

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 30 November 2025

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

TEXT: ISAIAH 11

WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE MINISTRY OF THE MESSIAH

The Messiah would be gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. That would affect every aspect of His life and ministry.

³ His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD,
And He shall not judge by the sight of
His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

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MEDITATION

⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,
And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Isaiah 11:3-5

1. Life affected wonderfully

- a) His delight is in the practice of the fear of God
- b) Righteousness will be the mainstay of His life
- c) Righteousness would be the belt of His loins

2. Ministry affected significantly

- a) He will not be judgmental
- b) If He has to make a judgment or decision, He would be well-guided
- c) The Spirit of God would be given
 - i. Knowledge would be there
 - ii. Understanding and wisdom would be found

3. Faithfulness

- a) This is the result of consistently practising righteousness
- b) He will judge with equity
 - i. He will deal with the wicked
 - ii. He will uphold justice for the poor who are oppressed

OUR CHALLENGE

- 1. To follow the ways of the Messiah
- 2. To seek to be filled with the Spirit of God
- 3. To practise righteousness and faithfulness

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

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



THE ADVENT CANDLES

1st Advent Candle: The Prophecy Candle
30 November 2025

2nd Advent Candle: The Bethlehem Candle
7 December 2025

3rd Advent Candle: The Shepherds Candle
14 December 2025

4th Advent Candle: The Angels Candle
21 December 2025



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Sophie & Jun; Chiam Daohua

Lunch: Nic Khoo & Lihui; Jesse & Elsie



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

There will be no Seniors Program during the month of December

2. Youth Conference

Monday- Thursday | 1-4 December 2025

3. Saturday, 6 December 2025

- a) Christmas Carolling | 3.00pm
- b) No YPG/ YAG
- c) No Youth Worship

4. Sunday Ministry, 7 December 2025

- a) Sunday School | 8.30am
- b) Combined Worship Service | 10.30am
- c) Children's Worship I and II | 10.30am
- d) Crèche I and II | 10.30am
- e) No Catechism Class



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 19:10-11

¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them *there is* great reward.

1. The worth of the Scriptures

- a) To be more desired than fine gold
- b) Sweeter than honey and the honeycomb

2. The importance of the Scriptures

- a) They give warning to the attentive servant
- b) There is great reward when the Scriptures are kept

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 30 November 2025

Text: You will light my lamp

*For You will light my lamp;
The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness Psalm 18:28*

1. God will light our lamp
2. He will grant enlightenment
3. This Light is needed amidst a dark world

NEXT SUNDAY: 7 December 2025

Text: A light to my path

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path Psalm 119:105*

POETRY CORNER

#1

A LIFE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Messiah would be filled with the Spirit of God;
He would choose to practise the fear of the Lord.
Righteousness would be the characteristic of His life;
He would never choose to enter into dispute and strife.

Righteousness would be the governing feature;
All that He says and does, would be a treasure.
There would not be foolish judgment on anyone;
His concern is to see the Will of God fully done.

He would have wisdom to discern both good and bad;
His righteous judgment would make the poor glad.
Justice and righteousness would be upheld by Him;
In His perfect life, there would never be sin.

Righteousness would result in true faithfulness;
The Lord would minister without covetousness.
The darkness that prevailed would be dispelled;
The power of darkness can be effectively repelled.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Isaiah 11:3-5

POETRY CORNER

#2

The Book of Life

Reflect on the depth of our faith and its resulting works
Are they good enough for us to be named in the Book of Life
One day great and small will face the judgment of the Lord Jesus
What will be revealed in the records of our lives spent in worldly strife

No one can hide from Him whose eyes are like a flame of fire
He watches and looks right through to our innermost thoughts
Have we truly repented and confessed our sins as He so desires
To bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit as evidence of our works

Let us be proactive to do the right things and admit our iniquities
Seek forgiveness for wrongful deeds before they are uncovered on judgment day
The entire history of each person will be recorded in the books
We will all have to account for our works or lack of works and ways

Humble ourselves and submit to the authority of the Lord
May we avoid the second death to be cast into the lake of fire
Seek eternal life in heaven a gift from the Almighty God
Believers who are in Christ will find their names in the Book of Life
and need not fear

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Revelation 20:11-15, 1:14, 19:12

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Joshua Phang

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 153 | What Child is This

CP 155 | We Three Kings of Orient Are

MESSAGE

“He has visited and redeemed His people”

Text : Luke 1:67-69

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 125 | Joy to the World

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 153 WHAT CHILD IS THIS

WILLIAMS C. DIX

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2. Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 155 WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

JOHN H. HOPKINS, JR.

1. We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain

O Star of wonder, Star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

Refrain

3. Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high.

Refrain

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HYMNS

4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom,
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

5. Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Earth to Heav'n replies.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 139 JOY TO THE WORLD

ISAAC WATTS

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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HYMNS

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.



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