

Welcome to **Journey** EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Celebrating Christmas at Journey



Today's Service

December 29, 2024

- Worship Presider..... Elder Rick Chou
- Congregational Worship.....Terri Wong
- Worship Through Scripture.....Pastor Phil Yoder
- Congregational Worship Response.....Terri Wong
- Benediction..... Pastor Phil Yoder

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Sermon Notes – Running the Race in 2025

Hebrews 11:39-12:3

Holidays and special occasions often involve family, friends, and feasting. With the new year of 2025, how will God incorporate family, friends, and feasting into His plans for Journey EC?

1. Where have we _____ as His church?
 - A. Events, people, and worship in _____
 - B. Reflecting the church in _____
2. Where are we _____ as His church?
 - A. Events, people, and worship in _____
 - B. Reflecting the church in _____
3. Where will we _____ in 2025 as His church?
 - A. Welcoming people by _____ Jesus' love
 - B. Evangelizing lost by _____ changed minds & hearts
 - C. Discipling believers to be _____ as mature
 - D. Reflecting the church in _____

HUG small group discussion questions:
How will you mature in the new year?
...In Bible reading, meditation, and thinking?
...In changed perspective?
...In changed vocabulary?
...In changed behavior?

How will Jesus work in and through us to bless others in 2025?

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Contact an Elder or Deacon at elders@journeyec.org or deacons@journeyec.org respectively.

The deacons would like to support you in prayer. Please email prayer requests to prayer@journeyec.org

GO TEAM NEWS:

SUNDAY, 1/5/2025 - K/L are home for rest and family time. Come connect with them at a prayer breakfast on 1/5/2025 to hear about their future endeavors and prayer needs.

Holiday Bible/Book Sale (70-95% off) on the outside table on the lawn. Read & study the Bible in 2025 or gift a Bible or book for Christmas. Also check out the special table of books from Rev. Wayland Wong's library donated for your reading & use.

Alzheimer's Update by Dr. Trinh

Saturday, January 25, 2025: 9am - 12pm in the MPR

Please contact Cherry Chin Hsia at: cherrychin1@aol.com for information.

No Ping Pong Ministry for December 24th and December 31st - enjoy your time!

A Season of Reflection and Renewal

As we approach the end of another year, it's a natural time to pause and reflect on the blessings, lessons, and growth we've experienced. The turning of the calendar offers an opportunity to consider not just what has passed, but also what lies ahead in the light of God's grace.

The end of the year can sometimes bring mixed emotions. For some, it has been a season of joy and abundance; for others, a time of challenges and change. Yet no matter what this year has held, we are reminded in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Gratitude has the power to transform our perspective, helping us see God's hand in every moment.

As a Journey church family, this is also a time to celebrate the growth we've shared together—whether through worship, service, or fellowship. The work we have done in God's name is not measured by earthly standards but by the seeds of love, faith, and hope we have sown in our community.

Looking ahead, the new year presents a fresh start, new leaders, a chance to recommit ourselves to God's purposes for our lives. It's an opportunity to set spiritual goals: to spend more time in prayer, to deepen our understanding of Scripture, and to reach out to those in need. Like the apostle Paul, we can declare, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14)

Let us end 2024 with hearts full of thanksgiving and anticipation, trusting that the God who has been faithful in the past will continue to guide us in the future. Together, let's embrace this season as a time of renewal, knowing that in Christ, every ending holds the promise of a new beginning.

May your heart be filled with peace, joy, and hope as we celebrate the closing of one chapter and the beginning of another.

Blessings,
Your 2024 Elders

peace

hope

joy

After service, please stay for refreshments and fellowship.