

A Christmas Hope

GALILEE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
8.30 am, 20 December 2020

*Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
and shall bring forth a son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel...God with us.*

MATTHEW 1:23



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Church Theme Verse 2020: John 17:17

“Sanctify them through Thy truth:
THY WORD IS TRUTH.”

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Advisory Pastor : Rev Philip Heng 9792 9183
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“IN GALILEE ... there's a great light”

8.30 am, Lord's Day

ORDER OF WORSHIP

20 December 2020

[Please do not let your hand-phone distract]

Pianist: Magdalene Simon

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE HOLY BAPTISM/TRANSFER-IN

PRELUDE ...

INTROIT [#216]

“The Lord Is In His Holy Temple”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Richard Ng

OPENING HYMN #277

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

PRAISE & WORSHIP... Mr Josiah Wang

#253 “Silent Night! Holy Night!”

#15 “No Other Name”

INVOCATION

GLORIA PATRI [#812]

“Glory Be To The Father”

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51: 10-19

Mr Ian Ling

HOLY BAPTISM/TRANSFER-IN (Elder Richard Ng assisting)

Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan

HYMN #498

“O Happy Day!”

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY [#815]

“Joy To The World”

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE

“The Prince Of Peace”

Preacher David Cher

Isaiah 9; Luke 2

CLOSING HYMN #265

“The First Noel”

BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE ...

In compliance with MCCY
Covid-19 Advisory:
No congregational singing
during Worship Service in
the Sanctuary.



In-Person Worship Service Broadcast
Live & available on Galilee Website

Luke 2:7 "... there was no room for them in the inn"

IS CHRIST IN YOUR CHRISTMAS?

Galilee Church, Christmas Sunday, 20 December 2020

Brethren,

Blessed Christmas Greetings

in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Praise God for His goodness and mercies upon us, God's grace upon grace, during an unprecedented Covid-19 Year 2020. In PM Lee's address (14 Dec) to the nation, we thank God that vaccines are being made available to combat this pandemic. 2020 is a challenging year, but also a year during which we find God ever so faithful and trustworthy. The past few months, our Heavenly Father has strengthened us when we wobbled, answered our prayers when we called, encouraged us in our despondency, and sustained us with His Word when we faced uncertainties. Indeed, our Lord is our faithful and Good Shepherd. Be thankful for God's Abiding Presence, unmerited favour and bountiful blessings.

Christmastide is usually a season of festive activities. Christmas 2020 will be a quieter Christmas. As the church functions within the Covid-19 Advisories, we will still celebrate the Christmas joy of **Emmanuel – "God Is With Us"**. Do join us in our Christmas and year-end Worship Services and activities. **Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the Risen King!** In this season's occupations, miss not the Christ of Christmas! Miss not the spirit, true meaning and message of Christmas. Come to think of it, this "hurry-hurry-lifestyle" is by no means confined to Christmastide. Daily we are pretty much occupied with tight schedules, ever-demanding workload, our family responsibilities and our commitments in service to God, etc. Somewhere and somehow in our occupation and pre-occupation with daily life, we may have left **NO ROOM** for God, no room for our spiritual assessment and welfare, no room for calibration and daily communion with God. We need to quieten our pace and seek the Lord in prayer. What measures and spiritual disciplines do we need to put in place that will help us place priority on God and the things of God in the New Year 2021? Pray for one another as Galileans resolve to grow closer to our dear Lord, reach out with the precious Gospel, and the Galilee family to be "likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Phil 2:2) in joyful and greater service for God.

Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus imposed a tax which required people to register at their places of birth and pay their dues. Joseph and Mary had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, an arduous journey on foot of some 120 km, especially so for a "third trimester" pregnant Mary. When the weary

couple arrived at the little town of Bethlehem, they were told that the inn was full. **No room! No room!**



If the innkeeper of Bethlehem had known that the Babe of Mary to be born that night is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, he would surely have found room for this family!! But because the innkeeper was preoccupied with running his business, he missed the Babe of Christmas. He was so busy making a living that he had no time to recognize that this Babe was the Promised One who would save all mankind from their sins. Brethren, if you have focused just on chasing after what the world has to offer; if you have been clever and creative only to grow your wealth; if you have been preoccupied primarily with climbing the corporate and social ladders – then it is time that you "step on the brakes" and prayerfully reflect on what you have missed out on God, and whether you have grown cold in your relationship with Him this year. May God help each of us to re-align our life priorities to put Christ in the centre of our life.

