

To

God

Be the Glory

Glory

Great things
He hath done!

*The Lord hath done great things for us...
we are glad.* Psalm 126:3



GALILEE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"IN GALILEE ... there's a great light"

Church Theme Verse 2021: Romans 12:10

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP MUSIC SUNDAY

Lord's Day, 17 October 2021, 9.30 am

PRELUDE

Pianist: Mr John Heng

INTROIT # 216 "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Tan Siong Teck

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Dn Samuel Lim

HYMNS # 104 "O Worship The King"

153 "Worthy Of Worship"

493 "Glory To His Name"

- "Let Us Exalt His Name Together"

INVOCATION

GLORIA PATRI # 812 "Glory Be To The Father"

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 78: 56-72

Mr Marcus Ho

OFFERINGS & TITHES

DOXOLOGY # 815

SPECIAL ITEM "Come, People Of The Risen King"

Church Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE "Godly Music In The Church"

Rev Dr Tan Eng Boo

Colossians 3:16-17

CLOSING HYMN # 15 "No Other Name"

BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

In compliance with
MCCY Covid-19 Advisory:
**Congregational singing
Not Allowed
in the Sanctuary**

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

**GALILEE MANDARIN
WORSHIP SERVICE 9.15 am**
Preacher: Rev Kwan Yew Weng
Message: "Blessed Are Those Who
Suffered For The Kingdom Of God"
Luke 6:19 - 49

**Wednesday
20 October**

7.30 pm **Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting**
Pastor Simon N - The Book Of Romans
Zoom ID: 605 758 5352; Password BS/PM
Rev Philip Heng - The Book of Revelation
<https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151>
Dness Lee May San (Ladies' BS) –
Post-exilic books: Nehemiah
Zoom ID: 813 9943 6069; Password WEDLADBS

**Saturday
23 October**

2.45 pm **Junior Catechism Class** (via Zoom) [Pr David Cher]

5.00 pm **YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE**
"The True Vine"
John 15:1-11

Speaker: Elder Peter Lee

**Lord's Day
24 October**

9.00 am **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** (on-site only)

9.30 am **ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE**
[On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]


Chairman: Dn Kenneth Wong
Worship Team Leader: Bro Josiah Wang
Scripture Reader: Bro Seet Tiat Hee (Psalm 79:1-13)
Preacher: Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan
Message: "Jesus, The Deliverer, Is Born" Luke 2:1-21

***CNK/Primary/Secondary/Senior Sunday School
via video conference**

Adults Sunday School Classes on-site

11.00 am Young Adults [Dn Joseph Tai]
11.00 am Adults [Pastor Simon Nagarajan]
11.00 am Senior Adults [Rev Ong Hock Khee]

9.15 am **MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE**
[On site and available on Galilee Website same day evening]
Preacher: Elder Har Chee Choey
Message: "Heavenly Father's Children"
Luke 15:11 – 32

| CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING OCTOBER 2021 | | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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|  | Week 1 (3 - 9 October 2021) | | | | | | |
| | ▪ Acts/James | | | | | | |
| | Week 2 (10 - 16 October 2021) | | | | | | |
| | ▪ Acts/1 & 2 Thessalonians | | | | | | |
| | Week 3 (17 - 23 October 2021) | | | | | | |
| ▪ 2 Thessalonians/Acts/Galatians/Philippians | | | | | | | |
| 17 Oct Sun | 18 Oct Mon | 19 Oct Tues | 20 Oct Wed | 21 Oct Thurs | 22 Oct Fri | 23 Oct Sat | |
| 2 Thess 3 | Acts 18 | Gal 1-2 | Gal 3-4 | Gal 5-6 | Acts 19 | Phil 1 | |
| Week 4 (24 - 30 October 2021) | | | | | | | |
| ▪ Acts/Philippians/1 Corinthians | | | | | | | |

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **SESSION MEETING TODAY** at 2.00pm via video conference
2. **CNK, Primary, Secondary and Senior** Sunday School will be conducted via web conference till end of October.
3. **CNK Department** is looking for **Teachers** and **Assistant Teachers** for year 2022. If you like to work with young children and desire to serve in the Sunday School ministry, please contact Sis Angeline Ng (Superintendent) @ 90188728.
4. Please register in advance at the link below, or scan the QR code.
https://bit.ly/Galilee_Webinar_30Oct2021
 Feel free to list down your questions to the panellists in the registration form.
 Zoom meeting details will be provided in the confirmation email.



