

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 13 September 2026

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 61

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I WILL ABIDE IN YOUR TABERNACLE FOREVER

ANOTHER SERIES OF IMAGERY

David is to be admired for his skill with words. We have another well-chosen series of words to help us understand his use of the word "Tabernacle."

¹ Hear my cry, O God;
Attend to my prayer.

MEDITATION

² From the end of the earth I will cry to You,
When my heart is overwhelmed;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

³ For You have been a shelter for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.

⁴ I will abide in Your tabernacle forever;
I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. *Selah*

Psalm 61:1-4

1. God as a Shelter
2. He is also a strong tower
3. In God we will have the shelter of His wings

THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES OF LIFE

1. There were enemies
 - a) Numerous
 - b) Dangerous
 - c) Deadly
2. These problems affected David
 - a) His heart was overwhelmed
 - b) He was compelled to cry out to God for protection

GOD'S TABERNACLE

1. This was God's Dwelling Place
2. Shelter, Refuge and protection would be found
3. David desired nothing more than to abide in God's Tabernacle

How do we regard God's Tabernacle?

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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!



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTORS IN PERTH

Pastors Charles, Ben Chong and Ben Quah send greetings from Perth. Pastors Ben and Ben were asked to lead in the 32nd Anniversary Worship of Bethel today. They will be back on Monday, 14 September 2026.



MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION 2026

We will be having our Mid-Autumn Celebration in the month of September. If you wish to attend, kindly sign up at the booth in the Fellowship Hall.

Details:

Date: 19 September 2026, Saturday

Time: 3:00pm

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Followed by Fellowship High Tea



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) Combined Seniors Program, Tuesday, 15 September 2026 | 9.30am
- 11.30am
- b) There will be no Seniors Program on Thursday, 17 September 2026

2. Saturday, 19 September 2026

- a) Mid-Autumn Celebration | 3.00pm
- b) No YPG/ YAG
- c) No Youth Worship

3. Sunday Ministry, 20 September 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Baoling, Edwin & Titus Koh; Florence & KK

Lunch: Dennis & Patience Ong; Andrew & Hwei Li Wong



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 37:18-19

¹⁸ The LORD knows the days of the upright,
And their inheritance shall be forever.

¹⁹ They shall not be ashamed in the evil time,
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

1. Trust in the Lord

- a) That He knows the days of the Upright
- b) That He has planned their inheritance

2. Those who have trusted in the Lord

- a) They would not be in want even in difficult times
- b) The Lord would meet their needs even in a famine

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 13 September 2026

Text: “Offer the sacrifices of righteousness” Psalm 4:5

*Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the LORD. Psalm 4:5*

1. The challenge to live righteously
2. This would be acceptable sacrifices
3. Trust in the Lord must be exercised

NEXT SUNDAY: 20 September 2026

**Text: “I will come into Your house in the multitude of
Your mercy” Psalm 5:7**

*But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Psalm 5:7*

POETRY CORNER

1

I WILL ABIDE IN YOUR TABERNACLE FOREVER

David's life was full of strife from enemies;
They attacked all possible vulnerabilities.
His life was often in grave danger;
He turned to God as his Deliverer.

David found God to be a great Shelter;
He fled to the Lord when he was in danger.
Under God's wings, he felt relief and peace;
His love for the Lord began to deepen and increase.

The Lord was his strong refuge and Tower;
God was his one and only Lord and Saviour.
His experiences with God caused his faith to grow;
From the House of the Lord, all blessings flow.

The idea of the Tabernacle continued to deepen;
Abiding in the Lord and His house was like heaven.
David's love for the Tabernacle grew apace;
His heart had experienced God's great grace.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 61:1-4

POETRY CORNER

2

FEAR AND OBEY GOD

Honour and respect the Lord to be given His blessings
Live a life in full obedience to His commandments
It is idle to simply talk about being God fearing
Instil diligence and discipline to walk in His ways

The labour of our hands will not be in vain
We will enjoy the fruit of hard work with satisfaction
To reap and gather the harvest whether by sweat or brain
The Lord will bless and prosper the work production

Reverence of God will give rise to a joyous family
Children are taught to be thankful to God for abundant provisions
Like olive shoots they show great promise flourishing with vitality
May we be able to see our children's children with His blessings

Let us share the goodness of God with the community and country
Life is not always smooth sailing and has its ripples
Pray for the Lord to grant to the nation peace and prosperity
Praise the Lord and give Him the glory whatever befalls

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 128

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Tan

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 51 | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
CP 68 | The Love of God

MESSAGE

"He heard me from His holy hill" | Psalm 3
Rev. Moses Kwek

CLOSING HYMN

VIP 576 | He Will Carry You

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 51 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE WALTER C. SMITH

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.



HYMNS

CP 68 THE LOVE OF GOD

FREDERICK M. LEHMAN

1. The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forever more endure,
The saints' and angels' song.

2. When years of time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love, so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race
The saints' and angels' song.

Refrain

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HYMNS

3. Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
And ev'ry man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

Refrain



HYMNS

VIP 576 HE WILL CARRY YOU

SCOTT WESLEY BROWN

There is no problem too big God cannot solve it,
There is no mountain too tall He cannot move it.
There is no storm too dark God cannot calm it,
There is no sorrow too deep He cannot soothe it.

If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
I know, my brother, that He will carry you.
If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
I know, my sister, that He will carry you.

He said, "Come unto Me, all who are weary,
And I will give you rest."

There is no problem too big God cannot solve it,
There is no mountain too tall He cannot move it.
There is no storm too dark God cannot calm it,
There is no sorrow too deep He cannot soothe it.

If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
I know, my brother, that He will carry you.
If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
I know, my sister, that He will carry you.
He will carry you. He will carry you.



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