

## “I Am With You”

“I AM WITH YOU,” God promises Mary through the angel Gabriel. ... “I am with you,” God promises Joseph, Mary’s husband-to-be, in a dream. . . .

Promise by promise, the Advent story stretches out, like bands of cloth across a waiting manger. “I am with you,” God promises, through the words of prophets; in the songs of psalmists; from the lips of angels; by a fresh, tiny birth cry in the night.

And intersecting each strand of promise made by God, another promise is placed: from the yes of a girl, by the trust of a man, through the hope of a people, in the flesh of humanity. From the beginning to the end, Jesus Christ embodies God’s promise to the world, for you and for me: “I am with you.”

– *Behold! From page 84 of Behold! Cultivating Attentiveness During the Season of Advent by Pamela C. Hawkins. Copyright © 2011 by Pamela C. Hawkins. All rights reserved. Used by permission of Upper Room Books.*

**Today’s Question:** How do you see Jesus as the fulfillment of God’s promise?

**Today’s Scripture:** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7, NRSV

**This Week:** Pray for those mourning a loved one.

### Prayer.

For God’s counsel and wisdom to lead us in His plans and purposes for the coming year.

For healing for all those who are facing health challenges; for grace, strength and providence for their families and caregivers.

For safety all those who are travelling this season.

#### For Malaysia:

**For God’s continued grace of transition and healing of hearts** for the people of this land and nation as we rebuild this nation as one with a culture of respect, love, truth and humility in serving one another.

**For God’s counsel, wisdom, strength and protection, for the current government** to set things in right order; to provide a foundational framework of governance that facilitates and rewards truth, righteousness, justice, wisdom, mercy, humility. Also for protection of our borders and national safety within, and all officers defending the safety of the people and nation.

For elected leaders to carry out their entrusted responsibilities with wisdom, truth, justice, and humility. Continued prayer for the AG, Tommy Thomas, and his team as they advise the government on legal ongoing matters pertaining to the nation.

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# Liberating Truth:

## Realigning Our Stories with God’s Stories



Welcome to the Father’s House  
16 December 2018, Advent 3 Sunday



**Worship Gathering @ 10.00 am**  
**Do join us on Sundays for prayer @ 9.30 am, before Worship Service @ Refreshment Area.**

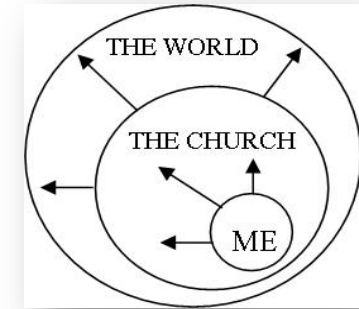
Teens and Youth join the Service.  
 Children Ministry: Ee Lyn, May Chin

**Schedule for This Sunday, 16-12-2018**  
**Advent 3 Sunday**

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit  
*Theme: Light of the Nations*  
**Worship:** Connie Asst Lead: -  
**Musicians:** Soo Choo, Keat Lim, Vicky, Mynn  
**Sound:** Jason/Gareth **LCD:** M Foong  
**Altar (Blue):** Po Ling  
**H. Communion:** Soo Tim & Mary

**Refreshments:** Tammy  
**Treasurer:** Ee Lyn, Joyce  
**Greeters:** Joyce, Joanne  
**Worship Lead on 23 Dec: Ee Lyn**  
**Scripture Readers:** Keat Lim, Mynn  
**Readings for This Sunday, Dec 16:**  
 OT: Isaiah 42:1-9  
 Gospel: Matt 12:15-21  
**Text Next Sunday, Dec 23:**  
 Psalm: Psalm 23:1-4, or 23:4  
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

The BLC Missions Collections are supporting the following:  
 > Batu 20, OA Congregation  
 > United Voice – Moh Foong  
 > Bible Translation Researchers  
 > Alongsiders (<http://alongsiders.org>)



**Worship**  
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**Worship - Upward**

**Community**  
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**Community - Inward**

**Pastoral Oversight: Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit**

- > Aardvark: Johnben
- > BLC Garden Day: TBA
- > New groups.

**Pastoral Oversight: Rev. Dr. Siew Woh**

- > Women Encouraging Women (WEW): PIC - Sheh-Ren
- > Sunday Bible Reading Group: PIC - Ling Ling
- > Thursday Bible Study

**Pastoral Oversight: Pr. Takeshi**

- > Giving Tree: PIC - Larry Lee
- > Youth (13 years and above) - PIC Ezekiel
- > Youth (12 and below)

**Children Ministry: Carmen Loke**

To invite people into the Reign of **God**, encourage them to grow in the Body of **Christ**, equip them to be sent into the World in the power of the **Spirit**.  
*"As the Father has sent me I am sending you"* John 20:21

**Outward - Mission**

**Outreach**  
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**Forward - Learning**

**Learning**  
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Dear Friends, we will like to invite you (if you are not already involved) to serve with us for BLC's corporate worship. If interested, please speak with the the following in the various areas:  
 Ee Lyn/Jason – for Musicians & Singers, Sound System & LCD;  
 Ee Lyn/Joyce Rama - for Greeters, Altar Deco, Scripture Readers, Holy Communion Prep;  
 Joyce/Michelle - for providing refreshments.

**Facilities** Anand +017 356 1942

**Attendance 09/12/2018**

Adults 64  
 Children 16  
**Total 80**

**Attendance 09/12/2018**

Mission 334  
 General 3387  
 Tithe 200  
 Others -  
**Total 3921**

**Treasurer**  
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**Calendar 2018/19**

**23 Dec, Next Sunday:** Green Christmas @ Rimba Ilmu Botanical Gardens. Look out for details via FB, whatsapp & announcements.  
 25 Dec, Tuesday: Christmas Day Service @ 10.00 am. Please RSVP with Adeline for lunch. Thanks.  
 29 Dec, Sat: WEW Year End Picnic. Please speak with Sheh-Ren if interested.

1 Jan 2019: New Year's Day



**December 2018**

**January 2019**