Not only did the innkeeper, the travellers and the people of Bethlehem miss Baby Jesus "right under their noses", sadly, the religious leaders too. They, who ought to know better, missed the joy and significance of that Holy Night when Christ was born! When King Herod wanted to track down this Babe, he asked the religious leaders if they knew anything about this Promised King of Israel. They, who knew from Bible prophecies that the Christ-Child would be born in Bethlehem, didn't bother to go to Bethlehem to see whether this long-expected Babe, God's Son, had been born that first Noel! They missed the Lord Emmanuel Who came to abide with mankind... because of their indifference.

Brethren, never let indifference and spiritual lethargy take permanent residency in our hearts. Take hold of every God-given opportunity to evangelize, to serve God with our God-given gifts and talents. Put on the full armour of God as the Adversary of our souls prowls on us in every possible way. Don't be distracted by all that the world offers, and miss out on God and His blessings. Take heed not to let the "busy-ness" of life be a trade-off for our blessed relationship with Christ. Let there always be room in our hearts for Jesus, the Christ-Child, not only @ Christmastide, but every day of our life. **flavz @ Christ-cntrzd Christmas! Pastor Simon N.**

Wednesday 7.30 pm Bible Study/Prayer Meeting***
23 Dec - 9.30 pm Rev Philip Heng – Sins Against The Holy Spirit
 Zoom ID: 979 8355 0297; Password 066786
 (Pastor Simon's & Mrs Lee MS Classes take a break.
 Resumes on 6 Jan 2021)

Thursday 8.00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE PRAISE SERVICE**
24 Dec (Combined Worship Service)



Speaker : Rev Freddy Yong
 Chairmen : Preacher David Cher; Elder Har Chee Choey
 Worship Team Leader : Dn Samuel Lim
 Interpreter : Elder Har Chee Choey
 Scripture Readers : Mr Marcus Ho, Elder Har Chee Choey
 Message : "Long Time Ago" Micah 5:2-5

Saturday 5.00 pm YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE (Rm 03-01)**
26 Dec Speaker : Rev William Yap (Evangel BPC)
 Chairman : Mr Teo Wei Lung
 Message : "Ministering One To Another" Matt 20:20-28

7.00 pm **YAF** Candlelight Fellowship
 Reflection & Goal-Setting I/C: Ian Chung

Lord's Day 8.00 am Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)
27 Dec 8.30 am ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE**
 Preacher : Rev Ong Hock Khee
 Chairman : Dn Ricky Chng
 Worship Team Leader : Dn Samuel Lim
 Scripture Reader : Mr Seet Tiat Hee
 Message : "God Calls A Prophet" 1 Samuel 1-3
 ** [Broadcast Live & available on Galilee Website]

11.00 am Sunday School [Pr/Sec/Senior]***
 11.15 am Adults' SS [Pastor Simon]***
 11.15 am Young Adults' SS [Mr Joseph Tai]***
 11.15 am Senior Adults' SS [Rev Ong HK, Dn Ricky Chng]***
1.30 pm Session Meeting***
 *** Via Video-Conferencing

10.30 am MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE**
 Preacher : Preacher Lee Hann Yang (Evangel BPC)
 Message : "He Sends Me" Psalm 67

GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE**
20 December 2020, 10.30 am Today

Preacher : Rev Dr Yap Beng Shin
Message : "Christmas In the Midst Of Covid-19"
 Isaiah 9:1-7; Matthew 4:15-16

