

*Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel;
Because you have fought with God
and with men and have won.
So remain in me.*

Genesis 32:28, John 15:4~7

Tsuchiura Megumi Church



December 17, 2023

Third Advent:

Congregation Praise

Hymn 98

The Lord's Prayer

Baptism Ceremony (2nd & 3rd)

Message: **"Word became Flesh"**

John 1:1-14

by Ptr. Kanda

Responding Praise

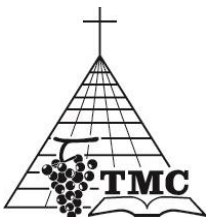
Hymnal 392 (Revised 392)

Doxology & Benediction

"2023 Theme Song"

(Please feel free to offer by putting in the collection box or by using offering cards)

★ *Please keep your cellphones in silent mode during the service.*



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Notice Board for Today's Schedule:

Please remember to maintain Social Distance when eating at church.

12:50 Choir Meeting (Hermon 1)

13:00 Mori-no-Gakuen Administrative Meeting (Carmel 2)

13:30 Service Planners' Meeting (Head Pastor's Office), CS Christmas (Worship Hall)

15:00 FCS Meeting (On-Line), Welfare Meeting (On-Line)

16:00 Christmas Cafe (1F Hall)

18:00 Christmas Groove by Ptr. Yoon (YouTube Live)



This Week's Schedule:

19th(Tue)~ 23rd(Sat) Early Morning
Prayer Meeting (5:50 Pisgah)

20th(Wed) Wednesday Service

10:30-12:00 at Worship Hall
& 19:30-21:00 at Pisgah

"Jesus who Will Come Back"

Acts 1:1~11 by Ptr. Ishida

21st(Thu) Pre-MANA Christmas,
Mori-no-Gakuen End of Term

22nd(Fri) Mori-no-Gakuen Christmas,
MANA End of Term

23rd(Sat) BF Youth Study (10:00 Hermon 3),
BQ Youth Study (18:00 Hermon 3)

Next Sunday's Schedule December 24

Christmas:

Message: Ptr. Hong
Special Praise by Choir
Gratitude Offering

12:45 Open Service Planners' Meeting (Nazareth)

13:30 Mustard Seed Administrative
Meeting (Temp. Day Rm.),

MANA Administrative Meeting (Jerusalem),
2nd Mission Dept. Meeting (On-Line)

17:00 Candle Service (1st)

19:00 Candle Service (2nd)

Announcements:

Baptism Ceremony: New TMC members will be

Mr. Yuushi Inoue (TEENS), Mr. Tasuku Kariya (TEENS), Mr. Minetaka Isomura (Joshua),
Mr. Eiji Matsuyama (Youth), Mr. Yoshito Kajikawa (Youth), Ms. Hana Fujii (Youth),

Seeking helpers Moving out of temporary facility to Zion: Moving back into Zion
is scheduled on Dec. 23(Sat) from 8:00. There will be moving of materials from the temporary
facilities and the warehouses. Please contact Ms. Shiraishi.

Seeking Volunteers for parking lot during Candle Service:

.We are seeking six parking lot organizers for Candle Service on Dec. 24(Sun).
There will be two shift, 17:00~ and 19:00~; Please notify Ptr. Kanda and/or Ptr. Che to volunteer.
The volunteer workers will be provided dinner during the service.

Notice from Choir: We have decided to organize the special praises (48 songs) for the past eight and a half years under Mr. Take's conducting into a CD. TMC members will be able to get it by reservation only. Today, Dec. 10th and Dec. 17th (Sun), after both 2nd and 3rd service at 1F Hall, the reservations will be accepted. We apologize one CD set per person rule will be enforced. The price will be ¥1,000 each set. Hand out dates will be notified later. Money will be accepted when you receive the CD.

Family Bible Class: Next Sunday, MANA Parental class will be joint Christmas Party in Cana.

End of Year Offering: Let us remember all the blessings given to us, pray with faith
As we prepare to give our best to God.

2023 Up Coming Events

DECEMBER

~Christmas Month~

- 16 (Sat) Mori-no-Gakuen Christmas, Monthly Elders' Meeting
- 17 (Sun) Third Advent/ Baptism Service, CS Christmas, Mori-no-Gakuen Administrative Meeting, Sunday Service Planners' Meeting, FCS Meeting, Welfare Meeting, Christmas Groove
- 22 (Wed) Wednesday Service
- 21 (Thu) Pre-MANA & MANA Christmas, Mori-no-Gakuen End of Term
- 22 (Fri) MANA End of Term
- 24 (Sun) Christmas Service, offering, MANA Administrative Meeting, Open Service Planners' Meeting, 2nd Mission Div. Meeting, Mustard Seed Administrative Meeting, Candle Service
- 26 (Tue)~ 30 (Sat) Matsubarako Bible Camp
- 27 (Wed) Wednesday Service
- 29 (Fri) ~ 1/3 (Wed) Mustard Seed Winter Vacation
- 30 (Sat) ~ 1/3 (Wed) Kirakira Seervice Winter Vacation
- 31 (Sun) Year End Service, Open Service



2024 JANUARY

- 1 (Mon) New Year's Day Service
- 3 (Wed) Wednesday Service
- 7 (Sun) New Years Service, offering, Kirakira Service Administrative Meeting, Digital Contents Club, TEENS Teachers' Meeting, World Mission Prayer Meeting, 20 TIDE



The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgave our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Notices to the Members of TMC:

Thank you for your understanding, prayer, and co-operation regarding COVID.

Currently, the limited attendance safety precaution has been lifted.

We will continue to fight the spread of the virus with safety.

Wearing masks will be your own decision. However, we ask for continued co-operation to sanitize your hands both entering and leaving the hall.

Social distancing and other precautions to stay safe will be encouraged at all times.

Please check TMC Homepage for updated notices on a daily bases.

For the First-Timers to our church: *Welcome to Tsuchiura Megumi Church!*

Wherever you are from, we are glad that you came to visit our church. Our church is trying to meet the spiritual need of not only Japanese people but also of people from all over the world. We want to share our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and grow together as Christians.

Our church does not collect the offerings during the service to prevent collecting money from people who do not yet understand the full meaning of the offering to God. If you wish to do the offering, an envelope is available near the reception counter.

We hope you will enjoy our worship service and the wonderful Christian fellowship.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and laying in a manger."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherd said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Luke 2:10-12, 15-16

