

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 1 February 2026 ... Holy Communion Sunday

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 115

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TO YOUR NAME GIVE GLORY

CHALLENGES TO THE FAITH

Israel had to face taunts concerning their faith in God. Idolaters could not understand why and how Israel could worship an Invisible God! The Psalmist offered a spiritual defence of faith in God.

¹ Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us,

MEDITATION

But to Your name give glory,
Because of Your mercy,
Because of Your truth.

²Why should the Gentiles say,
"So where *is* their God?"

³But our God *is* in heaven;
He does whatever He pleases.

Psalm 115:1-3

1. The question of the unbelieving Gentiles
"Where is their God?"
2. The answer begins with a commitment to give glory to God
 - a) Glory is to be given to God
 - b) His name deserves glory (praise and honour)
3. Reasons for giving glory to God
 - a) Because He possesses mercy
 - b) Because of the Truth that comes from Him
4. The Residence of God
 - a) The Lord is in heaven
 - b) He is sovereign
 - c) He does what is righteous and holy which are things that please Him

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To sanctify the Lord in our heart
2. To be ready to give an answer to anyone who may query our faith in God
3. May we ever give praise and glory to the Lord our God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

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



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings from Bethel, Perth, W.A.
He will be returning home on 2 February 2026.



COMMUNION MEDITATION

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."

²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26:26-28



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NOTICE OF BETHANY'S ACM

Date: 22 February 2026

Time: 1.00pm | Venue: Sanctuary

1. Election of New Session
2026-2029
2. Some changes to take note
 - a) Rotation of Pastors to be set in motion
 - b) Pastors Mark and Mitchell Tan would step out of the Session for the next round of Elections
 - c) Pastors Benjamin Quah and Benjamin Chong would be up for election for the next round
 - d) Subsequently, they would step down for another set of pastors to become Session Members
3. Additional names to the Session
 - a) Mr. Joshua Phang
 - b) Mr. Tang Hong Wee
4. The full list of Session Members (2023-2026)
 - a) Mr. George Thomas
 - b) Dr. Daniel Chia
 - c) Mr. Milton Ong
 - d) Dr. Quek Li Wei
 - e) Dr. Tang Kong Choong
 - f) Mrs. Ng Lay Eng
 - g) Mrs. Tan Li Hong
 - h) Dr. Jane Tan
 - i) Mrs. Tan Hong Suen

They would be seeking to serve for another term as Session Members.



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CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIAL 2026

The details of our Chinese New Year Special Programme this year are as follows:

Date: 28 February 2026, Saturday

Time: 3.00pm

Location: Sanctuary (Level 2)

Followed by Fellowship Tea in the Fellowship Hall (Level 1)

Please sign up at the Booth at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.



FAMILY CAMP 2026

Theme: "Perfecting Holiness" 2 Corinthians 7:1

Date: 15-20 March 2026

Registering for Camp:

Please sign up for camp through the online registration form (scan the QR code below).



If you need further assistance, please go to the registration booth at the Fellowship Hall. Do ensure that your passport expiry date is after 20 September 2026 before you begin registration.

Let us look forward to a wonderful time of learning what it means to perfect holiness in the fear of God!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 3 February 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 5 February 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 7 February 2026
 - a) No YPG/ YAG
 - b) No Youth Worship

3. Sunday Ministry, 8 February 2026
 - 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) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

BREAKFAST: YIT SAN; EDWARD & ELENA

LUNCH: IRVING, TYLER & KEENAN YAP; EUGENE & MICHELLE TAN



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 21:1-3

¹ My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
*Why are You so far from helping Me,
And from the words of My groaning?*

² O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;
And in the night season, and am not silent.

³ But You *are* holy,
Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

A CRY OF ANGUISH

1. Feeling forsaken
2. Feeling that God is far away
3. Fearing that God may not hear prayers

A HOPE IN GOD

1. That God is holy
2. He sits on His throne
3. He will not forget to hear and answer prayers

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 1 February 2026

Text: Bless the LORD, O my soul Psalm 103:1

Bless the LORD, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless His holy name” Psalm 103:1

1. Blessing the Lord

May it never be superficial praise.