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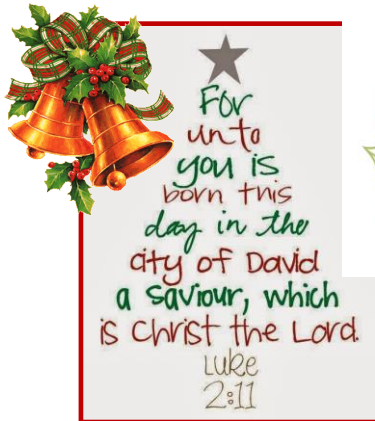
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	Speaker	Message
Lord's Day, 6 Dec, 8.30 am (Holy Communion)	Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan	The Humiliation Of The Proud (Judges 13-16)
Lord's Day, 13 Dec, 8.30 am	Rev Quek Keng Khwang (Life BPC)	The Hope Of Redemption (Ruth)
Lord's Day, 20 Dec, 8.30 am CHRISTMAS SUNDAY BAPTISMAL SERVICE Christmas Caroling 4.00 pm	Preacher David Cher	The Prince Of Peace (Isaiah 9; Luke 2)
Thursday, 24 Dec, 8.00 pm (Combined WS) CHRISTMAS EVE PRAISE SERVICE	Rev Freddy Yong	Long Time Ago (Micah 5:2-5)
Saturday, 26 December, 5.00 pm YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE (Room #03-01) "Ministering One To Another" (Matthew 20: 20-28) Speaker: Rev William Yap (Evangel BPC)		
Lord's Day 27 Dec, 8.30 am	Rev Ong Hock Khee	God Calls A Prophet (1 Samuel 1-3)
Thursday, 31 Dec, 8.00 pm WATCHNIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE	Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan	Give Thanks! 1 Chronicles 16:34



CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING DECEMBER 2020



Week 1 (29 November - 5 December 2020)

- Ecclesiastes 1 – Song of Songs 2

Week 2 (6 – 12 December 2020)

- Song of Songs 3 – 2 Chronicles 18

Week 3 (13 – 19 December 2020)

- 2 Chronicles 19 - 30

Week 4 (20 – 26 December 2020)

- 2 Chronicles 31 - 1 Kings 12



20 Dec Sun	21 Dec Mon	22 Dec Tue	23 Dec Wed	24 Dec Thurs	25 Dec Fri	26 Dec Sat
2 Chron 31	2 Chron 32	2 Chron 33	2 Chron 34	2 Chron 35	2 Chron 36	1 Kings 12

Church Announcements

SS CLASSES TAKING A BREAK TODAY...

- Adults, Senior Adults
& Young Adults Sunday School
 - Sunday School Senior Dept
- Note: Primary & Junior SS is on
as usual.**

ON ANNUAL LEAVE

Mrs Lee May San 21-23 Dec

SESSION MEETING**

Lord's Day, 27 Dec, 1.30 pm

** via Video-Conferencing

COMBINED B-P YOUTH CAMP 28-30 Dec (Online Camp)

Contact: Colin Chung @ 9860 4384
Ian Chung @ 8511 6809.

RECEPTION INTO GALILEE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 2020

1) HOLY BAPTISM (INFANT BAPTISM)

- Lye Zi Xuan, Esther
Daughter of Mr & Mrs Desmond Lye
- Tan Zhi Xuan, Isaiah
- Tan Zhi Yang, Zephaniah
Sons of Mr & Mrs Aaren Tan Meng Hong

2) TRANSFER-IN

Mr Tan Meng Hong, Aaren
From S-Word Evangelical Free Church

Galilee Church Theme Verse 2021

Romans 12:10

**“Be kindly affectioned
one to another with brotherly love;
in honour preferring one another”**



GALILEE B-P CHURCH
Sunday, 20 December 2020
4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Christmas Caroling!



2020 – What an unprecedented sombre year! The world suffers the ill-effects of Covid-19 Pandemic. Christmas 2020 can make a difference to many. More than 2,000 years ago, the angels proclaimed Glad Tidings Of Great Joy – The Birth of a Saviour Who is Christ the Lord!

- ❖ You are welcome to participate, offer to play host (for a limited number only) just like our past caroling through the years.
- ❖ Or, you can render special carol items.

We look forward to thank God together for His special gift to mankind with a small group of 5.

*May God's glory shine upon us
 and our loved ones this Christmas.
 Let's come together, share, rejoice
 and celebrate Hope together!*

Invite friends of 5 (number as per Government Covid-19 guidelines) to your home. No singing is allowed, unless you are alone with your own family.

