

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 4 October 2026 ... Holy Communion Sunday

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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TEXT: PSALM 84

HOW LOVELY IS YOUR TABERNACLE!

THE SONS OF KORAH

The Sons of Korah were a dedicated group of Levites deeply committed to the physical care of the Lord's Tabernacle. They were serving as assistants to the Aaronic priests. Nevertheless, they possessed a great sense of love for the House of God.

MEDITATION

¹ How lovely *is* Your tabernacle,
O LORD of hosts!

² My soul longs, yes, even faints
For the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young—
Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts,
My King and my God.

⁴ Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house;
They will still be praising You.

Psalm 84:1-4

1. Deep affection for the House of God
 - a) The Tabernacle of the Lord
 - b) Even the courtyard
2. Personal Desire to be in the House of God
 - a) Longing to be in God's presence
 - b) To the point of "fainting"
3. Natural desire of the sparrows and swallows to be in the Lord's House

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To have the same affection for God's House
2. To develop a greater appreciation of the Lord's Sanctuary
3. To determine to take positive steps to learn how we may love the

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

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



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Eric & Siok; Ee Ai Meei

Lunch: Ee Ai Meei; Joleen, James & Jedd; Margrette & Peter Teo



CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

We will be having a Church Spring Cleaning for our Church premises.
Thank God for the Church building He has given to us,
and for the privilege to care for it.

Details:

Monday, 9 November 2026

9:00am-12:00nn

Followed by Lunch Fellowship

If you would like to be part of the Church Spring Cleaning,
please sign up with either Deacon George,
Pastor Eugene or Pastor Moses.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

"Hold fast what you have" - Revelation 3:11

We start looking forward to the Youth Conference even as we enter the second half of 2026! As we learn about our faith in God, may we seek to hold fast to what we have, ensuring that no one takes away the crown of victory that we can have!

Details

Dates: 30 November 2026 - 3 December 2026 (Monday - Thursday)

Venue: Bethany IPC | Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm daily

Age

Open to youths aged 13 and above.

Fellowship Lunch

Lunch will be provided every day. It would be an opportunity for us to relate to and fellowship with one another.

Fees

\$25.00

Do sign up early to assist in the planning of the programme.
If there are any queries, please feel free to contact Joshua Phang at 8028 6194.

You can register online by scanning the QR Code:



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 6 October 2026 | 9:30am – 11:30am
 - b) Thursday, 8 October 2026 | 9:30am – 11:30am
2. Saturday, 10 October 2026
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
3. Sunday Ministry, 11 October 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 37:25-26

²⁵ I have been young, and *now* am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his descendants begging bread.

²⁶ *He is* ever merciful, and lends;
And his descendants *are* blessed.

1. Observations about the Righteous
 - a) They are never forsaken
 - b) Their descendants will never need to beg for bread
2. Further observations about the Righteous
 - a) He is ever merciful and helps people in need
 - b) His descendants are blessed!

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 4 OCTOBER 2026

Text: “LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Psalm 15:1

LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?

Who may dwell in Your holy hill? Psalm 15:1

1. Good questions raised
2. They help us not to take God and His Tabernacle for granted
3. Take time to read Psalm 15 to find the answer

NEXT SUNDAY: 11 OCTOBER 2026

Text: “In Your presence *is* fullness of joy” Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;

At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

POETRY CORNER

#1

HOW LOVELY IS YOUR TABERNACLE!

The humble Levites assisted the Aaronic priests;
They would never be promoted, but they persist.
Their job was to look after the Tabernacle;
To them, this was a Calling that was special.

They did not despise their humble work at all;
They were conscious that they had a divine Call.
They were assigned their Tasks by the Lord;
They served well because of their love for God.

The Sons of Korah had a deep love for the Tabernacle;
Even the Courtyards of the Tabernacle were special.
They thought about the sparrows and the swallows;
Their natural affinity for the Tabernacle drew them close.

The Joy of the Sons of Korah is truly deeply inspiring;
They were just glad to be able to sing praises to the King;
May we be moved to cultivate such a deep sense of love too!
To the Lord's House, may we ever be steadfast and true!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 84:1-4

POETRY CORNER

#2

Repentance from Iniquity

Man sins when he ignores to do God's commands;
He transgresses when he outright defies what God's laws demand.
Yet, it is the inner self's iniquity and evil that need to be addressed ultimately;
Lest one believes these can be dismissed or dealt with summarily.

