

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 5 July 2026 ... Holy Communion Sunday

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Hebrews 11

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WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD

A TRADITIONAL FAITH

Many will speak of possessing faith in God. There even seems to be proof of faith in life. Church attendance and general service appear to be satisfactory. But how does God view our faith?

MEDITATION

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:5-6

1. The Testimony of Enoch's Faith in God
 - a) "That he pleased God"
 - b) What did he do to have this word spoken about him by God Himself!
2. What is God looking for?
 - a) God is looking for Faith that is truly pleasing to Him
 - b) Can we say that we have a Faith that truly pleases God?
3. What is certainly NOT pleasing to God
 - a) When faith is just another bit of knowledge about God
 - b) When faith is dormant
 - c) When faith does not result in a consistent walk with God

"And Enoch walked with God, and he *was* not, for God took him"
Genesis 5:24

A FAITH THAT PLEASES GOD

1. A Genuine Faith
2. A Growing Faith
3. A Glowing Faith

These marks appear obviously in the life of a person who has a faith that pleases 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 lifted up through worship and fellowship!



COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having a Combined Worship Service today! Thank God for the sense of Oneness between MWS and CWS. May this Oneness be kept strong!



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



IMPORTANT NOTICE: UPDATE TO CHURCH GIVING & BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Dear Brethren,

We will be changing the Church's Bank Account (from HSBC to UOB) for offering collections.

Please take note of the following updates:

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1. Reason for Change:

As our current bank HSBC is closing all operations for non-profit organizations, we will be changing the Church's Bank Account for Offering collection to a UOB account, which will take effect 1 July 2026.

2. New Bank Transfer Details (Effective 1 July 2026):

Account Name: Bethany Independent-Presbyterian Church

Bank Name: UOB (Bank Code: 7375 / Branch Code: 023)

UOB Current Account: 123-301-857-61.

3. PayNow Details (Unchanged):

UEN Number: S86SS0049J

Please verify that the official Church name appears on your screen before confirming the transfer.

Thank you.



TWO NEW MINISTRIES

We commence two new ministries from July 2026.

1. Children's Devotions

- a) Weekly readings
- b) Gospel of Mark
- c) Parents are encouraged to read alongside

2. Seniors' Devotions

- a) From the Book of Isaiah
- b) Focus: God's redemption plan
- c) Read for Instruction, Improvement and Inspiration



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: YF & Betty; Chan Chuan Heng
Lunch: Qing Yang & Yuanli; Basil & Agnes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+3 ANNIVERSARY

Theme: Give me this Mountain

Date: 30 August 2026, Sunday

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Time: 10.30am

Anniversary Lunch: 12.15pm

Do register as early as possible.

If there are any queries, please approach us at the Booth in the Fellowship Hall during Lunch.

To sign up for Anniversary Lunch, please scan the QR code below.



CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50 + 3 ANNIVERSARY: CHILDREN'S SPECIAL LUNCH PROGRAM

We will be having a special Lunch Program for our children as part of this year's 50+3 Anniversary celebrations.

Our children will have their own lunch menu and program in a separate room, taken care by our staff and volunteers.

Details:

Date: 30 August 2026, Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel, Azalea Rooms (2nd Floor)

Time: 12.15pm – 2.00pm

This is open to children **aged 5 to 12.**

Please contact Pastor Benjamin Quah (9752 3036) if you have any queries.

To register for your child(ren), scan the QR code below for the **Children's Special Lunch Program.**



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 7 July 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 9 July 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 11 July 2026
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 12 July 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



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 26:3-5

- ³ For Your lovingkindness *is* before my eyes,
And I have walked in Your truth.
⁴ I have not sat with idolatrous mortals,
Nor will I go in with hypocrites.
⁵ I have hated the assembly of evildoers,
And will not sit with the wicked.

1. A strong Regard maintained
 - a) God's lovingkindness
 - b) His truth
 - c) Walking in God's truth

2. A Strong Rejection maintained
 - a) No idolatry
 - b) No fellowship with hypocrites
 - c) No relationship with wicked people

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 5 July 2026

Text: "As it was in my heart" Joshua 14:7

I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart.

