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I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now (Philippians 1:3-5)

**A message from Pastor Hae Seon Lee:**

Dear Church Family,

It is finally time of year where it is full of festivities, coming from the high of Thanksgiving to the joy-filled preparation of Advent, to the celebration of Christmas, to the end of one year and the beginning of another. Personally, I will be celebrating being your pastor for another full year. As I reflect on the past year, we had some struggles, tragedies, and hardships, but we also had celebrations, festivities, and blessings. I am thankful and believe God's Providence was with us every step of the way.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will be travelling through the season of Advent. Advent is a season where we prepare the coming of our Lord, who came to us two millennia ago, incarnate in human form to save us, and who will come again to take us to join the Divine presence. Most of the time, we do great in doing the former: celebrating Jesus who came to us, remembering the nativity. However, we have a tendency of not noticing the latter: preparing the coming of Christ in final victory and we join the heavenly eternal banquet.

So, as we look forward in waiting and preparing for Christ who comes again, I want you to spend time this season to think of ways we can actively wait for Christ's coming. Jesus, before ascension, gave us our great commission of making disciples, and that is our mission as a church. We need to look for ways where we can do this in our lives, both making new disciples, and becoming more like Christ each day. Attending the class meeting will help on your thoughts on the subject.

Hence, this season, as we celebrate many things, let us not lose sight of our mission and look for new ways to carry out that mission Christ has given us. I pray that you have a great season and you and your family are filled with God's Presence in your celebrations.

Peace and Grace in Christ

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