

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 1 March 2026

MEDITATION

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Text: Ephesians 4:1-6

WALK WORTHY OF THE CALLING

THE CALL OF GOD

The Lord first calls us to find salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is through believing in the Gospel of the Kingdom of God that we become children of God.

Paul went on to apply the concept of God's Calling with reference to keeping the

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unity of the Spirit. Sadly, the Church of God is badly divided because it has failed to heed the Lord's Call.

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

⁶ one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 4:1-6

1. Walking worthy of God's calling

We have to cultivate our Christian character first

The following were emphasised:

Lowliness and gentleness

Longsuffering and love

2. Endeavouring to keep the Unity of the Spirit

We have One Body and One Spirit

We have One hope

One Lord, one faith, one baptism

One God and Father

OUR CHALLENGE

1. We are a Bethany IPC Family of Churches

2. We must do our utmost to keep this Unity of the Spirit

3. May the Lord continue to lead and to bless!

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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 lifted up through worship and fellowship!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ELECTED TO FORM THE CHURCH SESSION (2026-2029)

1. Pastors in the Session

- a) Pastor Charles Tan
- b) Pastor Benjamin Chong
- c) Pastor Benjamin Quah

2. Deaconesses

- a) Ng Lay Eng
- b) Tan Li Hong
- c) Jane Tan
- d) Tan Hong Suen

3. Deacons

- a) George Thomas
- b) Daniel Chia
- c) Tang Kong Choong
- d) Milton Ong
- e) Quek Li Wei
- f) Tang Hong Wee
- g) Joshua Phang



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CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to:

1. Jerome and Sarah on the gift of a baby girl. Baby Althea was born on 23 February 2026.
2. Joshua and Stephanie on the gift of their 2nd child. Baby Eleanor was born on 26 February 2026.



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.

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.



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GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Linda Kua

Lunch: Alex & Shu Hua; Harry & Lily Ng



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 3 March 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 5 March 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 7 March 2026

- a) Pre-Camp Special | 3.00pm
- b) No YPG/ YAG
- c) No Youth Worship

3. Sunday Ministry, 1 March 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) No Catechism Class



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 22:25-26

²⁵ My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly;
I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.
Let your heart live forever!

1. Praising God

- a) May the Lord be praised publicly!
- b) May His name be honoured!

2. Paying of Vows

- a) All vows are to be paid
- b) All vows are to be honoured

3. The Poor of the Land who seek the Lord

- a) They will be fed
- b) May this be our heart of praise forever!

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 1 March 2026

Text: “Filled with the knowledge of His will”

Colossians 1:9

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Colossians 1:9

1. Commencement of Faith

It is something to rejoice in!

2. Commitment to Pray

Praying requires commitment

3. Contents of Prayer

a) To be filled with knowledge of God's will

b) To have wisdom and understanding

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 March 2026

Text: “That you may walk worthy of the Lord”

Colossians 1:10

That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:10

POETRY CORNER

#1

WALKING WORTHY OF GOD'S CALLING

God Calls us to find Salvation in the Lord Jesus;
He will graciously impart to us His righteousness!
How wonderfully blessed to be in the Kingdom of God;
May our hearts be challenged to walk worthy of the Lord!

The Lord Calls us to cultivate our Christian character;
This should be our glorious focus and treasure.
It is not easy to cultivate a life that is good and true;
God will enable us to become people who are born anew.

The Lord has graciously given us a Church family;
How our hearts must be moved to guard our unity.
We have every reason to keep our unity intact;
Let us pray that this Call of God would have impact.

The world is divided badly, but so is the Church, sadly;
Let us pray that God will help us serve Him faithfully.
Let us be moved walk worthy of the Lord's Calling;
The Lord will then continue to grant His blessings!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Ephesians 4:1-6

POETRY CORNER

#2

God's Word

Thank You, God, for giving us your Word to read;
Your commands and instructions are immutable indeed.
Yet our erring minds sometimes choose to interpret things our way;
So please give us Your wisdom and understanding, we pray.

