

Welcome to Saemoonan's English Ministry!

At our heart is a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible. We're committed to living that out in our everyday lives. Through sound Biblical teaching and fellowship with other Christ-followers, people can come here to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. From mature Christians to those who may not yet know Christ as Lord and Savior, SEM opens its doors to everyone - from all walks of life. We'd like to get to know you and hear your story. However long or short a time you are in Seoul, we'd like to help equip you for life.

With God's Love,  
Byung Kwan Chae

### Announcements

1. We want to give a special welcome to our first-time visitors today. We are glad you are here.
2. A Christmas party will be held at the church main hall (#501) at 5 pm on December 25. The party ticket price is 2,000 won. We would appreciate if you could prepare a gift of less than 10,000 won for the party. We are looking for those who will praise God with their talents at the party.
3. Today we have a growth group meeting after the worship service.

### <Prayer for Saemoonan Church's Building Project>

Lord God Almighty, the Heavens cannot contain you, yet you are pleased to dwell amongst us and call us your friends. We bring to you our need for a church building which will bring glory to your Name and which you will use to serve our community. We depend fully on your guidance, wisdom, inspiration, provision and grace to build a church that will be a symbol of your truth, and a witness to your love from generation to generation. Bless our efforts, O Lord, and help us with the task that lies before us. Send us the resources, the finances, the advice and the expertise that we need. Above all send us your Spirit to help, equip and sustain us. Amen.

### Worship Assistants

December

Date	Greeters	Congregational Prayer	Scripture Reading	Offering
12/03/17		Bong Heon Hahn	Young Wook Keum	
12/10/17	Young Wook Keum	Hong Bong Kim	Angie Oh	Sulgi Lee
12/17/17		Hyunsook Kim	Yun Yu Kyung	Anna Shin
12/24/17	Hong Bong Kim	Derek Beattie	Jihye Park	
12/31/17		Misong Yu	Seung-hak Lee	

December 17, 2017  
Third Sunday of Advent



“SEM exists to lead the English-speaking people of Gwanghwamoon and the surrounding areas into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.”

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**Sang Hak Lee**

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### Monthly Events &

**NIV English Bible Study**  
8:30 - 10:00 AM  
B131, Gwanghwamun Bldg  
**Choir Practice**  
9:15 - 10:30 AM  
B317, Underwood EduBldg  
**Praise Team**  
10:00 - 11:00  
B4F, Underwood EduBldg  
**Growth group meeting**  
Every 1st, 3rd Sunday

### Committee Officers

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**Song of Praise**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 98:4-6

**Hymn** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn #1)

**Communal Prayers of Confession**

Merciful God, although we want to be people of justice,  
we are more comfortable with how things are  
than with how things ought to be.

Although we want to liberate the oppressed,  
we don't want to acknowledge our participation  
in structures that oppress.

And although we want to rejoice in the coming of Jesus,  
we would prefer that it not cramp  
our already busy schedules.

Forgive our reluctance to enter wholeheartedly  
into the radical good news of your incarnation.

Forgive us. Heal our pride, our need to be in control,  
and our acceptance of the status quo.

Heal us. Free us from the bonds of sorrow,  
and turn our tears into prayers of thanksgiving.

Free us. Transform our lives into a garden  
where justice and joy grow  
and bloom in abundance. Amen.

**Apostle's Creed**

**Praise of Illumination** I Love You Lord

**Congregational Prayer** Hyunsook Kim

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 1:18-25

**Choral Presentation**

**Sermon Title** God became human

**Minister's Prayer**

**Responsive Hymn** O come, all ye faithful (#122)

**Gifts of Thanksgiving**

**Prayer for the Offering**

**Announcements**

**Sending Forth Song** Bless the Lord O My Soul

**Dismissal & Blessing**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.