

# BETHANY

## INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 15 March 2026*

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## MEDITATION

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**Text: Ephesians 4**

## “TO A PERFECT MAN”

### GOD'S PROVISION

God's provision is not just in material benefits. His provision is also to be found in the spiritual realm.

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

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<sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

<sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

<sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting. Ephesians 4:11-14

## 1. Special provision of God

- a) Apostles
- b) Prophets
- c) Evangelists
- d) Pastors-Teachers

These are God's provision for the Church and for the well-being of the individual! Their roles are needed for the growth of the Church.

## 2. The tasks that God has assigned

- a) To equip the saints for the work of ministry
- b) To edify the Church

## 3. Glorious Goals

- a) The unity of the faith
- b) Deep knowledge of the Son of God
- c) To a perfect man ("mature manhood")
- d) The fulness of the Lord Jesus Christ
- e) No longer children in faith

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. Let us appreciate the gifts of God
2. Let us grow as best we can
3. May we aspire to be fully mature spiritually!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **WELCOME TO BETHANY**

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



## **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.



## **GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

Breakfast & Lunch: Helen & Albert; Bobby & Michele



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Family Camp 2026  
15-20 March 2026

2. Seniors Program  
There will be no Seniors Program this week

3. Saturday, 21 March 2026  
a) No YPG/ YAG  
b) No Youth Worship

4. Sunday Ministry, 22 March 2026  
a) Sunday School | 8.30am  
b) Combined Baptismal Worship Service | 10.30am  
c) Children's Worship I and II | 10.30am  
d) Crèche I and II | 10.30am  
e) No Catechism Class



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## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 15 March 2026**

**Text: "Strengthened with all might" Colossians 1:11**

*Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all  
patience and longsuffering with joy. Colossians 1:11*

1. The Strength that God gives
  - a) Might
  - b) Glorious power

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## 2. Purpose of Strength

- a) So that we may be able to persevere patiently
- b) So that we may have longsuffering with joy

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 22 March 2026**

### **Text: “Giving thanks to the Father” Colossians 1:12**

*Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. Colossians 1:12*

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## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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### **Psalm 22:29-30**

<sup>29</sup> All the prosperous of the earth  
Shall eat and worship;  
All those who go down to the dust  
Shall bow before Him,  
Even he who cannot keep himself alive.

<sup>30</sup> A posterity shall serve Him.  
It will be recounted of the Lord to the *next* generation,

<sup>31</sup> They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be  
born,  
That He has done *this*.

## 1. People who will worship the Lord

- a) The wealthy
- b) The impoverished
- c) They will offer heartfelt worship

## 2. A Posterity

- a) They will serve the Lord
- b) There will always be a next generation
- c) They will declare His righteousness

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# POETRY CORNER

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#1

## TO A PERFECT MAN

It is natural to see growth in a little Baby;  
If nurtured well, they reflect God's glory.  
This principle applies in the spiritual realm;  
We were meant to become God's gems!

To this end, God has made much provision;  
He has given His servants for our edification.  
We were never meant to remain as children;  
We were designed to become God's servants!

We need to do our part to grow spiritually;  
The Lord's grace will help us grow steadily.  
There is a role for every one who is born of God;  
We can do much in the mighty name of the Lord.

"To a Perfect Man" is a goal that is worthy;  
We would then be able to serve faithfully.  
May our hearts be stirred to serve the Lord!  
Let us walk worthy of our calling from God!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Ephesians 4:11-14

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# POETRY CORNER

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#2

## Divine Hope

We invest time and effort in hope of reaping success and rewards;  
But secular hope is temporal and often forgotten soon afterwards.  
We pin hopes on certain lifestyles and medical therapies to keep healthy;  
Yet age creeps up and health is lost inevitably.

Human efforts no matter how valiant;  
Give a sense of hope which is at best transient.  
There is only one hope which does not disappoint but is eternal;  
That which is laid up for us in heaven by the Heavenly Father.

Divine hope can help us face worldly trials and apprehension;  
It gives us strength to persevere and overcome trepidation.  
The resilience we show then builds our demeanor and character;  
All in the hope of rejoicing in the glory of God forever.