Joshua 14:7

1. A testimony of Caleb
2. A testimony of being faithful in the heart to the Lord
3. A testimony that stood the test of time

NEXT SUNDAY: 12 July 2026

Text: "I wholly followed the LORD my God" Joshua 14:8

Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

Joshua 14:8

POETRY CORNER

1

WITHOUT FAITH

It is clear what does not please God;
It is a faithless life, of not relating to the Lord.
We defend ourselves almost angrily;
We seem to fail what God says plainly!

God is not looking for spectacular achievement;
He knows that the best among us have limitations.
God is simply looking for a faith that is Genuine;
A mistaken faith can lead to a disastrous ruin.

A Genuine Faith is one that keeps growing;
It is not a stagnant faith that is actually dying.
A Growing Faith becomes one that Glows in the dark;
It is this kind of Faith that God desires as a hallmark.

Let us be challenged to examine our faith in God;
May a true faith in us cause us to be pleasing to the Lord!
There are many examples of heroes written in the Scriptures;
May we find inspiration as we ponder sacred literature!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Hebrews 11:5-6

POETRY CORNER

2

THE WORD OF GOD

May we live our lives according to the Word of the Lord
In humility recognise that we are totally reliant on His mercy
Seek to be granted an understanding of the will of God
And to develop an acute consciousness of the Almighty

Like sheep we tend to wander and go astray
Plead with the good Shepherd to “seek Your servant”
Lead us to the right path to walk in His ways
Restore us through His Word, Spirit and Providence

Even in times of struggle forget not His commandments
For the Lord’s commandments are just and righteous
Our tongues will not be silent but sing His praises
Choose to be obedient to His divine statutes

Hear our cries O Lord and look upon us with acceptance
We come before You with prayers for lives of godliness
Rid us of sins and bring us out of afflictions
Deliver us with the continual power of Your grace

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 119:169-176

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon George Thomas

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 10 | O Worship the King
HWC 43 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ITEM

"The Refiner's Fire"
Crossroads

MESSAGE

"Men who were the heads of the children of Israel" | Numbers 13:1-25
Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

HWC 408 | Have Faith in God

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 409 | I Know Whom I Have Believed

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 10 O WORSHIP THE KING

ROBERT GRANT

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.



HYMNS

HWC 43 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

THOMAS O. CHISHOLM

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 408 HAVE FAITH IN GOD

B. B. MCKINNEY

1. Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely,
He sees and knows all the way you have trod;
Never alone are the least of His children;
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

Refrain

Have faith in God, He's on His throne;
Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail;
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

2. Have faith in God when your pray'rs are unanswered,
Your earnest plea He will never forget;
Wait on the Lord, trust His Word and be patient,
Have faith in God, He'll answer yet.

Refrain

3. Have faith in God in your pain and your sorrow,
His heart is touched with your grief and despair;
Cast all your cares and your burdens upon Him,
And leave them there, oh, leave them there.

Refrain

4. Have faith in God though all else fail about you;
Have faith in God, He provides for His own;
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish,
He rules, He reigns upon His throne.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 409 I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED DANIEL WHITTLE

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

Refrain

But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day".

2. I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

Refrain

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.

Refrain

4. I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or "meet Him in the air".

Refrain



The Refiner's Fire

Lyrics by: Jon Mohr

Music by: Jon Mohr & Randall Dennis

Arranged by: Bill Wolaver


Performed by: Crossroads

There burns a fire with sacred heat
White hot with holy flame,
And all who dare pass through its blaze
Will not emerge the same.
Some as bronze, and some as silver,
Some as gold, then with great skill,
All are hammered by their sufferings
On the anvil of His will.

The Refiner's fire
Has now become my soul desire,
Purged and cleansed and purified,
That the Lord be glorified.
He is consuming my soul,
Refining me, making me whole.
No matter what I may lose,
I choose the Refiner's fire.

I'm learning now to trust His touch,
To crave the fire's embrace,
For though my past with sin was etched,
His mercies did erase!
Each time His purging cleanses deeper,
I'm not sure that I'll survive,
Yet the strength in growing weaker
Keeps my hungry soul alive.

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