

# Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.*

## WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

What joy and privilege it is to belong to the Lord and be part of this household of God! As we congregate to worship our greatly exalted God, let us be filled with awe and adoration for Him!

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## HE IS GREATLY EXALTED

Once, the people of Israel failed to appreciate God as their unrivalled King, demanding instead for a physical king to rule over them just like other nations. Recognising how greatly exalted God is, the sons of Korah understood their privilege to have God as their King.

**8** God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on His holy throne.

**9** The princes of the people have gathered together,  
The people of the God of Abraham.  
For the shields of the earth *belong* to God;  
He is greatly exalted.

**PSALM 47:8-9**

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1. God reigns over the nations
    - a. He possesses Ultimate Power
    - b. His sovereignty is over all the nations
  2. He sits on His holy throne
    - a. His reign is not confined to the earth
    - b. His residency is in the heavens
  3. The shields of the earth belong to God
    - a. Shields of kings and princes represent power and glory
    - b. All have to submit to the Lord

## **THE PEOPLE OF THE GOD OF ABRAHAM**

While God resides in the heavens, He is also a God who is near to His people. Joy and pride should swell within the heart in knowing that we belong to this God who possesses supreme power.

In our study of the book of Genesis, we have seen God demonstrate His power to Abraham on numerous occasions – providing for all his needs, protecting him from the Pharaoh, and even granting him victory over a coalition of kings. The God of Abraham is the God who has also called us to be His own special people.

By virtue of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we have been given the privilege to relate to this greatly exalted God as our King. May we treasure this awesome honour by seeking the Lord and delighting in Him! Having full confidence that God will lead us in triumph, may we readily and humbly submit ourselves to be instructed and led by Him!



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## **YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE 10 DECEMBER 2022**

### **Prelude**

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

### **Call to Worship**

Pastor Charles Tan

### **Opening Prayer**

Pastor Charles Tan

### **Song Leading**

1. That Silent Night

2. Who Is This

Olivia Lai

Pianist: Lorraine Lai

### **Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 46:8-34

Coh Yuanli, Janelle Tan &  
Ong Yanning

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

### **Message:**

“Fell on his neck and wept”

Text: Genesis 46:29

Pastor Charles Tan

### **Closing Prayer**

Pastor Charles Tan

### **Postlude**

Pianist: Lorraine Lai



# MY NOTES

10 DECEMBER 2022

**“FELL ON HIS NECK AND WEPT”**

GENESIS 46:29

# WORSHIP SONGS

## That Silent Night

By Dr Daniel Chia

In Bethlehem one silent night  
A Baby in a manger lay  
Who would have thought this little Child  
Would be salvation's way.  
His mother looked upon His face  
So fragile but so full of grace  
And in her heart a song of praise  
All through the night would raise.

### **Chorus:**

It was on that silent night,  
One amazing, holy night  
God sent His only Son to set me free, to set me free  
On that awesome night of nights  
The way was paved for Him to be  
A Saviour, The Saviour  
My Saviour who would give His life for me.

As shepherds watched their flocks by night  
Good tidings brought by angels bright  
"For unto you is born this day  
The Christ", salvation's way.  
Who would have thought, that Baby born  
Would bring joy to a world forlorn  
To give us hope, to give us peace  
From sin our hearts release.

**Chorus:**

It was on that silent night,  
One amazing, holy night  
God sent His only Son to set me free, to set me free  
On that awesome night of nights  
The way was paved for Him to be  
A Saviour, The Saviour  
My Saviour who would give His life for me.

How many on that silent night  
Would understand the depth of love  
That paid the greatest sacrifice  
Redemption from above  
Like shepherds in the fields that night  
Rejoicing with the angels bright  
I bow before my Saviour Lord  
Who came that silent night

(end)

# WHO IS THIS

By Sovereign Grace

Who is this, divine and tender, hailing from eternal shores?  
Once arrayed in highest splendour, now in poverty adorned.  
He is Jesus, God made mortal, Word in flesh, the Light of Life.  
From a throne room to a stable, hope is born this holy night.

Who is this of might and meekness, given all authority?  
With a word He stills the tempest, at His touch the blind can see.  
He is Jesus our Messiah, long awaited, long proclaimed.  
Sing "Hosanna in the highest!" Christ the King has come to reign.

