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BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN 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: Zephaniah 3

"HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE"

THE PROMISE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

What a wonderful promise we have from the Lord, that He would be with His people. Sadly, this is often taken for granted.

MEDITATION

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Do not fear;
Zion, let not your hands be weak.
17 The LORD your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet *you* with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing."

Zephaniah 3:16-17

1. Deep fears
   Of desolation
   Of destruction
   These fears devastate strength of faith in God

2. Deep faith
   That God is in our midst
   That God, the Mighty One can and will save
   That He will rejoice over His people with gladness
   That He will quiet the heart with His glorious love
   That He will sing with joy as He visits His people

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To return to the Lord our God

2. To seek restoration

3. To find comfort in His love

4. To rejoice in the Lord with deep gratitude

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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 uplifted through worship and fellowship!

GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Siok & Eric; Joe & Liying
Lunch: Chensiang & Suping; Stanley Woo; Roger & Lena Lai

PRE-CONFERENCE SPECIAL

We are just a week away from Youth Conference 2026. A special meeting will be held this Saturday to prepare us for Camp.

Details
Date: 28 November 2026, Saturday
Venue: Main Sanctuary
Time: 3:00pm
Followed by Fellowship Tea

Let us come with hearts ready to receive the Lord's instruction!

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.

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) Combined Seniors Program
        Tuesday, 24 November 2026 | 9:30am – 11:30am
    b) There will be no Seniors Program on Thursday, 26 November 2026

2. Saturday, 28 November 2026
    a) Pre-Youth Conference Special | 3:00pm
    b) No YPG/ YAG
    c) No Youth Worship

3. Sunday Ministry, 29 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

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 39:7-8

7 "And now, Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope *is* in You.
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions;
Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.

1. Our transgressions
    a) They are many
    b) They bring about reproach

2. Our Hope
    a) That God will deliver us from our transgressions
    b) The challenge is to wait upon the Lord

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. God's love
    a) It is not only Declared
    b) It is Demonstrated

2. The Manifestation
    a) The Lord Jesus was sent to be our Saviour
    b) The cost of our salvation was the sacrifice of His own life

NEXT SUNDAY: 29 NOVEMBER 2026

Text: Because of His great love Ephesians 2:4

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us Ephesians 2:4

POETRY CORNER

#1

HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE

Great was the fear that gripped many hearts;
War was on the horizon and lives were torn apart.
Many were gripped by fear of destruction;
Hope may be found in God's redemption.

God promised that He would be with His people;
He would not forsake them amidst their troubles.
They needed to recognize and repent from their sins;
The Lord would respond with grace and cleansing.

He would be there with His people, rejoicing over them;
He would quiet them with words of love, for they are His gems.
He would deliver them from all their ills and sorrow;
He will give hope and strength for a brighter tomorrow.

Fears need not overwhelm us though they are so real;
The Love of God and His presence need not be surreal.
There is every reason to find joy in the Love of God;
Faith will enable us to see the reality of the grace of the Lord!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Zephaniah 3:16-17

#2

Father, Where Are You Now?

Father, where are you now?
I seek your presence to find you somehow
Can't feel your blessings, can't feel your love
Can't hear those whispers from high up above

Chorus
Father I need you, Father I seek you
Your loving kindness is better than life
I would do anything to hear your voice to me
In your loving presence, please let me be

Father, where are you now?
I strayed from your presence, I lost you somehow
Strayed from your blessings, strayed from your love
Strayed from your whispers from high up above

Chorus

Father I see you now, you never left me
I was blind somehow, I could not see
When I could not find you, you were still with me
In all my sorrow, you were holding me

Chorus

In your loving presence
In your loving presence
Please let me be

Dr. William Huang

POETRY CORNER

#3

I Am With You

(Adapted from Isaiah 41:10-13, Isaiah 43:1-2, and Psalm 23)

Fear not my child,
For I am with you.
Be not dismayed,
For I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yeah, I will help you.
I will uphold you,
With my own right hand.