Let it come from the depths of our soul!

2. Blessing the Lord's Name

His name represents Holiness

May we ever revere His name!

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 February 2026

Text: Forget not all His benefits Psalm 103:2

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Psalm 103:2

POETRY CORNER

1

WHERE IS YOUR GOD?

The children of Israel had many enemies;
They had to face many taunting inquiries.
There were people who asked to see their God;
Why did they hold fast to an invisible Lord?

The Gentile nations worshipped many deities;
These were in the form of metal or wooden entities.
Idol worship was widespread in ancient days;
But the truly pious chose to walk in God's ways.

The children of Israel had a hard time in life;
They had to face many struggles and strife.
The faithful chose to remain steadfast and true;
They refused to budge from what they chose to do.

Their faith was that their God was in heaven;
He was the Lord and He was absolutely sovereign.
The children of Israel held fast to their faith in God;
They had to find strength to remain true to the Lord!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 115:1-3

POETRY CORNER

2

GREAT IS HIS MERCY TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

Some seasons in life can be hard and challenging;
Uncertainties abound and it can be overwhelming.
Yet we can learn to fear God amidst human fears,
Knowing He is merciful and all our pleas, He hears.

When we fear God, our faith, we better appreciate;
We have been saved from a sinful and sad state.
In His mercy, He has removed our transgressions;
His mercy is so great it reaches to the heavens.

God remembers just how weak and frail we can be;
Every part of us, even the worst, He alone can see.
He helps us and never gives up on us, His children;
He relates to us with sympathy and compassion!

When we fear God, we can better see His Person;
We find renewed faith to face every life situation.
For His tender mercies each day, we humbly plead,
Trusting that He can and will meet our every need.

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Psalm 103:11-14

POETRY CORNER

3

FEAR THE LORD AND LOVE HIM

To fear the Lord and still love Him is indeed possible
Fear provides the foundation of a relationship with God
It gives rise to an understanding of who He is but indescribable
No one can really fathom the thoughts and power of the Lord

Mankind is insecure with an innate fear of the unknown
We worry at the dangers and harm the unknown can bring
Hence our trepidation of the Lord for He is mysterious as known
But let not fear undermine our respect and love for Him

Our love for God increases as we contemplate His nature
He is long suffering giving sinners time and time again to repent
May we not avoid and shrink back from Him in terror
Cultivate a deep reverence for Him as our faith grows in intent

The Lord requires of us to fear Him and walk in all His ways
Determine to fear and serve Him with all our heart and soul
There is no shame to fear God as it inspires trust and confidence
When we fear Him we need not be afraid for He is in complete control

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 103:11-13; Deuteronomy 10:12

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Dr. Tang Kong Choong

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 334 | Open My Eyes That I May See

CP 29 | My Tribute

MESSAGE

“To those who remember His commandments and do them” |

Text: Psalm 103:14-18

Rev. Benjamin Quah

COMMUNION HYMN

CP 181 | Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed?

CLOSING HYMN

CP 349 | Have Thine Own Way, Lord

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 334 OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE

CLARA H. SCOTT

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key,
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit Divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit Divine!



HYMNS

CP 29 MY TRIBUTE

ANDRAE CROUCH

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me;
Things so undeserved, yet You give to prove Your love for me?
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude –
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee!

To God be the glory, to God be the glory;
To God be the glory for the things He has done!
With His blood He has saved me; with His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done!

Just let me live my life; let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee.
And should I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary,
With His blood He has saved me; with His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done!



HYMNS

CP 181 ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOUR BLEED?

ISAAC WATTS

1. Alas! And did my Saviour bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred Head
For sinners such as I?
2. Was it for crimes that I have done,
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut its glories in,
When Christ, the Mighty Maker, died
For His own creature's sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.
5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.



HYMNS

CP 349 HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD ADELAIDE A. POLLARD

1. Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mould me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

2. Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

3. Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Saviour Divine!

4. Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

