

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 15 February 2026

MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 116

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I LOVE THE LORD

A DECLARATION OF LOVE FOR GOD

This Psalm was written with great love for the Lord. The Psalmist remembered a special time when the Lord delivered his soul from death!

¹I love the LORD, because He has heard
My voice *and* my supplications.

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² Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call *upon Him* as long as I live.

³ The pains of death surrounded me,
And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;
I found trouble and sorrow.

⁴ Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!"

⁵ Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous;
Yes, our God *is* merciful.

⁶ The LORD preserves the simple;
I was brought low, and He saved me.

⁷ Return to your rest, O my soul,
For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

Psalm 116:1-7

1. A harrowing experience recalled
 - a) He wrote about the pains of death
 - b) The pangs of Sheol
 - c) Trouble and sorrow
 - d) The only thing he could do was to call on the Lord!

2. Remembering the Lord's help
 - a) He had heard the prayers offered
 - b) He saved and preserved
 - c) He had dealt bountifully

THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. To declare Love for God
2. To decide to keep close to the Lord
3. To rest in His grace and mercy

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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 uplifted through worship and fellowship!



ACM 2026

Date: Sunday, 22 February 2026

Time: 1.30pm

All members are requested to attend.



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!



EASTER AT SHANGRI-LA 2026

Easter is one of the most significant events in our Church calendar. Let us take this opportunity to renew our faith in our Risen Saviour!

Details:

Date: 5 April 2026 (Sunday)

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

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

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We warmly invite you to sign up for the Easter Lunch by scanning the QR code:



If you've any inquiries, please approach us at the booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays and we will assist you.



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

There will be no Seniors Program on Tuesday, 10 February 2026

2. Saturday, 21 February 2026

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

3. Sunday Ministry, 22 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

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- e) Crèche I and II | 10.30am
- f) ACM | 1.30pm



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Shanna Ng; Jaclyn Teo; Erica Zhao

Lunch: Benny Seow & Family; Andrew & Hwei Li Wong



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 22:9-11

⁹ But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb;
You made Me trust *while* on My mother's breasts.

¹⁰ I was cast upon You from birth.
From My mother's womb
You *have been* My God.

¹¹ Be not far from Me,
For trouble *is* near;
For *there is* none to help.

1. The Lord's Place in our life

- a) He was there at our birth
- b) He has always been there as a faithful God

2. A Plea to God

- a) To be near
- b) For there is no one else who can help

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. The greatness of God is the theme in Psalm 104
2. He is indeed clothed with honour and majesty!
3. May His greatness cause us to bless His holy name!

NEXT SUNDAY: 22 February 2026

Text: Oh, give thanks to the LORD

Oh, give thanks to the LORD!

Call upon His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Psalm 105:1

POETRY CORNER

1

I LOVE THE LORD

A Great Call to trust the Lord was issued;
Love for the Lord should be natural;
It must spring from a fountain eternal.
This Love for God must be cultivated;
The mercy of God must be reciprocated.

The Lord is One who hears our prayers;
On Him we may pour out all our cares.
The Lord will be there when we need Him;
He knows all about our weaknesses and sins.

The sorrows of death may frighten us;
We feel pangs of fear and helplessness.
The Lord will be there to deliver us from fear;
He draws close and He reminds us that He is near.

The heart cannot but respond with Love;
It has been touched by the Lord above.
May we ever learn to Love God dearly!
May we walk with our great God faithfully!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 116:1-7

POETRY CORNER

2

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD

Praise the Lord who frees captives from bondage to death and sins
Sing joyously as believers who are led forth in peace
He restores thorns and briers of life with cypress and myrtle trees
Give honour and glory to God for His faithfulness and infinite grace

The Lord is “enthroned in the praises” of His people
He makes His home dwelling within the adoration of His followers
Worship God for His everlasting love as there is none His equal
Celebrate Him for the manifestation of His presence in our lives

Worthy is the Lord who is deserving of all our praises
Even mountains and hills are called upon to extol His goodness
May all the oppressed remember His justice and righteousness
Proclaim His mercy and make Him known to all nations

Praise the Lord for His covenant to deliver all who fear Him
Pray that our love for Him abounds in knowledge with depth of insight
While I live I shall sing praises to God with my whole being
Bless the Lord and forget not His compassion and might

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalms 103:6, 22:3, 146:2; Isaiah 55:12; Philippians 1:9-11

POETRY CORNER

3

THE AURORA BOREALIS

Thousands head to the Arctic in pursuit of the Aurora Borealis;
The latter plays hide and seek with tourists and continues to be elusive.
Yet, she is gorgeous whenever she chooses to make an appearance;
A timely display of God's creative splendour and magnificence.

God's provision of earth's magnetic field shields us from potential injury;
When the immense heat from solar storms is converted to light energy.
The resultant Aurora amazes man with her aura and beauty;
A reminder of God's mercy and protection for humanity.

Although fire often conjures up judgement and destruction;
It is also a symbol of God's power and protection.
God promised the Jewish exiles He would surround them with a wall of fire;
And His glory be in their midst despite circumstances which were dire.

Amidst life's fiery challenges which yield distress and trepidation;
May we be reminded of God's promise of His presence and protection.
The Aurora reminds me of the Lord's goodness and His mercy;
Be encouraged that He will deliver and protect us in every contingency.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspired by the sighting of the Aurora Borealis, & Zechariah 2:5

POETRY CORNER

4

THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD

Who, so powerful, would love us so?
Who could choose this wretched soul?
What is love so strong and true -
That He would do so much for you?

That somehow in His marvelous love,
He sees beyond our earthly worth.
That pleased has been the Holy One,
To predestine you to be His son!

And hope shines forth in darkened hearts -
Redemption through the Father's blood.
Blood which spilled for you and me,
Slaves to sin at last set free!

So trust in Him who sent His Son,
Hear His words, believe each one.
For then the Father on His throne,
Will claim and seal you as His own.

Such love for us the Father shows,
Such life upon us He bestows.
What could we do but praise and sing,
And live for Him who made all things?

Joseph Chew
Inspiration: Ephesians 1

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deaconess Tan Hong Suen

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 8 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
CP 327 | O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

MESSAGE

"You are very great" | Text: Psalm 104:1-24
Rev. Eugene Seow

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 4 | How Great Thou Art

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 8 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY JOACHIM NEANDER

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desire e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly forever adore Him.



HYMNS

CP 327 O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO GEORGE MATHESON

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee.
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee.
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.



HYMNS

HWC 4 HOW GREAT THOU ART STUART K. HINE & EUGENE THOMAS

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Refrain



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