“Worshipping God through Praise”

Pastor Simon N, Lord’s Day, 17 October 2021

Brethren, Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Whenever I trek through Bukit Timah Forest Reserve, my spirit lifts with the audio pleasure of hearing all nature around me praising the Creator God incessantly. Crickets, cicadas, and a myriad of insects and creatures hum their songs amidst the luscious ferns and flora in full glory. The gurgling of the crystal-clear brooks, the trickling tingle of waters from somewhere among the rocks, the rhythmic flow of the spring waters into little streams, the whole forest is alive with the pure sound of music any time of the day and night, all to the glory of God! Multi-coloured birds chirp merrily from the tree-tops; even the macaques’ distinctive sharp calls have a rightful place in **nature’s symphony of praise**. I can almost hear the crisp crush of dry twigs and leaves on the ground as squirrels and monitor lizards scuttle me by. As nature choruses its praise to God around me, peace fills my soul and my spirit soars in whole-hearted praise to my Maker. As I listen to nature’s majestic orchestra in play, I feel the warmth of God’s Abiding Love and Presence embrace me ever so closely. Indeed, “this is my Father’s world”, and I join God’s creation in serenading praises to our Creator God (Ps 148:1-10). Praise the Lord!

The Scriptures exhort us to “Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name” Ps 103:1. God created man for His good pleasure. **How are we praising our Maker?** The very first teaching in the West Minster Shorter Catechism is: The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. We have been spontaneous to glorify God through verbal praise, (*though temporarily restricted by the COVID-19 pandemic*) bursting forth from grateful hearts, in words and song. The music we produce in worship and the praises from thankful hearts indeed bless our Lord. Webster defines “praise” as “to say good things about”, synonymous with “admire, commend, extol, honour, and worship”. Yes, Christian praise is worship—the joyful expression of thanksgiving and adoration to God, the

“Praise the Lord!” appears seven times in joyous praise and worship.

Why is praising God so important? Countless reasons there are, but the main one is that the Almighty God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, is worthy to receive our praises: “For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised” (Ps 96:4, 145:3). “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure, they are and were created” (Rev 4:11). As we praise God, we gain a deeper understanding of the greatness of our awesome God and His Power and Presence in our lives. As we acknowledge Who God is, we are simultaneously reminded of who we are. “What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? (Ps 8:4). “Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto His Name; for it is pleasant” (Ps135:3). Physical exercise is good for our heart; praising God continually is crucial to strengthen our spiritual heart, to keep it beating strong for God. “Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD” (Ps 150:6).

It is easy to sing praises to God when all is going well in our lives. During times of trouble and pain, do we praise God just as enthusiastically? No, we tend to murmur and complain. Brethren, as we mature in our Christian faith, we will learn to praise God even in adversity, for we are thankful that God’s love, goodness and power in our lives never cease but are new every morning! Do you know that many great hymns of praise were penned in tears, by people facing challenging circumstances and suffering calamities?

What are the blessings that come with praising God in worship? Praising God humbles our soul, reminds us of our identity in Christ, His daily goodness, strengthens us in adversity, reminds us of God’s wonderful redemption and salvation for us in Christ Jesus, unworthy as we are. Brethren, how not to keep praising the Lord! “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:” Ps 103:2.

Lena's Testimony - My journey from 17th September to 4th October 2021

Timeline of Events

On 17th September, Ricky, Jen Siong and I attended Denise's Masters graduation ceremony at NTU. We were seated on the second floor. Back then, I already felt unstable. After the ceremony, we had a celebratory lunch at Jack's Place. After lunch, I told them that I was very tired and I needed to go back to sleep. At about 6 plus, I got up and went to wash some cups in the kitchen. During this time, Ricky had gone out for his usual cycling exercise. At about 7pm, he came back home and was watching television in the living room.