More details will follow in coming weeks.
 Please register your interest with ICs:
 Matthew Tan (9772 7538); Matthias Ho (9177 4034)



JOIN ZOOM MEETING
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85930167537?pwd=cWFONGp5cUFkbitGNCTiSTQ2UzRidz09>
Meeting ID: 859 3016 7537
Passcode: 965149

- Room will be opened at 3.30 pm.
- Caroling will commence at 4.00 pm.

GALILEE B-P CHURCH

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

2021

JANUARY

- 01 Friday, 9.30am
Church Session & Leaders'
Day of Prayer 2021
- 09 Saturday
Galilee Evergreen Ministry (GEM)
2nd Anniversary
- 17 Dedication Sunday
Dedication of Church Officers 2021

FEBRUARY

- 20 Saturday
TF/YF 10TH Anniversary

MARCH

- 07 Lord's Day
Missions Sunday
- 26 Friday, 8.00pm
Song Service
- 28 Lord's Day
Palm Sunday
- 28 Lord's Day
60th Annual Congregation Meeting
[Combined English/Mandarin]

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APRIL

- 01 Thursday, 8.00pm
Maundy Thursday Memorial Service
[Combined English/Mandarin WS]
- Saturday, 4.30pm
Gospel Rally (English & Mandarin)
- 04 Lord's Day, 6.30am
GALILEE EASTER SUNRISE WS
[Combined English/Mandarin WS]
- 04 GALILEE EASTER SUNDAY, 9.30am
[Combined English/Mandarin WS]
Baptism/Confirmation/Transfer-in

MAY

- 08 Saturday
YAF 14th Anniversary
- 09 Lord's Day
Mother's Day
- 28 Friday, 8.00 pm
Song Service

JUNE

- 06 Lord's Day
Galilee Church 61st Anniversary
[Baptism/Confirmation/Transfer-in]
- 12 Saturday
GAF 49TH Anniversary
- 20 Lord's Day
Father's Day

JULY

- 04 Lord's Day
Sunday School 61ST Anniversary
- 11 Lord's Day
Mandarin WS 30TH Anniversary
- 24 Saturday, 5.00pm
Youth WS 20TH Anniversary
- 25 Galilee 19th General Elections
2021 - 2024
- YAF Retreat

AUGUST

- 01 Lord's Day
Installation of Session 2021 – 2024
- 09 Music Ministry Family Day

SEPTEMBER

- 05 Lord's Day
Teachers' Day
- 10-11 Sept CF/JF Camp
- 24 Friday, 8.00pm
Song Service
- Saturday
Gospel Rally (Mandarin)

OCTOBER

- 02 Saturday
CF/JF 52ND Anniversary
- 10 Lord's Day
Students' Day
- 17 Lord's Day
Music Sunday
- 23 Saturday, 4.00pm
Galilee Kindergarten
2021 Concert & Graduation
- 31 Lord's Day
Reformation Sunday

NOVEMBER

- GAF Family Retreat
- 26 Friday, 8.00pm
Song Service

DECEMBER

06-10 Sunday School Camp 13-17 TF/YF Camp

- Saturday 4.00pm
Christmas Gospel Rally
(English/Mandarin)
- 19 Lord's Day
Christmas Sunday Worship Service
[Combined English/Mandarin WS]
[Baptism/Confirmation/Transfer-in]
- 24 Friday, 8.00pm
Christmas Eve Praise Service
[Combined English/Mandarin WS]
- Christmas Carolling. 9.30 pm
- 31 Friday, 8.00pm
Watchnight Service

Singapore Public Holidays 2021

<u>New Year's Day</u>	Friday	Jan 01
<u>Chinese New Year</u>	Friday	Feb 12
	Saturday	Feb 13
<u>Good Friday</u>	Friday	April 02
<u>Labour Day</u>	Saturday	May 01
<u>Hari Raya Puasa</u>	Thursday	May 13
<u>Vesak Day</u>	Wednesday	May 26
<u>Hari Raya Haji</u>	Tuesday	July 20
<u>National Day</u>	Monday	Aug 09
<u>Deepavali</u>	Thursday	Nov 04
<u>Christmas Day</u>	Saturday	Dec 25

School Holidays 2021

1 st Term	13-21 March
2 nd Term	29 May – 27 June
3 rd Term	4-12 Sept
4 th Term	20 Nov – 31 Dec