Chorus
I am your Shepherd.
I am all you need
Through the dark and valley,
Just follow My lead
Fear not the evil,
For I'm here with you.
My rod, and my staff,
They will see you through.

Fear, not my child,
I have redeemed you.
I called you by your name,
For you are my child.
When you pass through the waters,
You will not falter.
And through the rivers,
You shall overcome.

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POETRY CORNER

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Chorus x 2
I am your Shepherd.
I am all you need
Through the dark and valley,
Just follow My lead
Fear not the evil,
For I'm here with you.
My rod, and my staff,
They will see you through.

I am your Shepherd.
I am all you need
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POETRY CORNER

#4
"You are Mine"

Some of us may know the song, "Nobody's Child";
It sings about a blind orphan likening himself to a flower growing in the wild.
Few would be able to empathize with the hopelessness felt by that poor lad;
Belonging to no one and feeling unwanted is unimaginably sad.

As children of God, we often have been deaf and blind;
We ignore the Lord's commandments and choose to have our own minds.
Yet God has chosen to love and redeem us despite our flaws;
He still acknowledges us as His own in spite of our disobeying His laws.

God chooses no better way to love us than to always accompany us;
To be ever present as we navigate the waters that threaten to overwhelm us.
He protects us from the fires so the flames do not ever scorch us;
All we ever need to do is to follow Him and trust.

How wonderful it is to know that God loves us and we belong to Him;
Needless to feel anxious or abandoned even when situations appear grim.
We are never nobody's child as He has called us and promised
"You are Mine";
We thank God for His grace and mercy in granting us this peace of mind.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Deuteronomy 7:6-8; Isaiah 43:1-3

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#5

Refined by Grace, Sustained by Love

Life brings afflictions I cannot understand,
But I'll not despair, for I trust Your sovereign Hand,
I'll look up and seek Your face,
And rest in Your loving embrace.

Like fire that refines gold till it shines,
My trials are part of Your design.
For You take no pleasure in my pain,
You only want me Your image to gain.

Your loving Hand continues to shape my life,
That in Your likeness I may thrive.
For You will heal my brokenness,
And lead me in the path of righteousness.

I'll lean on You through every storm;
For Your grace and mercy will lead me on.
I'll draw on Your strength, and walk with faith anew,
I'll sing of Your goodness and worship You.

Raymond Tham
Inspiration: Romans 8:28; Hebrews 12:6 & 10; and James 1:2-4

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE
Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP
Mrs. Janelle Tan
Ms. Bethany Toong

PRAYER

HYMNS
HWC 270 | Wonderful Words of Life
HWC 65 | The Wonder of It All

MESSAGE
"And I have loved you"
Isaiah 43:4-7
Rev. Eugene Seow

CLOSING HYMN
HWC 512 | My Saviour's Love

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HWC 270 Wonderful Words of Life

Philip P. Bliss

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of Life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of Life;
Words of Life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.

Refrain
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life.

2. Christ, the Blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of Life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of Life;
All so freely given, wooing us to Heaven.
Refrain

3. Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctify forever.
Refrain

HWC 65 The Wonder of It All

George Beverly Shea

1. There's the wonder of sunset at evening,
The wonder as sunrise I see;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul;
Is the wonder that God loves me.

Refrain
O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all!
Just to think that God loves me.
O the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all!
Just to think that God loves me.

2. There's the wonder of springtime and harvest,
The sky, the stars, the sun;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul,
Is a wonder that's only begun.
Refrain

HYMNS

HWC 512 My Saviour's Love

Charles H. Gabriel

1. I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain
How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me!

2. For me it was in the garden He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine"'
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.
Refrain

3. In pity angels beheld Him, and came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows He bore for my soul that night.
Refrain

4. He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry, and suffered and died alone.
Refrain

5. When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.
Refrain