

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 8 February 2026

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 115

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TRUST IN THE LORD

A CALL TO EXERCISE TRUST IN THE LORD

The Psalmist issued a strong call to exercise trust in the Lord. This call is certainly valid for all of us today!

⁹O Israel, trust in the LORD;
He *is* their help and their shield.

¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;

MEDITATION

He *is* their help and their shield.

¹¹You who fear the Lord, trust in the LORD;
He *is* their help and their shield.

Psalm 115:9-11

1. The use of Repetition

- a) This is for emphasis
- b) Three times, the Psalmist calls for Trust in the Lord

2. Trust in the Lord

- a) The focus is on the Lord
- b) Israel struggled with the lure of idolatry
- c) The challenge was to have a strong Trust in the Lord

3. Three groups of people highlighted

- a) The first group was the nation of Israel
- b) The second group was the house of Aaron
- c) The third group would be people who “fear the Lord”
- d) This could be a reference to the pious Gentiles who were called God-fearers

4. Their help and shield

- a) The Lord has proven Himself to be a reliable Help and Shield
- b) There is every reason to exercise Trust in the Lord

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To give heed to this Call to trust the Lord as our Help and our Shield
2. To exercise great trust in the Lord for the Lord will indeed be our Defender

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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 uplifted through worship and fellowship!



ACM 2026

Date: Sunday, 22 February 2026

Time: 1.30pm



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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Theme: 'Perfecting Holiness'

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!



CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to Wei Han and Celine on the occasion of their wedding on 7 February 2026. Every blessing on your marriage!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) There will be no Seniors Program on Tuesday, 10 February 2026
- b) Combined Seniors Program

Thursday, 12 February 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 14 February 2026

- a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
- b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 15 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

BREAKFAST: WILLIAM & GINI; ANDREW & HWEI LI WONG

LUNCH: JOANNA YAM; EDMOND, LING LING, ALDEN & ALVA; ROSALIND



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 22:4-5

⁴ Our fathers trusted in You;
They trusted, and You delivered them.

⁵ They cried to You, and were delivered;
They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

1. The example of spiritual forebears
 - a) They exercised Trust in God
 - b) God delivered them from their fears

2. They cried out to God in firm trust
 - a) God heard their prayers
 - b) He delivered them from all their problems

3. Our challenge is to emulate their example
 - a) Let us cry out to God with faith
 - b) Let us look forward to God hearing our cries

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 8 February 2026

Text: Forget not all His benefits

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

Psalm 103:2

1. The Benefits (Blessings) from God are many
2. Let us recall His many blessings
3. May we ever bless the LORD from the depths of our soul!

NEXT SUNDAY: 15 February 2026

Text: You are very great

*Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, You are very great:
You are clothed with honour and majesty.*

Psalm 104:1

POETRY CORNER

1

TRUST IN THE LORD

A Great Call to trust the Lord was issued;
To trust God fully, Israel had not pursued.
Thus, the nation suffered greatly;
The Call was to cry out to God urgently.

The Great Call was issued to the priests;
They had not always been faithful, to say the least.
The House of Aaron must set a good example
To exercise Trust in God was a basic principle.

The Great Call was also given to the God-fearers;
They must know that faith in God is truly precious.
They must continue to exercise Trust in God;
They must learn how to be faithful to the Lord!

The Lord is our present Help and Shield;
To evil temptations we must not yield.
Our trust in the Lord would not be in vain.
No one who trusts in God would be ashamed!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 115:9-11

POETRY CORNER

2

REMEMBER TO DO HIS COMMANDMENTS

The Lord condescended to establish a covenant with mankind
His grace and mercy to His children are unsurpassed
Greater love than His in this world you cannot find
A renewed relationship with our Father by the blood of the Lord Jesus ratified

An inclusive covenant covering the elite to the lowest servant
His faithfulness to those present is also extended to the future generation
To keep His covenant we must remember to do His commandments
Action is required to receive His blessings to cement the covenantal relation

Seek enlightenment from the Lord which He can give
Be not like Israel who saw the signs and wonders of God
Yet He did not give them a heart to perceive
May our eyes see and ears hear the teachings of the Lord

Passive hearing God's Word without action only intellectually stimulates
Doers of the Word are led to a true and deepened faith
The Lord Jesus said "If you love Me, keep My commandments"
Our obedience is evidence of our love for the Lord Jesus whose life He gave

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 103:18; Deuteronomy 29:9-15

POETRY CORNER

3

TO SUCH AS KEEP HIS COVENANT

To flowers and grass, the days of man are likened;
We are reminded of the brevity of man's existence.
Even if a man had attained many great achievements,
After he departs, the memory of him is soon forgotten.

In contrast, the mercy of the Lord is everlasting;
To His Covenant people, His mercy is abounding.
He forgives us and bears with our shortcomings;
He satisfies us and gives to us many blessings!

We must bless the Lord for all that He has given;
To bless Him would involve keeping His covenant.
If, for the Lord, there is true love and commitment,
We will remember and obey His commandments.

To be God's Covenant people is a great blessing;
Our part is to bless and fear Him in our daily living.
His commandments are holy and for our keeping;
When we obey them, it will bring much rejoicing!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Psalm 103:15-18

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Joshua Phang

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 76 | O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

CP 331 | Be Thou My Vision

MESSAGE

“Bless the LORD” | Text: Psalm 103:20, 21, 22

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

CP 91 | Praise Him! Praise Him!

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 76 O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING CHARLES WESLEY

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

4. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

5. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honours of Thy name.



HYMNS

CP 331 BE THOU MY VISION

ELEANOR H. HULL

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.



HYMNS

CP 91 PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, our Blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest arch-angels in glory;
Strength and honour give to His Holy Name!
Like a Shepherd Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long:

Refrain

Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him ever in joyful song!

2. Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, our Blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled and died;
He our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

Refrain

3. Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, our Blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! Over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:

Refrain



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