

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 87

GLORIOUS THINGS ARE SPOKEN OF YOU

THE CITY OF GOD

A number of the Psalmists of Israel wrote about Jerusalem. They used different terms to describe the city of God. All possessed a special love for Zion.

MEDITATION

¹ His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.

² The LORD loves the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

³ Glorious things are spoken of you,
O city of God!

Psalm 87:1-3

1. The Foundation

- a) Any significant building needs a strong foundation
- b) The city of Zion also needs a great foundation
- c) God laid the holy mountains as the foundation of Zion
 - i. Imagine its depth
 - ii. Think about its strength

2. God's love for Zion, the holy city

- a) It was God who chose Zion
- b) This choice was significant:
 - i. Out of Divine will
 - ii. Out of a great love
 - iii. Out of His profound wisdom

3. Those who love the Lord and His house

- a) They will speak glorious things of Zion
- b) Zion will be etched in the heart and mind as "the city of God"

OUR CHALLENGE

- 1. To remember that the Lord said He would build the Church
- 2. The Church is the Body of Christ
- 3. Let us learn how to love the Church God had given to us

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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!



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Jane, Kevin Kwok & Alicia Foo
Lunch: Jane, Kevin Kwok & Alicia Foo; Alvin & Shirley; Rosalind



NEXT SUNDAY

We will be having Holy Communion.
Let us come prepared to partake of the Lord's Supper.



LIFT UPGRADE PROJECT

Dear Brethren,

This week, we have begun to upgrade our church lifts, starting with the Main Lift. Hence, the Main Lift will be temporarily out of order.

However, you can still use the Bubble Lift should you require lift access. If you require lift access from the 1st to the 2nd floor, you may also use the platform lifts.

For those who are healthy and mobile, you are encouraged to exercise your leg muscles by taking the stairs!

This would give priority to those who need to use the lifts.

Thank you for your kind understanding!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:



CHRISTMAS CAROLING 2026

Christmas remains a special time of remembering God's everlasting love toward us, in the coming of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us ready our hearts to worship the Lord and declare His love this Christmas!

Christmas Caroling will be taking place in December. Kindly sign up at the booth at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays if you'd like to attend.

Details

Date: Saturday, 5 December 2026

Venue: Sanctuary

Time: 3:00pm

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI-LA 2026

We will be having our special Christmas Worship Service and Christmas Lunch on 25 December 2026.

Details

Date: Friday, 25 December 2026

Venue: Shangri-La

Time: 10:30am

Christmas Worship Service will commence at 10:30am, followed by Christmas Lunch. Kindly plan to sign up early.

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Please scan the QR code below to register for Christmas Lunch. Kindly approach us at the booth at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays if you've any queries.



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

Seniors Program for this week is to be confirmed depending on the haze situation.

2. Saturday, 31 October 2026

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

3. Sunday Ministry, 1 November 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 37:34-363

³⁴ Wait on the LORD,
And keep His way,
And He shall exalt you to inherit the land;
When the wicked are cut off, you shall see *it*.

³⁵ I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a native green tree.

³⁶ Yet he passed away, and behold, he *was no more*;
Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.

1. The Wicked

- a) They may obtain great power
- b) Yet, their lives are ephemeral
- c) Everything they own will be lost

2. Those who Trust in the Lord

- a) They keep the ways of the Lord
- b) They wait on the Lord
- c) God will exalt them one day

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 25 OCTOBER 2026

Text: “So I have looked for You in the sanctuary” Psalm 63:2

So I have looked for You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory. Psalm 63:2

1. The Lord is always in His Sanctuary
2. He adorns His sanctuary with glory and power
3. Those who seek the Lord in His Sanctuary will be blessed

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 NOVEMBER 2026

Text: “I have loved you with an everlasting love”

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying:
“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.
Jeremiah 31:3

POETRY CORNER

#1

GLORIOUS THINGS ARE SPOKEN OF YOU

There were those who had deep love for God's Sanctuary;
A good number of Psalmists devoted to praise God heartily.
They knew that God loved Zion, the city that He had chosen;
They were glad that they had faith in God and His Kingdom.

Their hearts were moved by all that they saw in the Holy City;
The Lord's hand of protection would be there to display glory.

The Lord laid the strongest foundation for the Temple;
Great was the delight of the worshippers, His faithful people!

Those who loved the Lord's House had nothing but praise;
This was the Lord's chosen Sanctuary, sustained by grace.

The Lord's people could not but break forth into song;
The faithful gathered as worshippers, mighty and strong.

Thank God for the faithful and their example of trust;
Their belief in God and Zion make them true and steadfast.
God Himself would bless them out of His Holy Sanctuary;
All would know that they are His people, blessed and holy.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 87:1-3

POETRY CORNER

#2

The Lord is Our Refuge

The Lord is our refuge, in Him we trust
He shows us to a path of life with lasting pleasure
Protecting us from evil and containing our wander lust
God is our portion and inheritance in full measure

The Lord is our refuge, in Him we trust
We treasure Him for His teaching and guidance
Receiving counsel in the stillness of night when day has passed
Praise Him for His wisdom and Word so precious

The Lord is our refuge, in Him we trust
He will not abandon our souls in Sheol
Death does not end our relationship with Him who is just
Hope in the Anointed Holy One to save our souls

The Lord is our refuge, in Him we trust
Let us set the Almighty always before us
Grateful for His loving kindness towards man of mere dust
Glory to Him for security and peace wrapped in His arms

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 16

POETRY CORNER

#3

Yet – Part 1

The irritation in my eyes bother me,
And that smokey smell in the air, that smokey smell...
That smell that I have become too familiar with,
A source of discontent for the past many weeks.

Yet, at that memorable dinner the other day,
I marveled at the smoke trapped to flavour the butter.
And I savoured that smoked butter with glee,
Contented that I had eaten something beautiful.

Why is it that the greyness of the sky affects my driving?
I am more impatient, and I give way less.
And the tendency to sound the horn is more,
And I look at the other drivers a little more.

Yet, the journey that was taken was really the same,
When the air was fresh and the skies were blue.
Rather than dwelling on the grey cover,
I could have been gladdened by the colorful flowers blooming in the heat
and dryness.

I have allowed this haze to get under my skin,
Yet, I should have meditated in my heart and be still.
And I allowed resentments and laments to ring in my ears,
Yet, all I had to do was allow Him to put gladness in my heart.

I am better off trusting in the Lord, come what may.

Dr Tan Kok Yang
Inspiration: Psalm 4

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Jerry Chan

Mrs. Alina Chan

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 57 | Worthy of Worship

HWC 293 | Rise Up, O Church of God

MESSAGE

"May He send you help from His sanctuary"

Psalm 20

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 278 | Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 57 WORTHY OF WORSHIP

TERRY W. YORK

1. Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,
Worthy of honour and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
Worthy of all of the off'rings we bring.

Refrain

You are worthy, Father, Creator,
You are worthy, Saviour, Sustainer,
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.

2. Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear,
Worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,
Worthy of all this and added to these...

Refrain

3. Almighty Father, Master and Lord,
King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counsellor, Comforter, Friend,
Saviour and Source of our life without end.

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!



HYMNS

HWC 278 GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

JOHN NEWTON

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken
 Zion, City of our God;
He whose Word cannot be broken
 Formed thee for His own abode.
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
 Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,
 Springing from eternal Love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
 And all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river
 Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,
 Never fails from age to age!

3. Round each habitation hovering,
 See the cloud and fire appear
 For a glory and a covering,
 Showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from their banner
 Light by night and shade by day,
 Safe they feed upon the manna
Which He gives them when they pray.



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