Who is this reviled and stricken broken on a cursed tree?  
Son of God by God forsaken, drenched in our iniquity.  
He is Jesus slain for sinners, laiden with our guilt and grief.  
All our praise to Him we render for His wounds have won our peace.

Who is this entombed in darkness, cast into the bitter depths?  
He whom grave nor Hell could harness rose and tore the sting from death.  
He is Jesus, God triumphant, risen to the Father's side.  
All will bow in awe and reverence at the name of Jesus Christ.

(end)



# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

Let us review what we have learnt at our last Youth Worship!

## **YWS MESSAGE - 3 DECEMBER 2022**

### **“THEN GOD SPOKE TO ISRAEL”**

#### **GENESIS 46:2**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Plans were made immediately to go to Egypt
2. There was renewed vigour and excitement

#### **THE WORSHIP AT BEERSHEBA**

So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

Genesis 46:1

1. Israel's journey to Egypt
  - a. He took with him all that he had
  - b. He came to Beersheba
2. Worship of the LORD
  - a. This had not been done for a long time
  - b. This was resumed with the revival of Jacob's spirit
  - c. God was called “The God of his father Isaac”

## GOD SPEAKS TO JACOB AGAIN

**2** Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!"

And he said, "Here I am."

**3** So He said, "I *am* God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.

**4** I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up *again*; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."

Genesis 46:2-4

### 1. God addresses Israel

Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!"

Genesis 46:2a

- a. God addressed him as "Jacob"
- b. But God was gracious and kind

### 2. Jacob's response

And he said, "Here I am."

Genesis 46:2b

- a. Attentive
- b. Humble

## GOD'S WORD TO JACOB

**3** So He said, "I *am* God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.

**4** I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up *again*; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."

Genesis 46:3-4

### 1. Re-introduction

- a. "I am God"
- b. "The God of your father"

### 2. Re-assurance

#### a. Do not fear to go down to Egypt

- i. Abraham was forbidden to remain in Egypt
- ii. Isaac was forbidden to go to Egypt
- iii. But Jacob was encouraged to go to Egypt

#### b. For I will make of you a great nation there

- i. A great nation would arise
- ii. This was partial fulfilment of a prophecy given to Abraham (Genesis 15:12-16)

**12** Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him.

**13** Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

**14** And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Genesis 15:12-14



### 3. Revealed: The death of Jacob

#### a. God will go with Jacob to Egypt

i. I will go down with you to Egypt Genesis 46:4a

ii. And I will also surely bring you up again;  
and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes Genesis 46:4b

#### b. Jacob will die in Egypt

i. Joseph will put his hand on his eyes

ii. Joseph will be there at his death

## CONCLUSION

### 1. Returning to God in grateful worship

### 2. Resumption of Fellowship with God

a. God guiding

b. Jacob following

### 3. Renewal

a. Of Faith

b. Of spirit

c. That was Israel



# REFLECTION

WRITTEN BY

Ashley Tan

Last week at Youth Worship, Pastor taught us from Genesis 46:1-7. God had to reintroduce Himself to Jacob, and He also did not address Jacob by his new name “Israel” because Jacob had fallen so far away from God, such that their relationship was barely existing. Yet God, in His grace and mercy, did not give up on Jacob, but instead reached out to him and even gave him assurance that He would not only protect Jacob on his way to Egypt but eased his fears by promising him that he would not die in a foreign land and that, “Joseph will put his hands on your eyes.”

This lesson encouraged me as there are times when I feel so far away from God, returning to Him seems difficult and I feel discouraged. Sometimes I even feel that God is “fed up” with me. However, hearing Pastor’s message deeply uplifted me because I can now appreciate that not only does God patiently and lovingly reach out and want to relate to me, like He did to Jacob who had fallen so far, He even promises to protect and support me. It is better not to allow ourselves to stray from Him, but when we do because of our unfaithful human nature, we can always find renewal of our faith and spirit in God. How wonderful it is that our God so lovingly reaches out and guides us back to Him even when we fail!

# POETRY CORNER

## SERVING ANOTHER SEVEN YEARS

Jacob assumed that his bride was Rachel;  
He loved her dearly for she was his ideal.  
She was the loveliest woman in his sight;  
He served for seven years with all his might.

The bride was veiled and he could not see her face;  
Leah was his bride; the deal with Laban was a disgrace!  
Laban glibly gave the excuse that this was according to custom;  
But he would give Rachel to him too; he held Jacob to ransom.

