent and turn to Christ. The believers in the early church did not merely hear the gospel, but they were willing to let it transform their lives. They persevered in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer, building a vibrant community.

Reflection
Have I truly allowed the Gospel to transform my life, and do I live out a beautiful testimony in my daily life?
Am I merely a participant in the church, or am I fully integrated, becoming a member who supports and builds up the community?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

8/12
(Tue)

Acts 11:1-18

Peter explained to [the circumcised believers] that God Himself had led him to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles and had poured out the Holy Spirit upon them, just as He had done for “us” in the beginning.
This made it clear to everyone that God’s salvation knows no racial or cultural boundaries. Anyone who is willing to believe in Jesus Christ can receive new life. We must not rebuild the wall that the Lord Jesus has torn down.

Reflection
Do I still harbour certain preconceptions or biases that limit my willingness to accept and care for others?
When I see people from different backgrounds turning to God, do I rejoice sincerely, or do I hold back?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

9/12
(Wed)

Luke 1:5-17

Although Zechariah and Elizabeth were advanced in years, they continued to fear God and serve Him faithfully. God answered their prayers in His own time and granted them a son.

The birth of this child was meant not only to bring “great joy” to Zechariah but also to bring “joy” to many others (v. 14). Through his set-apart life, this child would bear witness to God’s election.

Reflection

When my prayers go unanswered, can I still hold onto hope, keep praying, and wait for God’s timing and plan?
How do I faithfully live out my faith as a witness in my daily life and ministry?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

10/12
(Thu)

Philippians 3:7-11

The achievements and status that Paul once took pride in are now regarded as loss because of his knowledge of Christ. He understands that true value lies not in his own accomplishments, but in gaining Christ, knowing Christ, and experiencing the righteousness that comes from faith. He longs to know the Lord more deeply, and even if he must suffer with the Lord, he believes he will experience the power of Christ's resurrection.

Reflection

What did I previously consider beneficial for me? Now that I know Christ, how have I adjusted the goals I pursue?

What was Paul hoping to gain by his desire to know Christ more deeply? How can I move toward a deeper knowledge of Christ today?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

11/12
(Fri)

Philippians 3:12-16

When Paul was still a young Pharisee, he dared to boast, " As to righteousness under the law, blameless" (v. 6); yet as he approached sixty, he felt he had not yet reached the finish line, nor had he fully "come to know Christ."

Christ is so rich and abundant that even a lifetime of effort cannot fully comprehend Him; Paul therefore strove with all his might, pressing on toward the prize that God has set before us in Christ Jesus.

Reflection

Am I content with my current spiritual condition, or am I still willing to pursue growth in Christ?

Do my past failures, achievements, or regrets affect my continued pursuit of following in the Lord's footsteps?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

12/12 (Sat) **Weekly Spiritual Reflection**

Reflection

Application & Prayer 

13/12 (Sun) **Sunday Service: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

Sermon Topic: Go with Joy: Witnessing to the Light

"Be still, listen, and respond to God."

Notes

Application & Prayer 

14/12
(Mon)

Ephesians 6:10-17

The Apostle Paul said we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world, and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
The foundation of a Christian's spiritual warfare is the victory Christ has already accomplished on the cross. Our task is not to attack or bind the devil, but to stand on the foundation of the Lord Jesus' victory, to hold fast to the truth, resist temptation, and stand firm in the Lord.

Reflection
When facing life's pressures, temptations, weaknesses, or setbacks, we often habitually rely on our own willpower, experience, or cleverness, only to end up exhausted. The Apostle Paul reminds us: Spiritual strength is never "fleshly might," but rather a complete reliance on the Lord's power, putting Him first in all things.

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

15/12
(Tue)

Acts 3:17-4:4

In 3:17, Peter says: “17 “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.” The Jews themselves had crucified Jesus, but Peter did not condemn them out of intense anger; rather, he pointed out that their actions were “acted in ignorance.” This offers believers a valuable reminder: when facing those who are hostile or do not understand the faith, we must go beyond our emotions to show compassion, recognizing the other person’s spiritual “ignorance” and needs, rather than rushing to pass judgment.

Reflection
Proclaiming the truth can strike a nerve with those who have vested interests and entrenched systems, leading to opposition and persecution. However, God’s Word never returns empty; amid persecution and tension, the number of believers actually grew significantly (about five thousand men). Have you heard what God is saying to you?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

16/12
(Wed)

Mark 9:9-13

On the mountain, the disciples witnessed Jesus revealing the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven, conversing with Moses and Elijah, and even heard the voice of the Father—an extraordinarily profound spiritual experience. However, Jesus immediately brought them back to reality.
Jesus strictly warned the disciples not to tell anyone about the vision they had seen until after He had risen from the dead. Jesus knew the human heart; without the context of the "resurrection," people's understanding of the "Messiah and the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven" would devolve into political and worldly misunderstandings—they would come to expect an earthly king who would overthrow Roman rule.

