

The 36th Sunday Rite of the year

Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service

《Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy》

【Entrance Part】

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
“Hear, from the Wilderness”
(Hymn 21, No. 237)
Composed by Shinichi Takanami

- Greeting
- Hymn 21-229
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms 124

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
 - ✦ Luke 1:26–38
 - ✦ Luke 1:46–55New Testament P.100
- Response Hymns 21-38
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
“Mary’s Song”
- Apostles’ Creed

【Communion Worship】

- Consecration Hymns 21-72
- Church Prayer (Litany)
- Peace Greetings
- Hymns 21-83
- The Lord’s Prayer
- The Supper

【Response, Dispatch, and Blessing】

- Hymn 21-179
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Hymns 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
“Now He Is Come”
(Hymn 21, No. 229)
Composed by J.Ch.H. Link

【Today’s Worship Service】

- Assistant Cerver : Hideo Okumiya
- Musician : Masako Iida
- Donation Duty : Will Peevy
- Reception Duty : Hanae Kotsubo

【Today’s schedule】

- ◇ Church school (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Hanae Kotsubo
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)
- ◇ Regular Board Meeting (1:00 PM)

【Information on this week’s church meetings】

- ◇ Morning prayer
 - Tuesday, December 9, 9:00 AM
 - Friday, December 12, 9:00 AM
- ◇ English Conversation
 - Thursday, December 11, 7:30 PM

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇ Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Masato Sawada
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service
December 14 (10:30 a.m.)
 - Scripture
 - ✦ Isaiah 7:4–14
 - ✦ Matthew 1:18–25
 - Lecture by Pastor Takaaki Inoue
“God is with us”

- Hymn 21 241, 38, 236
- Reading Psalms 125
- Assistant Cerver : Ritsuko Terada
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Donation Duty : Kishiko Hata
- Reception duty : Yoshiko Aizawa
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)
- ◇ Christmas Children’s Party
(2:00 PM)

Scripture

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.」

(Luke 1:46~48)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- (1) “Pastor Inoue’s schedule for this week” :
Tuesday, the 9th, 1:30 PM: “Omiya Nursery Staff Worship Service”
Saturday, the 13th, 9:30 AM: “Omiya Nursery Christmas Worship Service”
- (2) 《Scheduled church events for December》
 - December 3 (Wed) 2:00 PM “Osaka YWCA Bible Study Group” Participation Fee: ¥500
 - December 7 (Sun) 1:00 PM “Regular Board Meeting”
 - December 14 (Sun) 2:00 PM “Christmas Children’s Meeting”
 - December 16 (Tue) 10:00 AM “Mental Health Study Session”
 - December 21 (Sun) 10:30 AM “Christmas Worship Service”, followed by “Love Feast”
Bring your own food.
 - December 24 (Wed) 6:00 PM “Christmas Eve Worship Service”
- (3) The Osaka YWCA Christmas Bazaar was held on Saturday, December 6th, from noon to 3:00 PM, and Miyakojima Church also had a booth. Ten volunteers served, and we were able to earn ¥33,621 in sales revenue. We thank everyone for their cooperation.

(4) 【Today’s prayer task】

For the construction of a new church building.
For peace to be realized in Ukraine and Gaza. For friends and family in prison. For the growth of children. For the sake of new believers and seekers.

(5) 【Last week’s meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
30	Church school	—	1	6	7	¥1,250
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
30	Morning Service	9	14	5	28	¥
2	Morning prayer	4	2	—	6	
5	Morning prayer	1	2	—	3	

(6) 【11/30 donation report】

【Monthly】 Hideo Okumiya (Total: ¥10,000)
【Gratitude】 Hideo Okumiya, Mihoko Yasuda, Ritsuko Koike, Keiko Nakamura (Total: ¥18,184) ^

【Continuation of last week’s sermon summary】

▽ For 38 years, Jesus asked the man who had been lying sick by the Pool of Bethesda, “Do you want to get well?” It’s the same thing.
There is a woman named O who attends our Heartwarming Gatherings. She is scheduled to be baptized soon, and I am always impressed by the words that come from her mouth. Her husband had a mental illness but refused to seek medical help. He subjected the family to constant suffering through violence and verbal abuse. Her husband eventually passed away. Afterwards, she began studying mental illness and came to believe she herself was at fault. It’s clear she is trying to find meaning in her painful experiences, never blaming others, and striving earnestly to change herself. Such a person is refreshing to see and encourages those around them. She has also given courage to those leaving cult religions to be baptized and become Christians. Those who strive to change are beautiful, and God’s Spirit works within them. That is why they bear fruit. What, then, is the preparation to welcome Christ the Savior? What is repentance? It is not merely a worldly moral matter of stopping bad deeds. If one could simply stop, the cross of God’s Son would be unnecessary. Repentance is acknowledging one’s own powerlessness and having a heart that needs the Savior. It is a broken and contrite spirit that knows it must change and needs to change. Such a heart is the preparation most pleasing to God. During this Advent season, let us earnestly desire, “I want to change,” “I want to become better,” and keep praying for it.

▽ 【Mutual Aid】 Kimiko Kobuchi, Seiko Yamachiyo (Total: ¥2,000) 【Appreciation Day】 Hideo Okumiya (Total: ¥1,000)