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Came and Coming

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We have entered the period called 'Advent' in the Christian calendar. In Latin, the word is 'adventus' and it means 'arrival'. We celebrate the arrival of Christ as a child into the world but more importantly remember the promised return of Christ as the King of Kings. We celebrate this for 4 weeks leading to Christmas day

Came - When did Jesus come? This is what the entire world celebrates knowingly or unknowingly. The coming of Jesus as a human being. There is no other religious celebration that has captured the hearts of the entire world. People love the spirit of love, joy, peace, and most of all giving..



The economy of the entire world grows during this time. In Galatians 4:4, Paul writes, “ 4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.” Jesus was sent to the world with the sole purpose to redeem humanity. The belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus for our sins (breaking the law) not only redeems us but makes us part of God’s family (the church) through the process of adoption. We become children of God when we are truly redeemed, and Christmas becomes the most meaningful.

Coming – Jesus after completing His mission of redemption was taken up or ascended to heaven in the sight of his disciples from the Mount of Olives. Luke records for us in Acts 1:9-11, “ 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” As adopted children of God, as much as we celebrate Christmas, our focus should be on looking forward to seeing the one we believe and serve. Whether it may be through the throes of death or seeing him when he returns in glory when all things will be set right in this broken world. John the apostle writes for us as revealed to him by Jesus in Revelation 22:12-13, “ 12 Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Are we truly looking forward to seeing our Savior? The Lord has promised to reward us for what we do on this earth. Do we serve him in the light of eternity or for temporal rewards?

Dear TGC family, we are called to respond, 17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” 20 He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus (Rev 22).

PS

December 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 7 pm: • Elders Meeting	3 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	4	5 7 pm: • Carol Rounds	6 7 am: • First Saturday Morning Prayer 4:30 pm: • Carol Rounds
7 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class	8	9	10 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	11	12 7 pm: • Carol Rounds	13 11 am: • Fasting Prayer 4:30 pm: • Carol Rounds
14 5 pm: • Children's Musical	15	16	17 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	18	19 7 pm: • Carol Rounds	20 10 am: • CUP Outreach
21 5 pm: • Family Carols	22	23	24	25 8:30 am: • Christmas Service	26	27
28 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class	29	30	31 11:00 pm: • Watch Night service			

December Birthdays

Meryl Thomas	December 04
Joanna Newton	December 05
Aravindan Kannaiyan	December 12
Freya Brigilin	December 12
Robin Solomon	December 14
Soni Premkumar	December 15
John Wycliff Joseph	December 17
Ashlyn Albert	December 18
Melissa Thomas	December 19
Inika Mathad	December 19
Jeni Adlina Jagan	December 20
Christopher Newton Job	December 22
Arockiasamy Devasagayaraj	December 23
Suthamathi Samuel	December 24
Sheela Christy	December 24
Kingsley Lawrence	December 26
Mary Jones Joseph	December 27
Rebecca Devaraj	December 28
Suganthi Joseph	December 28
Pavithra Jebaraj	December 28
Yogapriya Premkumar	December 29
Gia Praveen	December 30

December Anniversaries

Steve Jesukanth & Helena Jesukanth
December 01

Kingsley Lawrence & Amutha Kingsley
December 04

Pastor Solomon Karunakaran & Preethi Solomon
December 05

Samuel Baskar & Suthamathi Samuel
December 05

Jagan & Sheeba Jagan
December 09

Rajesh Jebaraj & Pavithra Jebaraj
December 20

Albert S Robertcecil & Anila Albert
Franklin S Abraham & Gracia Amirtharaj
Solomon Rajkumar & Nesamalar Solomon
December 29

Pastoral Update :

Reach out to Pastor Solomon Karunkaran for prayer needs