Reflection
Have you experienced "spiritual peaks"—such as profound prayer experiences, grace, or miracles? Do you long to remain in those experiences or to have them frequently? Jesus did not allow His disciples to remain on the mountain. They came down. They were to face the cross, brokenness, and suffering of real life. What insights have you gained from this passage?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

17/12
(Thu)

Hebrews 1:1-4

This passage of Scripture establishes the supreme authority of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament era, God spoke through the prophets; that revelation was progressive and partial, gradually unfolding through history and the Law. “In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son”: Jesus is not merely one among many prophets, but the pinnacle and culmination of God’s revelation. God did not send another spokesperson, but rather His Son Himself entered into history.

Reflection
In our lives, do we—whether intentionally or unintentionally—place certain people, things, achievements, a sense of security, or cultural traditions in a position of higher priority and greater honor than Jesus Christ? How will you realign the “highest place” in your life to worship and rely solely on this Savior who transcends all things, allowing your life to be continually renewed in Him?

Reflection

Application & Prayer

18/12
(Fri)

Hebrews 1:5-14

By quoting seven consecutive passages from the Old Testament (Psalms, 2 Samuel, Deuteronomy, etc.), the author powerfully demonstrates that Jesus Christ's exalted status far surpasses that of the angels.

In the Jewish context of that time, angels were often accorded the highest reverence and status, and some even went so far as to worship them excessively. Through this passage, the author solemnly points out that no matter how exalted angels may be, they are merely "ministering spirits" (1:14), whereas Jesus is the Son of God (1:5).

Reflection

The core of faith is always Christ—never any secondary spiritual experience or man-made idol. Because Christ has supreme authority, we must not treat Him with contempt or take advantage of Him; instead, we must submit to Him, worship Him, and remain faithful to Him. How is my relationship with Jesus? How do I relate to Jesus?

Reflection

Application & Prayer

19/12 (Sat) **Weekly Spiritual Reflection**

Reflection

Application & Prayer 

20/12 (Sun) **Sunday Service: Luke 1:26-38**

Sermon Topic: Go with Love: The Gift of the Incarnation

"Be still, listen, and respond to God."

Notes

Application & Prayer 

21/12
(Mon)

Hebrews 9:1-14

The author draws a stark contrast between the earthly tabernacle, rituals, and sacrifices of the Old Testament and Christ's superior high priesthood in heaven, as well as the eternal redemption He has offered.
The Old Testament established the earthly tabernacle along with various regulations for worship. Once a year, the high priest entered the Most Holy Place with blood, but these rituals and the blood of bulls and goats were merely temporary, outward symbols and shadows, until the time of restoration arrived.

Jesus Christ has come! He entered the greater and more perfect heavenly tabernacle, not made with human hands; He brought a better and eternal salvation.

Reflection
The Scripture says Christ's blood cleanses the conscience so that people may "purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God." "Dead works" refer not only to sins that clearly violate God's will, but also to lifeless, fleshly, and hollow religious acts—those done to show off through legalism or self-righteousness.
How do you live a vibrant, active life of service?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

22/12
(Tue)

Hebrews 8:1-13

The central theme of this passage is “Christ as the Mediator of a better covenant.” It contrasts the Old Testament system with the New Covenant brought by Jesus Christ:

1. A shift from “external regulations” to “inner life”
2. Recognizing Christ as the transcendent “High Priest”
3. Experiencing the free grace of “forgiveness of sins and fellowship”
4. The “gradual obsolescence” of the old ways brings hope for eternity.

Reflection

Is my relationship with God merely a series of superficial religious acts, or has my life been truly transformed by God’s Word, leading me to love and obey God from the depths of my heart? Please take some time to reflect on the state of your spiritual life and ask the Lord to help you embark on a new path.

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

23/12
(Wed)

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus chose a young donkey that no one had ever ridden (Mark 11:2). This fulfilled prophecy in the Old Testament book of Zechariah, revealing Him as the peaceful, humble Messiah.

The crowds lining the streets spread their cloaks and palm branches on the ground, shouting, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” (Mark 11:9–10). Yet history shows that these cheering crowds would likely turn against Him just a few days later, shouting “Crucify Him!” because their political expectations were not met!

Reflection

Jesus entered the temple and looked around. Since it was already late, He withdrew with the twelve disciples to Bethany (Mark 11:11). He wasn't swept away by superficial excitement; instead, He observed everything with clear, discerning eyes. When Jesus comes into our lives or our church, He also “looks around” carefully. What will He see?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

24/12
(Thu)

Luke 2:1-20

The passage begins by mentioning the decree issued by the supreme ruler of the time—the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus—to register the entire world, highlighting the power and authority of earthly kings over their people and resources. Yet the King who truly changed human history (Jesus) was not born in a palace, but in a manger in Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes. God's ways are often the exact opposite of the world's definitions of "greatness, power, and success."

Reflection
God chose to enter the world in a weak, humble, and down-to-earth way, identifying with those who suffer and are lowly. What insights does this offer you?
On Christmas Eve, please take some time to commune with God and thank Him for giving you His only begotten Son Jesus.