In my mind, I was reciting a phrase, "God reigneth". I stepped out of the kitchen and wanted to say something to Ricky. All of a sudden, I started to slur and I panicked as I could not express the words that were in my mind. Ricky was shocked. I called my sister, Susan, but I was talking in a very slow and unclear manner. Both of them advised that I be rushed to A&E at Ng Teng Fong hospital in fear of the possibility of a stroke. Ricky quickly drove me there and I was wheeled in immediately.

They performed a CT scan for me and found a mass on the right side of my brain. Ng Teng Fong Hospital decided to transfer me by ambulance to NUH. At that point in time, I was shocked. I kept shaking my head and I felt so lousy. The whole ordeal was unexpected, and I was worried about what would happen to my family.

At NUH, the neurologist checked on me and asked me a few questions, like whether I was right-handed. I was put in a high dependency ward for monitoring that night. They carried out an MRI scan the next day and I was then transferred to a normal ward. On 19th September, the MRI report was released. The neurologist explained to Ricky and me that I had a tumour on the right side of my brain. It had probably been there for about 3 to 4 years and it was about 4 to 5 centimetres in diameter, which is about the size of an egg. They advised me to go for a craniotomy to remove the tumour. We thank God that they also delivered the good news that it was benign.

During my stay at the hospital, they provided me with medication that reduced the swelling. I started to feel better and more alert. On 21st September, they discharged me and scheduled the craniotomy operation for 4th October.

God's Timeliness and Providence

1. Delay in Masters graduation of Denise

Denise graduated from her Master's programme in 2019. Her graduation was supposed to be last year in 2020. However, the convocation office made a mistake and sent the invitation to the wrong email. They emailed her the following year, 2021, to make up for that mistake. It was due to her graduation that Ricky was home on 17th September and could rush me to the A&E at Ng Teng Fong hospital. Thank God for His timeliness.

2. Slurring

Over the past few years, my eyesight, hearing and memory have been deteriorating. At the start of the year, I started to feel very tired and unstable at times. Thinking that they were

signs of old age, it did not occur to me to see a doctor. I just changed my spectacles and leaned closer in to listen better.

According to the doctors, the left side of the brain controls speech. Having a tumour on the right side of the brain should not cause slurring. The slurring that happened was truly a miracle. It was an indication that something was wrong with me. What I thought were symptoms of old age were symptoms of a brain tumour. If God had not allowed the slur to happen, we would not have known about my condition. All Praise to our God.

3. Professional team

The neurologist overseeing my operation is Professor Yeo Tseng Tsai. I believe that God had dedicated him and his amazing team to me. Before this ordeal, I had never heard of him before. In the days leading up to my operation, I have only heard good news about him. He is a renowned neurosurgeon who has successfully conducted neurosurgeries for many years. I thank God for appointing a man of his expertise to handle my case and giving me the confidence and assurance.

Encouragement from Loved Ones and Fellow Brethren

Prior to my operation, I have received countless words of encouragement from the people around me. The church leaders, Pastor Simon, Pastor Heng, Rev Ong, Rev Yong, Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, church members and even children have texted, sent me voice messages and prayed for me. I am encouraged and have peace in my mind and heart. I will be still and faint not. Thank God for your love, care and prayers for my family and me.

I thank God for the timely message on 3rd October, the day before my operation. Pastor Simon preached about having an attitude towards God that is serious, holy and sacred. We need to have faith and trust in God. What a timely reminder that greatly encouraged me on the power of prayer and to have faith in our Almighty God.

Operation and Recuperation

On 4th October, I was admitted at 6.45 a.m. to start the anaesthesia. At 8.30 a.m., the surgery started. Thank God that the operation was successful and went smoothly. After the operation, I thank God that I was alert and have no side effects. Currently, I feel very energetic and high-spirited. I am still being encouraged by church brothers and sisters, and the verses from morning devotions continued to be a source of strength for me to show me how real our God is.

Reflection on My Journey

During this experience, I have a renewed relationship with God and am even more convinced of His love for me. My personal walk with God, together with Ricky, have grown as we continue to see and experience His providence in our lives. God never makes mistakes, and He has allowed this experience to happen for a purpose. I want to use my experience to testify of God's faithfulness and encourage those who are facing the same trials. He has been and will continue to be merciful and gracious to my family and me.

In closing, I would like to share a verse with you which has encouraged me through my experience and journey with Him. "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof." (Psalm 97:1). All Praise and Glory to the Almighty God.