

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 1 November 2026 ... Holy Communion Sunday

MEDITATION

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Text: Zephaniah 3

THE LORD IS RIGHTEOUS IN HER MIDST

IN THE REIGN OF KING JOSIAH

Josiah was classified as one of the better kings of Judah. He did better than the idolatrous kings of Judah. However, he was unable to stop Jerusalem from its steep decline to wicked ways!

MEDITATION

¹ Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted,
To the oppressing city!

² She has not obeyed *His* voice,
She has not received correction;
She has not trusted in the LORD,
She has not drawn near to her God.

³ Her princes in her midst *are* roaring lions;
Her judges *are* evening wolves
That leave not a bone till morning.

⁴ Her prophets are insolent, treacherous people;
Her priests have polluted the sanctuary,
They have done violence to the law.

⁵ The LORD *is* righteous in her midst,
He will do no unrighteousness.
Every morning He brings His justice to light;
He never fails,
But the unjust knows no shame.

Zephaniah 3:1-5

1. Old Jerusalem described candidly
Rebellious
Oppressive
Polluted

2. The leader had failed
Princes
Judges
Prophets
Priests

They were following selfish and wicked ways

MEDITATION

THE LORD IN THE MIDST OF JERUSALEM

1. He remained righteous
2. He upholds justice every day
3. He has never failed His people though they have sinned terribly

Such was the profound love God had for His people!

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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!



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Andrew & Hwei Li Wong; Chan Chuan Heng
Lunch: John & Lai Heong; Pastor Ben Quah & Sui Hui



HOLY 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



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

Youth Conference is a month away! At this Youth Conference, we will be looking at how we can grow in our faith as an individual, as a family, and as a Church! We will be studying from various books of the Bible, including Genesis, Galatians and Revelation. We will also be reminded of the dangers and distractions we can face both personally and as a community, and may we be encouraged to hold fast to our faith and be an overcomer!

We look forward to seeing you!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 3 November 2026 | 09:30am – 11:30am
- b) Thursday, 5 November 2026 | 09:30am – 11:30am

2. Saturday, 7 November 2026

- a) No YPG/ YAG
- b) No Youth Worship

3. Sunday Ministry, 8 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 37:37-40

³⁷ Mark the blameless *man*, and observe the upright;
For the future of *that* man *is* peace.

³⁸ But the transgressors shall be destroyed together;
The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

³⁹ But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD;
He is their strength in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰ And the LORD shall help them and deliver them;
He shall deliver them from the wicked,
And save them,
Because they trust in Him.

1. The blameless

- a) He is upright
- b) He is righteous
- c) His future is one blessed with peace
- d) He will find strength and deliverance from God

2. The wicked

- a) He will be destroyed
- b) His future would be curtailed by the Lord
- c) His evil plans against the righteous will not succeed
- d) God's sovereignty will prevail

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. The Lord's word to Jeremiah
2. This word was to be communicated to Judah (Southern Kingdom)
3. It was a very uplifting message
 - a) That God loved His people with an everlasting love
 - b) That God has drawn His people to Himself with lovingkindness

May we be wonderfully uplifted as we discover the profundity of God's love!

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 NOVEMBER 2026

Text: And I have loved you **Isaiah 43:4**

Since you were precious in My sight,

You have been honoured,

And I have loved you;

Therefore I will give men for you,

And people for your life. **Isaiah 43:4**

POETRY CORNER

#1

THE LORD IS RIGHTEOUS IN HER MIDST

Zephaniah was “a minor prophet” in the days of King Josiah;
Josiah was classified as a good king because of his spiritual desire.
However, he could not prevail over the wickedness in the land;
The princes, judges, priests and prophets had gotten out of hand.

The holy city had become sinful and was in danger of divine judgment,
Zephaniah the prophet was filled with sorrow as he urged people to repent.
The dwellers of the holy city had become stubborn and openly rebellious;
The faithful prophet had to preach strongly against gross wickedness!

The Lord was in the midst of the holy city beholding all their sins;
How He desired them to mourn and to seek divine cleansing!
The Lord remained faithful to His word and to His covenant;
Jerusalem will suffer His righteous wrath and will be forsaken!

The Lord upheld Justice for all who turned to seek His mercy;
Being who He is, He continued to seek Israel out of divine pity.
The Love of God stands out amidst this sinful background;
Praise for God’s everlasting love is one that must abound.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Zephaniah 3:1-5

POETRY CORNER

#2

Unity

The sanctuary is where God meets with His family
When we meet Him in worship we are together as one
As worship is the common ground may there be unity
Empower and grant us a spirit of fellowship in His only begotten Son

Sadly our world is battered, divisive and in disarray
Personal pride and selfish ambition take priority over humility
Guard our tongue and avoid gossip causing harm and mental fray
Embrace people across different social strata as uniformity is not unity

Let us respond to the Lord's call to be united
To live together in harmony is good and pleasing to the Lord
Unity is like dew of Hermon upon Zion it descended
Providing abundance in life and divine blessings from God

Glorify God by being like minded in one body and spirit
As believers we gather in the sanctuary for one purpose
The Lord's holy presence gives a sense of togetherness in spirit
Strive therefore we must seek to be united setting aside our differences

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 133

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Tang Hong Wee

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 68 | The Love of God
HWC 533 | O Perfect Love

MESSAGE

"Because the LORD loves you"
Deuteronomy 7
Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

HOLY COMMUNION

HWC 201 | Grace Greater Than Our Sin

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 203 | And Can It Be?

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



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

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

HWC 533 O PERFECT LOVE

DOROTHY F. G. GURNEY & JOHN ELLERTON

1. O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy Throne,
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,
Whom Thou forevermore dost join in one.
2. O perfect Life, be Thou their full assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope, and quiet, brave endurance,
With childlike trust that fears not pain nor death.
3. Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife,
And to life's day the glorious, unknown morrow,
That dawns upon eternal love and life.



HYMNS

HWC 201 GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

JULIA H. JOHNSTON

1. Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured –
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater – yes, grace untold –
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Refrain

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide –
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide –
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Refrain

4. Marvellous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 203 AND CAN IT BE?

CHARLES WESLEY

1. And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

2. He left His Father's Throne above
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

Refrain

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Refrain

4. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal Throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Refrain



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