Make us walk in the path of Your commandments;
And use Your instructions as our guiding lights and illuminants.
In a world filled with darkness and rampant with evil;
May Your Light give clarity and lead us away from peril.

Cause us to be inspired by a genuine love of the Scriptures;
And make obedience to Your commands our permanent fixtures.
Instill in our hearts the desire to diligently follow in Your ways;
Turn our preoccupation away from avarice and covetousness always.

Let Your Word be deeply ensconced in our consciousness;
And our thoughts and actions aligned with Your righteousness.
Cause our faith to be revived and grow continuously;
For we give You all praise and glory, both now and eternally.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 119:33-46

POETRY CORNER

#3

Teach me Your Statutes

Teach me Your Statutes is my prayer to the Lord
I am spiritually ignorant and need to be taught
Let me keep to the end the Word of God
May I not lean on my own understanding for it is naught

Not only must knowledge of God's Word grow
Ask to be given its understanding with the whole heart
Without understanding desire to keep the law is in woe
Few find the narrow gate to life as the way is hard

"Make me walk in the path of Your commandments" in delight
Be not like sheep gone astray to his own way
Bend my heart to Your Word and to greed not covet
Help turn my eyes from worthless things away

Steadfast against constant bombardment from media to like and lust
Seek strength and power from the Holy Spirit to resist temptation
Ask to be revived and made alive in the Way of God and trust
For blessed is the undefiled who has undergone transformation

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 119:33-37; Matthew 7:13-14

POETRY CORNER

#4

Sacred Sonship

How great Thy love to call me son,
To carry me from wrath,
Once thrall to sin, from light a-shun,
Now kin to God above.

What gracious hands that work the clay,
Of life—such art to be;
Were sons of flesh and sure decay,
Now blessed eternally.

O blessings great, how clothe the son
Who heeds his Father's will.
Inheritance - though so unwon,
He would, to sons, unveil.

Why wait then, sons, for cherished day,
To bid your darkness cease,
To yield your hearts as softened clay,
And claim your waiting peace?

Joseph Chew
Inspiration: Ephesians 1 and 2

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon George Thomas

Mr. Charles George

PRAYER

HYMNS

VIP 570 | Walk with Faith

CP 77 | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

MESSAGE

"Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus"

Colossians 1

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

HOLY COMMUNION

HWC 355 | Trusting Jesus

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 293 | Rise Up, O Church of God

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

VIP 570 WALK WITH FAITH

Walk with faith in your heart and you'll never walk alone;
For with faith in your heart, the world is yours to own;
You never will grieve if in Him you believe
And walk with faith in your heart.

When the dreams that you dream seem to disappear from view
That's the time to fight on and soon they'll all come true.
He'll lighten your load as you travel life's road,
So walk with faith in your heart

Whenever you have troubles, just reach out for His hand;
He's by your side, your Constant Guide,
And quick to understand.

You will find happiness if you let Him be your Friend;
And you'll find that success is just around the bend.
He won't let you down, Wear a smile, not a frown,
And walk with faith in your heart.



HYMNS

CP 77 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

ROBERT ROBINSON

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it,
Name of God's redeeming love.
2. Here, I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at Home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.



HYMNS

HWC 355 TRUSTING JESUS

EDGAR P. STITES

1. Simply trusting every day,
Trusting through a stormy way;
Even when my faith is small,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain

Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him whate'er befall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

2. Brightly doth His Spirit shine
Into this poor heart of mine;
While He leads I cannot fall;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain

3. Singing if my way is clear,
Praying if the path be drear;
If in danger, for Him call;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain

4. Trusting Him while life shall last,
Trusting Him till earth be past;
Till within the Jasper Wall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 293 RISE UP, O CHURCH OF GOD

WILLIAM P. MERRILL

1. Rise up, O Church of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of kings.

2. Rise up, O Church of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

3. Rise up, O sons of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task,
Rise up, and make her great!

4. Lift high the Cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As foll'wers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O Church of God!



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