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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 ... 8 November 2026

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Zephaniah 3

I WILL RESTORE

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JUDGMENT AND RESTORATION

The Lord revealed to Zephaniah a divine plan that has yet to be fulfilled. This profound plan would involve two elements in particular.

> 8 "Therefore wait for Me," says the LORD,
> "Until the day I rise up for plunder;
> My determination *is* to gather the nations
> To My assembly of kingdoms,

MEDITATION

To pour on them My indignation,
All My fierce anger;
All the earth shall be devoured
With the fire of My jealousy.

9 "For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language,
That they all may call on the name of the LORD,
To serve Him with one accord.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia
My worshipers,
The daughter of My dispersed ones,
Shall bring My offering.

Zephaniah 3:8-10

1. Judgment on all wicked nations
   a) God will pour out His indignation and anger
   b) The wicked nations of the earth would be devoured

2. Divine Restoration
   a) He would restore to His people a pure language
   b) He would enable His people to call on the name of the Lord
   c) They would be able to serve Him with one accord
   d) He will bring back those who were dispersed in exile
   e) They will return to their worship of God
   f) They will bring their offerings with gratitude and joy

THE PROFOUND LOVE OF GOD

1. This is seen in sparing His people
2. It is further seen in His plan to bring about Restoration
3. The challenge is to respond to the Lord appropriately

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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 lifted up through Worship and Fellowship!

GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Steven & Sharon Heng; Lianya Ho
Lunch: Jonathan & Michelle; Andrew & Hwei Li Wong;
Peter Lim & Esther Koh

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.

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

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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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Winston and Yanning on the occasion of their wedding on 7 November 2026. May their marriage be blessed richly!

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Church Spring Cleaning
   Monday, 9 November 2026 | 09:00am – 12 nn

2. Seniors Program
   a) Tuesday, 10 November 2026 | 09:30am – 11.30am
   b) Thursday, 12 November 2026 | 09:30am – 11:30am

3. Saturday, 14 November 2026
   a) YPG/ YAG | 2:00pm
   b) Youth Worship | 3:15pm

4. Sunday Ministry, 15 November 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 | 1.00pm

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 39:1-3

[1] I said, "I will guard my ways,
Lest I sin with my tongue;
I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle,
While the wicked are before me."

[2] I was mute with silence,
I held my peace *even* from good;
And my sorrow was stirred up.

[3] My heart was hot within me;
While I was musing, the fire burned.
Then I spoke with my tongue:

1. Precaution in the presence of the wicked
   a) To guard one's ways
   b) To restrain the mouth from speaking unwisely

2. Problems that can surface
   a) We may hold our peace even from good
   b) Sorrow may be felt when we do refrain from speaking that which is good

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. God's love expressed
   a) Honoured by the Lord
   b) Considered precious in His sight
   c) Redeemed from oppression

2. Our challenge is to make appropriate responses to God's love

NEXT SUNDAY: 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

POETRY CORNER

#1

I WILL RESTORE

God revealed His Divine plan to Zephaniah;
He will judge the wicked nations with Holy Ire.
They will be judged with divine indignation;
This was revealed by prophetic communication.

Another Divine Plan was also clearly revealed;
To His faithful prophet, this Plan was not concealed.
God will bring about the full restoration of His people;
Though they had done sinful deeds that were evil.

God will bring back His people who were scattered;
This was their punishment for being so sinful-minded.
The period of Exile would come to a complete end;
In the Appointed Time God would fulfil His great Plan.

The Love of God is clearly revealed to Zephaniah;
His worshippers would now be filled with holy desire.
They would become His devout and faithful worshippers;
They would present their offerings as cheerful givers!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Zephaniah 3:8-10

#2

Yet – Part 2

I would have preferred that wonderful blue sky,
Yet, this recurrent hazy appearance does not defeat me.
Why let something that I cannot control get me down?
I'd rather nurture a heart of gratitude.

This morning, in this recurrent haze, the sun shone bright.
The blurring of brightness made the sun's form sharper.
And I could hold my gaze on it for a split second longer,
Something that I could not have done when skies were blue.

This recurrent haze does not seem to want to give way,
Yet, I have been able to reconcile with gladness in my heart.
Why give in to resentments and impatience?
I still remember the beauty of clouds on each clear day.

And flowers! Whose brilliance burst through grey!
They are reminders of God's goodness here to stay.
May our Lord answer in the days of trouble,
May He send strength from the sanctuary.

The spectre of grey may exert its weight,
Yet, I learn to meditate in the heart and be still.
While there may be things that bring worries and lament,
Beauty that persists, like His loving kindness, gladdens my heart.

I am steadfastly trusting the Lord, come what may.

Dr. Tan Kok Yang
Inspiration: Psalm 4, Psalm 20

#3

God's kind of love

Chosen by the Lord because of His love for us
Our worth and value are rooted in God's character
His faithfulness fills the heart with thanksgivings
Love flows from who He is and not due to man's caliber

To seek to earn God's love is futile on our part
Instead strive to conform more to the image in the Lord Jesus
Why do we struggle to accept the unmerited love having set us apart
Know that God chose to love us while we are still sinners

The concept of love in modern culture is that it is driven by emotion
Relationships dependent on emotional whims are increasingly vulnerable
God's kind of love is different driven by choice and expressed through action
His love moved Him to give us His only begotten Son, how incredible!

The Lord Jesus expressed His love by laying down His life for us
Our faith is deepened when we understand the way God loves
May we be motivated to love through our expressed actions
Let us respond to God's love because He is love

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Deuteronomy 7:8-9

POETRY CORNER

#4

Your Power and Your Glory

Our God on High, You reign on Your Heavenly throne,
Yet You desire to be near the people You call Your own.
The place in which You choose to dwell must be regarded as holy,
It is where You graciously reveal Your power and Your glory!

You've ordained the Sanctuary as access to You in Heaven above,
A connection You've provided for us, while we reside here on earth.
This concept of Your Sanctuary, we ought to hold as central in our lives,
To keep us strong and steadfast amidst challenges, afflictions and strife.

You have called us to offer worship in Your House, Your Sanctuary,
Please help us learn to do this humbly and most consciously.
In the multitude of Your mercies we approach You, O Righteous God,
May our sacrifices of righteousness, be acceptable to You, our Lord!

As we embark on our 54th year, with the hope of still being a strong and fruitful community,
May we each live as we should before the Lord, doing our part individually!
May You, O God, be pleased to dwell with us and all in our IPC family,
And may Your work in our midst further reveal Your power and Your glory!

Camille George
Reflecting on the lessons taught at MWS Sep-Oct 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Eugene Seow
Disciple-Pastor Darrell Ou

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 505 | Love Lifted Me
O Church Arise

MESSAGE

"You shall remember the LORD your God"
Deuteronomy 8
Rev. Benjamin Quah

CLOSING HYMN

VIP 467 | God Hath Not Promised

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



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

HYMNS

O Church Arise

Keith & Kristyn Getty

1. O church, arise and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died –
An inheritance of nations.

3. Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken.
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Every eye and heart will see Him.

4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ, we stand in glory.



HYMNS

VIP 467 GOD HATH NOT PROMISED

ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

1. God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through;
God had not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

Chorus
But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.

2. God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.
Chorus

3. God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain, rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.
Chorus