God could have dealt with man's iniquities with divine anger;
And punished him with agony both physical and mental.
Man would have been isolated and banished to disgrace;
If it were not for the Lord's mercy and His grace.

But God's forgiveness is not to be taken for granted;
The fear of the Lord in response to His forgiveness is what is expected.
Pleading for forgiveness cannot be a mere verbal utterance;
What must count is a heart of genuine repentance.

So let us repent and learn to wait patiently on the Lord;
For in Him there is hope for man's deliverance no matter his lot.
God will forgive and redeem us from our iniquities;
He will restore us from our old selves to become renewed entities.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 130 & 38

POETRY CORNER

#3

Our Prayer Life

How do we approach God in our prayers
Are we consciously focusing on Him as our Lord
Often our prayers are laden with our needs and requests
Let us review the way in which we pray to God

King David meditated in preparation for his prayers
He meditated on the Lord as His King and His God
For it is to His Lordship whom he addresses his prayers
May our prayers too be conscious of Him as our King and Lord

Formative ideas of God shapes the way we pray
Knowing His merciful nature transforms obligatory prayers into intimate relations
His holiness and righteousness makes us revere Him and obey
Shifting casual routine in prayer life to one of high regard purpose

Being aware of our sinful nature humbles us to ask for forgiveness
He is our compassionate, loving and long suffering Father
Seek Him to lead us into the light out of darkness
May our hearts burst with gratitude towards our Master

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 5

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ms. Chloe Tang

Mr. Christopher Tang

Ms. Esther Tang

PRAYER

HYMNS

Song No. 1 | The House of the Lord

VIP 420 | A Common Love

MESSAGE

"The LORD is in His holy Temple"

Psalm 11

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

HWC 274 | Break Thou the Bread of Life

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 505 | Love Lifted Me

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

INSPIRED BY THE SONGS OF ASCENT & PSALM 27

There's a place I love to go
That brings such joy untold
It's the holy city of our Lord –
The dwelling place of God

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
We will sing and we'll serve
Tell of God's great love
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
With His people we'll stand
Sing of God's mighty hand
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

There are people that I love
Who belong to God above
A holy nation of our God
Who love and serve the Lord

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
We will sing and we'll serve
Tell of God's great love
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

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HYMNS

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
 With His people we'll stand
 Sing of God's mighty hand
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

 There is one thing I desire
 For now and all my life
To behold the beauty of our Lord
 In the house of our great God

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
 We will sing and we'll serve
 Tell of God's great love
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

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HYMNS

VIP 420 A COMMON LOVE

CHARLES F. BROWN

A common love for each other, a common gift to the Saviour,
A common bond holding us to the Lord;
A common strength when we're weary, a common hope for tomorrow,
A common joy in the truth of God's Word.

1. In His family, we can meet each one's needs
We can light each one's path, we can bear each one's grief;
As His children, we can comfort each care,
We can build each one's faith, we can work, we can share.

A common love for each other, a common gift to the Saviour,
A common bond holding us to the Lord;
A common strength when we're weary, a common hope for tomorrow,
A common joy in the truth of God's Word.

2. In His family, all the love that we show,
All the help that we give, all the life we bestow;
As His children, they're an off'ring we make,
Not expecting return, just a gift for His sake.

A common love for each other, a common gift to the Saviour,
A common bond holding us to the Lord;
A common strength when we're weary, a common hope for tomorrow,
A common joy in the truth of God's Word.



HYMNS

HWC274 BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE

ST. 1-2 MARY A. LATHBURY, ST. 3-4 ALEXANDER GROVES

1. Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee Lord,
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my All in all.
3. Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,
Thy Holy Word the truth that saveth me;
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.
4. O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes and make me see:
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I see Thee, Lord.



HYMNS

HWC 505 LOVE LIFTED ME

JAMES ROWE

1. I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
Now safe am I.

Refrain

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me;
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

2. All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling
In His Blessed Presence live, ever His praises sing;
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too,
To Him belongs.

Refrain

3. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves;
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,
He your Saviour wants to be,
Be saved today.

Refrain



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