

# BETHANY

## INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 16 November 2025*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Isaiah 9

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## UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

### THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH

Amidst the deep darkness, God gave a glorious promise. He would send His glorious Son to be that Great Light!

<sup>6</sup> For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;

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# MEDITATION

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And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of *His* government and peace  
*There will be* no end,  
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,  
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice  
From that time forward, even forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

1. The identity of God's Son revealed by His name
  - a) Wonderful
  - b) Counselor
  - c) Mighty God
  - d) Everlasting Father
  - e) Prince of Peace
  
2. The Kingdom He will establish
  - a) It will be an everlasting kingdom
  - b) It would be wonderfully governed
  - c) The Lord God Himself guarantees that this prophecy would be fulfilled

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. To appreciate afresh the Lord as the Great Light
2. To cherish afresh the kingdom of God
3. To invite people into His glorious kingdom

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!



## GREETINGS

Pastor Charles Tan sends greetings from Bethel. He will be returning on Monday, 17 November 2025.

## YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025

"Reconciled to God" - 2 Corinthians 5:20

The much anticipated Youth Conference is around the corner! As we learn about being reconciled to God, may we appreciate our salvation so much more, and may it inspire us to live for Him in every aspect of our lives.

### Details

Dates: 1-4 December 2025 (Monday - Thursday)

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm daily

### Age

Open to youths aged 13 and above.

### Fellowship Lunch

Lunch will be provided every day. It would be an opportunity for us to relate to and fellowship with one another.

### Fees

\$25.00

Do sign up early to assist in the planning of the programme.

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If there are any queries, please feel free to contact Joshua Phang at 8028 6194.

You may register online by scanning the QR Code below:



## CHRISTMAS CAROLLING 2025

Christmas remains a precious and joyous time of celebrating the advent of our Great Redeemer and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us be encouraged to declare His wondrous praise and share the Light of His Gospel to those around us!

We're glad to have our Christmas Carolling this year. If you're interested, kindly register at the Booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

### **DETAILS**

Date: 6 December 2025, Saturday

Venue: Sanctuary

Time: 3.00pm

We will begin with a time of Worship in the Main Sanctuary (Level 2), followed by a Fellowship Tea at Level 1.



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## **CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI-LA 2025**

Our special Christmas Service and Christmas Lunch will be held on 25 December 2025.

Let us anticipate a glorious time of extolling the LORD our God!

### **DETAILS**

Date: 25 December 2025, Thursday

Venue: Shangri-La

Time: 10.30am

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

Please plan to sign up early!

Kindly scan the QR below to register for Christmas Lunch. If you've any inquiries, please approach us at the booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays and we will assist you.



## **GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

**Breakfast: Stanley; Chloe Tang; Thaddeus Heng**

**Lunch: John & Lily Toi; Yeong Kiat & Karen; Terence & Alison**



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
  - a) Tuesday, 18 November 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
  - b) Thursday, 20 November 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 22 November 2025
  - a) No YPG/ YAG
  - b) No Youth Worship
3. Sunday Ministry, 23 November 2025
  - a) Sunday School | 8.30am
  - b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
  - c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am
  - d) Children's Worship I and II | 10.30am
  - e) Crèche I and II | 10.30am
  - f) No Catechism Class
  - g) Meet the Session | 1.30pm



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 19:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God;  
And the firmament shows His handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> Day unto day utters speech,  
And night unto night reveals knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> *There is* no speech nor language  
*Where* their voice is not heard.

<sup>4</sup> Their line has gone out through all the earth,  
And their words to the end of the world.  
In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun

### 1. The glory of God

- a) The heavens declare the glory of God
- b) The firmament declare God's handiwork

### 2. The knowledge of God

- a) God makes Himself known through His creation
- b) Daily God speaks through His creation to mankind

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 16 November 2025**

Text: Your light has come

*Arise, shine;*

*For your light has come!*

*And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1*

1. The call to arise
2. To respond to the Light that God has given
3. That light is identified as the glory of God bestowed
4. May we respond to God's Great Light, the Lord Jesus Christ!

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 23 November 2025**

Text: God is light

*This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN

God saw the great darkness on earth;  
Many were sad and few had any mirth.  
The darkness must be fought and dispelled;  
But who would be able, this darkness, to expel?

There was only One Person suited for this task;  
Only One Person would do what He asks.  
His only begotten Son must be sent;  
He is the only One God can commend.

He would be given a glorious name;  
Universal would be His glory and fame.  
He would defeat the kingdom of darkness;  
He would bring Light and Righteousness.

He would bring Light amidst great darkness;  
He would defeat sin and great wickedness.  
The glorious Kingdom of Heaven is near at Hand;  
To all, His invitation into His kingdom, He extends.

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Isaiah 9:6-7

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# POETRY CORNER

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#2

## God's Light Amidst Darkness

We fight not against physical beings but the powers of the Devil;  
The darkness of our age is permeative and ever ready to do more evil.