We can lay claim to this glorious hope by having faith;  
Through the Lord Jesus who has given us access to God's grace.  
Divine hope can further inspire faith to grow deeper;  
It bestows peace with God and allows His love in us to blossom for others.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Colossians 1:5; Romans 5:1-5

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# POETRY CORNER

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#3

## The Lord is Our Portion

An infinite grace from the Lord to choose Him as our portion  
The Levi tribe was not given a portion of the promised land as an inheritance  
Instead they were promised the Lord as their portion  
To be allotted such as per God's plan reflects His benevolence

To walk worthy of our inheritance we are to keep His Word  
When the Lord is our portion dependence on Him is complete  
The Inheritance is everlasting giving hope with needs met undeterred  
May we experience joy in the transient life on earth without conceit

No man can have the Lord as his portion unless he has been chosen  
Being granted His grace let us not forgo this precious treasure  
With God as our heritage worship Him with deep devotion  
Let us resolve to speedily amend our covetous ways and pleasure

The earth is full of the Lord's mercy and grace  
Fear the Lord and be thankful for His blessings and provisions  
Seek God for mercy with the whole heart in full embrace  
All favours given will be according to His will and terms

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 119:57-64

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# POETRY CORNER

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#4

## HEAVEN-BOUND HOPE

This heaven-bound hope—  
like an Olympian with eyes fixed  
on that far-off glittering crown—  
shall triumph when the trumpet finally sounds,  
undaunted, unflinching,  
though towering trials and tribulations assail.

When treasures of earth  
shackle our hearts to passing loves,  
and weary feet falter;  
fledgling faith fenced in by fear,  
trembles day by day;

When mortal loves swell  
from frailty into fevered devotion,  
and all we dare venture  
is dragging this battered body  
through one more day,  
as though that were the only way,

remember, soon-victorious runner:  
you were summoned  
by a heaven-bound hope  
that dares defy and master  
this wayward body of clay:

a body that must be beaten  
and bidden onward  
until nothing left in it  
can yield to despair or dismay.

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## POETRY CORNER

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A faith  
humbled by grace,  
emboldened by love,  
renewed by hope's eternal race:

that I am far worse  
than I ever dared believe—  
yet far more loved  
than I ever dared deserve.

Riches, power, pleasures—  
I heed them not;  
for a royal life flows as I run,  
rich and unrestrained  
through these mortal veins.

And I shall cast down  
all that impedes  
the unending, golden joy  
reaching out from heaven  
crowning the present sufferings  
with steadfast hope and glorious grace  
to strengthen these feet with faith that flies  
driving every doubt to flight.

All the dazzling earthbound stars  
that once seemed precious near and far—  
I gladly yield their fading lights,  
for You have promised in their place  
the Crown of Everlasting Life,  
outshining every lesser prize.

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## POETRY CORNER

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Each day the Splendid Sun draws nearer still,  
and night shall soon forget what darkness is.  
The earth beneath my racing feet gives way  
as sinful self is worn to its last trace.

Then amazing grace, like outstretched arms,  
receives me as the crowd makes way,  
their voices rising like the sea at dawn.  
Overcome with joy, I fall upon my knees.

Heaven-bound hope has led me all the way  
to fight the good fight,  
finish the race.

My God, my Hope—  
Because of You,  
I have kept the faith—  
and now the crown awaits.

David Cai Jinhang

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# POETRY CORNER

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#5

## HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

How marvellous is the eternal gift of salvation!  
Through faith in Christ, we obtain justification.  
We are God's redeemed and our sins are forgiven;  
We rejoice in hope that is anchored in heaven.

The glorious hope will surely be realized one day;  
Till then, we are still subject to earthly trials today.  
Faith and hope in God help us to have confidence;  
We need not fear painful and tough situations!

True faith will remain, despite the storms of life;  
To cope under great pressure, we can strive.  
We can cultivate a powerful spirit of perseverance;  
Through testing, true character is seen and proven.

Some days are tough and we feel a little battered,  
But hope in God helps us not to be disappointed.  
By His Spirit, God fills our hearts with His love,  
He helps us to cling onto hope that is from above!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Romans 5:1-5

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## **PRELUDE**

Musicians

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Deacon Dr. Tang Kong Choong*

## **PRAYER**

## **HYMNS**

CP 8 | Holy, Holy, Holy

CP 462 | They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

## **MESSAGE**

"Bringing forth fruit "

Colossians 1

*Rev. Dr. Charles Tan*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

HWC 289 | There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing

## **BENEDICTION**

## **OFFERING**

## **POSTLUDE**



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# HYMNS

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## CP 8 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

REGINALD HEBER

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!



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# HYMNS

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## CP 462 THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

PETER SCHOLTES

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 289 THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSING

DANIEL W. WHITTLE

1. "There shall be showers of blessing" –  
This is the promise of love;  
There shall be seasons refreshing,  
Sent from the Saviour above.

Refrain

Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need;  
Mercy-drops round us are falling,  
But for the showers we plead.

2. "There shall be showers of blessing" –  
Precious reviving again;  
Over the hills and the valleys,  
Sound of abundance of rain.

*Refrain*

3. "There shall be showers of blessing" –  
Send them upon us, O Lord;  
Grant to us now a refreshing,  
Come and now honour Your Word.

*Refrain*

4. "There shall be showers of blessing" –  
O that today they might fall,  
Now as to God we're confessing,  
Now as on Jesus we call!

*Refrain*



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