Reflection

Application & Prayer

25/12
(Fri)

Matthew 1:18-25

At Christmas, we reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ, Joseph's predicament and obedience, and the meaning of the names "Immanuel" (God with us) and "Jesus" (He will save His people from their sins).
Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin—a reality that transcends human biology and the logic of common sense. We are reminded that God's work of redemption is never limited by human reason, social structures, or historical circumstances.

Reflection
At the time, Mary and Joseph's situation put them at constant risk of humiliation, the breakup of their engagement, or even death. Yet God intervened amid the greatest turmoil, turning crisis into opportunity and fulfilling the prophecies of the Old Testament. Have you ever experienced God's intervention in your own life? What insights have you gained?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

26/12
(Sat)

Weekly Spiritual Reflection

Reflection

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27/12
(Sun)

Sunday Service: Isaiah 43:18-19
Sermon Topic: Go with Grateful Hearts.
Renewed Steps for a New Year
"Be still, listen, and respond to God."

Notes

Application & Prayer



28/12
(Mon)

Matthew 2:13-18

The story of Jesus' birth did not end with the manger and the adoration of the Magi, but it quickly became a crisis: from the moment He was born, He became a child on the run, a refugee in a foreign land.

King Herod unleashed a massacre to secure his throne; his atrocities bring to mind Pharaoh in the Book of Exodus, who sought to exterminate all male infants of Israel. Though evil powers are brutal, they cannot hinder God's plan of salvation. When the angel warned him in a dream, Joseph did not hesitate or argue; instead, he immediately set out on a long journey with his wife and child.

Reflection

Faced with sudden upheaval and danger, Joseph was a man of integrity who obeyed God's guidance and took on the responsibility of protecting and watching over his family. How would you respond if you were in a similar situation?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

29/12
(Tue)

Matthew 12:46-50

While Jesus spoke to the crowd, His mother and brothers were outside looking for Him. But Jesus looked around at His disciples and said, “Whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother, sister, and mother.”
Jesus defined true family as “those who do the will of My Father in heaven.” This means that in Christ’s kingdom, spiritual family bonds are deeper and more eternal than earthly blood ties.

Reflection
Believers become brothers and sisters in Christ; this relationship is founded on shared obedience to God’s will and a shared participation in Christ’s life and love. How do you view your brothers and sisters in Christ? What is the foundation of your relationship with them?

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

30/12
(Wed)

2 Peter 3:8-13

People always measure God's work by their limited calendars and impatient expectations, feeling that a long time has passed yet God has not acted. But God transcends time; He is not bound by our rhythm.

Skeptics and mockers often cite the Lord's apparent delay as proof that God does not exist, but Peter points out that what we perceive as the Lord's "delay" is actually an expression of His great mercy and an opportunity for people to return to Him. "The Day of the Lord will come like a thief" further reminds us not to fall into the complacent mindset that "there is still plenty of time to prepare slowly." Instead, we must remain vigilant at all times and not lose ourselves in worldly pleasures.

Reflection
A correct eschatological perspective does not involve passive withdrawal from the world or idly waiting for death, nor does it involve blindly counting the days. Rather, it means earnestly living a holy, godly life in anticipation of the coming of the new heavens and the new earth, so that we may be used by the Lord and glorify His name.

Reflection 

Application & Prayer 

31/12
(Wed)

John 8:12-19

Against the backdrop of the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus proclaimed one of His famous "I Am" statements and subsequently engaged in a heated debate with the Pharisees on the topics of "testimony and judgment."

The "darkness" Jesus spoke of refers not only to moral corruption but also to a state of confusion in which life lacks direction and one does not know which way to go. Jesus declared that true transformation begins with "following" Him. Only by shifting the focus of our lives to Him will the blindness, fear, and bondage of sin in our lives be illuminated by the Lord, the true light.

Reflection
To truly know God, we must follow Jesus, the true light.
The last day of 2026 is a time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new one. Please take some time to meditate and pray: In the coming year, how will you follow the glorious Lord Jesus with an even deeper, wholehearted commitment?

Reflection

Application & Prayer

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HIS MISSION, OUR CALLING

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The “GO” season of 2026 is upon us and we’re reminded that all of us are called to the Great Commission of Christ.

Through the books of Isaiah and Micah, and the Lectionary readings for Advent, we want to learn how to walk more steadfastly in this calling.

May the Lord bestow His grace, so that FMC may shine the radiant light of the Gospel from Little India, and Singapore, to the ends of the earth!

Date	Topic	Scripture	Preacher
29/11	Go with Hope: Watching for Christ’s Return	Mark 13:24-37	Rev Peace Choi
06/12	Go in Peace: Preparing Hearts through Repentance	Mark 1:1-8	Ps Alvin Ong
13/12	Go with Joy: Witnessing to the Light	John 1:6-8, 19-28	Rev Dr Niam Kai Huey
20/12	Go with Love: The Gift of the Incarnation	Luke 1:26-38	Pr Tham Yong Zheng
25/12	Go with the Gospel: Love Came Down	John 1:1-12,14; 3:16	Ps Yong Zhi Hui
27/12	Go with Grateful Hearts: Renewed Steps for a New Year	Isaiah 43:18-19	Rev Peace Choi

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