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BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



God's Kind of Church...
Where God is touching lives...
And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 15 November 2026

MEDITATION

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Text: Zephaniah 3

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THE LORD IS IN YOUR MIDST

PROBLEMS THAT BRING SORROW

The prophet Zephaniah listed a series of problems that brought great sorrow to the children of Israel. There were enemies without, there were political problems within the kingdom. The answer to their problems lay with the need to repent and to return to the Lord.

MEDITATION

EVERY REASON TO REJOICE

Zephaniah gave a strong word of encouragement to the children of Israel. He urged them to consider what God had planned for His people.

> **14** Sing, O daughter of Zion!
> Shout, O Israel!
> Be glad and rejoice with all *your* heart,
> O daughter of Jerusalem!
>
> **15** The LORD has taken away your judgments,
> He has cast out your enemy.
> The King of Israel, the LORD, *is* in your midst;
> You shall see disaster no more.
>
> Zephaniah 3:14-15

1. A Call to be glad and rejoice
    a) This was a strong call
    b) This was a needed word

2. List of things the Lord has done
    a) He had removed all their judgments
    b) He has cast out their enemies

3. The Presence of the Lord
    a) He is in the midst of His people
    b) He is their King
    c) Disasters will no longer be seen

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To appreciate afresh that the Lord is in our midst
2. To recognise His Lordship as our King
3. To rejoice that God has removed all judgments

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

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

GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Thaddeus Heng; Chloe Tang
Lunch: Allister & Davina Tham; Daohua & Shiyun Chiam

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

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

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
    a) Tuesday, 17 November 2026 | 09:30am – 11:30am
    b) Thursday, 19 November 2026 | 09:30am – 11:30am

2. Saturday, 21 November 2026
    a) YPG | 2:00pm
    b) Youth Worship | 3:15pm
    c) YAG Christmas Programme | 5.00pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 22 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) No Catechism Class : Meet-the-Session

Psalm 39:4-6

4 "LORD, make me to know my end,
And what *is* the measure of my days,
That I may know how frail I *am.*

5 Indeed, You have made my days *as* handbreadths,
And my age *is* as nothing before You;
Certainly every man at his best state *is* but vapor.

6 Surely every man walks about like a shadow;
Surely they busy themselves in vain;
He heaps up *riches,*
And does not know who will gather them.

1. Human Mortality
    a) We are frail
    b) Our span of life on earth is brief

2. Wisdom from God is needed
    a) To know that our lifespan is limited
    b) To not be overly preoccupied with gaining wealth

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 15 NOVEMBER 2026

Text: The love of God has been poured out in our hearts Romans 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5

1. The Love of God
    a) This has been poured out into our hearts
    b) This is done by the Holy Spirit

2. Thus, we have two special blessings
    a) We have an eternal hope
    b) This divine hope will never disappoint us

NEXT SUNDAY: 22 NOVEMBER 2026

Text: God demonstrates His own love toward us Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

POETRY CORNER

#1

BE GLAD AND REJOICE

The children sorrowed because of their sins;
The Lord had offered them deep cleansing.
He would have to chastise them for a reason;
But God's judgment would only be for a season.

God promised that He would remove all judgments;
This was His grace and mercy beyond comprehension.
He promised that He would take away all disasters;
This was another evidence of His love beyond measure.

There was every reason to rejoice and be glad;
There was no longer any need to be overly sad.
There was no need to dwell upon the Past;
The Lord's great love is what will truly last!

The Lord promised He will dwell among His people;
He will be their King and walk with the children of Israel.
How wonderful to comprehend the profundity of God's love;
It is a love that has been poured out into us from Above!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Zephaniah 3:14-15

POETRY CORNER

#2

An Everlasting Love

When we have worked hard and achieved much;
We risk thinking our own efforts must have brought about such.
The times when our hearts are uplifted and we feel contented;
They are also when we forget the Lord is He who has provided.

When we face challenges and setbacks in life;
We question why God has allowed such strife.
We fail to remember that the Lord is our Father in heaven;
He will discipline us just as an earthly father will, his son, chasten.

Whether we succeed or struggle at life's endeavors;
God is intimately involved in all of these matters.
His strength is always available for us to draw upon;
His peace and comfort allow us to push on.

God is always watching over His children from above;
And He loves us with an everlasting love.
The Lord is always with us, in our past, present, and in our futures;
We only need to trust in Him no matter what features.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Deuteronomy 7:8 and 8

POETRY CORNER

#3
God of Hope

Sometimes life seems peaceful like the surface of a calm sea;
Until a calamitous event strikes and what results is a tsunami!
What ensues is a torrent of shock, denial, fear and agony;
All that we can do is to plead with God for His grace and His mercy.

Sometimes we feel abandoned when so embroiled in our adversity;
We cannot find God no matter our scrambling desperately.
Yet we trust the Lord knows our pain and innermost emotions intimately;
And is gentle and merciful to judge us righteously.

Perhaps it takes afflictions like these to jolt us from complacency;
To make us appreciate life and love, our friends and family.
It is our test to see if we can trust in our God of Hope faithfully;
To be able to draw strength from Him to navigate every ordeal peaceably.

We take comfort because the Lord has given us to understand;
That He has inscribed us on the palms of His hands.
God is continually watching over us, His children, before Him;
He will not forget His own who conscientiously do right by Him.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Job 23:8-10; Isaiah 49:15-16

#4

I'll Sing of Your Everlasting Love

Lord, Your great love gives me reason to sing,
For you saved me from the shackles of sin.
And gave me an eternal inheritance above all;
Your goodness and faithfulness I'll adore.

O Lord, my Maker, my Living Bread,
You know the number of hairs on my head.
You quicken me through Your Word;
And strengthen me to press forward.

Your tender mercy is new each day,
You lead me gently along the way.
At times, in love You'll chasten me,
So that I can wiser and stronger be.

Lord, Your love is unchanging and deep,
Grant me grace Your Word to keep.
Teach me to love You with all my heart,
From You and Your Word, let me never depart.

Raymond Tham
Inspiration: Jeremiah 31:3; Deuteronomy 8:5; Isaiah 40:11;
and Matthew 10:30

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE
Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP
Rev. Benjamin Chong
Mr. Jonas Tan

PRAYER

HYMNS
CP 79 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
VIP 758 | Down from His Glory

MESSAGE
"I have redeemed you"
Isaiah 43:1-3
Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN
HWC 506 | I Will Sing of My Redeemer

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 79 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley

1. Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n , to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,
Into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest;
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

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3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

VIP 758 Down From His Glory

William E. Booth-Clibborn

1. Down from His glory - ever-living story
My God and Saviour came, and Jesus was His name;
Born in a manger - to His own a stranger,
A man of sorrows, tears and agony!

Refrain
O how I love Him, how I adore Him!
My breath, my sunshine, my all in all!
The great Creator became my Saviour,
And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him.

2. What condescension, bringing us redemption,
That in the dead of night, not one faint hope in sight,
God gracious, tender - laid aside His splendor,
Stooping to woo, to win, to save my soul!
Refrain

3. Without reluctance - flesh and blood His substance
He took the form of man, revealed the hidden plan;
O glorious myst'ry - sacrifice of Calv'ry!
And now I know He is the great "I AM"!
Refrain

HYMNS

HWC 506 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Philip P. Bliss

1. I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.

Refrain
Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

2. I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave.
Refrain

3. I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell.
Refrain

4. I will sing of my Redeemer and His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with Him to be.
Refrain