Jacob really loved Rachel with all his heart and soul;  
With Rachel as his wife, his life would be made whole.  
He agreed to work for another seven years;  
These years would be filled with bitterness!

Jacob had cheated and deceived his brother;  
Now he was deceived by his wives' father.  
He could not give in to his outraged feelings;  
He began to perceive the deadly power of sin!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 29:21-30

## YW NEWSLETTER

(10 DECEMBER 2022)

We concluded our Youth Conference 2022 this week. Ong Yanning shares with us her reflections on what she has learnt from the week at Conference about God being our Strength and our Shield.

Scan to read Newsletter



## SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

This is the last Youth Worship for the year. Afterwhich, we will go into recess and resume on 7 January 2023.

There will be no Youth Worship services on the following Saturdays:

17 Dec 2022 - Christmas Carolling

24 Dec 2022 - Christmas Eve

31 Dec 2022 - DML

# YOUTH CONFERENCE 2022

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“MY STRENGTH & MY SHIELD” PSALM 28:7

We thank God for His marvellous grace and provision in allowing us to have the Youth Conference this past week. Many are the precious lessons learnt about life and the principles of faith.

May we take time to ruminate on them!



# CHRISTMAS CAROLLING 2022

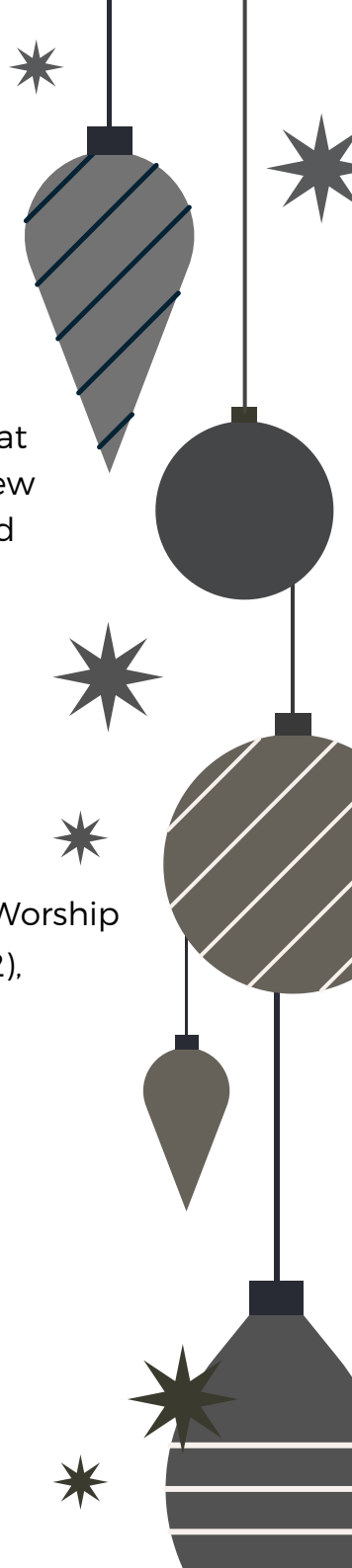
With much joy and thanksgiving, we look forward to a time of singing and fellowship at our Christmas Carolling Program. Let us renew our appreciation of the Lord's goodness and greatness this Christmas!

## DETAILS

<b>DATE</b>	17 December 2022, Saturday
<b>TIME</b>	5.00pm
<b>VENUE</b>	Bethany IPC
<b>PROGRAMME</b>	We will begin with a time of Worship in the main sanctuary (Level 2), followed by Dinner at Level 1.

Please plan to sign up early!

## SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER





# CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI-LA 2022

What special joy it brings to gather as a congregation to celebrate Christmas at Shangri-La! Let us look forward to magnifying the Lord and proclaiming the good tidings of great joy this Christmas!

## **Date**

Sunday, 25 December 2022

## **Time**

Christmas Worship Service will commence at 10.30am, followed by Christmas Lunch

## **Venue**

Shangri-La Hotel

Scan QR Code to register  
for Christmas Lunch:





## 7 JANUARY 2023

Message: "Joseph provided"

Text: Genesis 47:12

With a heart full of love and compassion, Joseph made a commitment to provide for his father, his brothers and all of his extended family even before he met them (Genesis 45:11). Being a man of his word, Joseph followed through with his commitment, thoughtfully and wonderfully provided for each and every single one of them!





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