The mind can be so enshrouded by it and the heart hardened;  
It almost seems impossible for the spirit to become reawakened.

But our hope lies in the protection by the Holy Spirit in this darkness;

A blessing by virtue of God's mercy and His graciousness.

From the penetrating damage the darkness inflicts, it gives a reprieve;

And offers a second chance to those who choose to believe.

Yet, God's chastening is always a work in progress by His design;  
He will gradually soften the heart and continually renew the mind.

As we increase in knowledge about Him and on Him rely;

He enables faith to return and grow as days go by.

God wants us to imbibe His righteousness into our lives;

So we will be ready to see and be led by His light when it arrives.

Let us resolve to abide in God's light to battle darkness and strife;

May living uprightly and bearing good fruits be our motivation and drive.

Dr Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Luke 1; Ephesians 6:12

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# POETRY CORNER

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#3

## Doubts

Doubts do not prevent the Lord from delivering on His plan  
Zechariah did not believe the good news brought by the angel  
That he would have a son as he was already an old man  
He was thus chastened and made mute until God's plan was fulfilled

Seek the power of God when in doubt and darkness struggling  
Let not uncertainty hinder faith and trust in the Lord  
Light will come progressively while patiently enduring the chastening  
He disciplines so that believers can partake of the holiness of God

The Lord's divine strength is most evident when we are at our weakest  
Embrace vulnerabilities to experience God's work in our lives  
His grace is sufficient for us when times are bleakest  
There is a purpose of the Lord when we struggle with afflictions

Fight spiritual darkness with the power of the Holy Spirit  
What a glorious feeling of liberation when His Light shines on us  
Darkness cannot overcome Light which gives clear spiritual sight  
May we become beacons of the spiritual Light of the Lord Jesus

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Luke 1:19-25; Hebrews 12:10

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# POETRY CORNER

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#4

## For A Special Little Boy

A prayer with love I sincerely undertake.  
Affection had grown with no mistake.  
Your call for me has captured my heart,  
Yet it is time that we have to part.

Your smile, it will linger in my mind,  
Your generous hugs, truly one of a kind.  
Though sometimes you struggle with words,  
Your actions speak of cheery songbirds.

And I can see that echoes bring you fears,  
In enclosed spaces, you cover your ears.  
Though it may be hard to make sense of this world,  
I pray its mysteries for you will be unfurled.

Your quiet determination is God's gift of potential,  
May God guide you towards somewhere special.  
May your abilities break through what chains you,  
May God's light shine brightly upon you!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration: Luke 1:37, Matthew 4:16. God's Light  
Written especially for a special little boy  
And a prayer for all the children that we love.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## **PRELUDE**

"Peace on Earth"  
*Handbell Ensemble*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Rev. Benjamin Quah*  
*Mr. Ryan Quek*

## **PRAYER**

## **HYMNS**

VIP 758 | Down from His Glory  
CP 502 | Send the Light

## **MESSAGE**

"His name is John"  
Text : Luke 1:59-66  
*Rev. Jonathan Jacob*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

HWC 43 Great is Thy Faithfulness

## **BENEDICTION**

## **OFFERING**

## **POSTLUDE**



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# HYMNS

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## VIP 758 DOWN FROM HIS GLORY

WILLIAM E. BOOTH-CLIBBORN

1. Down from His glory ever-living story  
My God and Saviour came, and Jesus was His name;  
Born in a manger to His own a stranger,  
A man of sorrows, tears and agony!

Refrain

O how I love Him, how I adore Him!  
My breath my sunshine, my all in all!  
The great Creator became my Saviour,  
And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him.

2. What condescension, bringing us redemption,  
That in the dead of night, not one faint hope in sight,  
God gracious, tender laid aside His splendor,  
Stooping to woo, to win, to save my soul!

*Refrain*

3. Without reluctance flesh and blood His substance  
He took the form of man, revealed the hidden plan;  
O glorious myst'ry sacrifice of Calv'ry!  
And now I know He is the great "I AM"!

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 502 SEND THE LIGHT

CHARLES H GABRIEL

1. There' s a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave,  
"Send the light! Send the light!"

There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,  
Send the light! Send the light!

Refrain

Send the light, the blessed Gospel light,  
Let it shine from shore to shore!

Send the light, the blessed Gospel light;  
Let it shine forevermore!

2. We have heard the Macedonian call today,  
"Send the light! Send the light!"

And a golden offering at the Cross we lay,  
Send the light! Send the light!

*Refrain*

3. Let us pray that grace may everywhere abound,  
"Send the light! Send the light!"

And a Christ-like spirit everywhere be found,  
Send the light! Send the light!

*Refrain*

4. Let us not grow weary in the work of love,  
"Send the light! Send the light!"

Let us gather jewels for a crown above,  
Send the light! Send the light!

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 53 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

THOMAS O. CHISHOLM

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Refrain*



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