



GALILEE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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Church Theme Verse 2022:

Psalm 133:1

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Pastor	:	Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan	9858	4865
Associate Pastor	:	Rev Freddy Yong (MWS)	8309	8157
Advisory Pastor	:	Rev Philip Heng	9792	9183
Ministry Staff	:	Preacher David Cher	9737	9150
	:	Dness Lee May San	9618	9160

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, 18 September 2022, 9.30 am

PRELUDE

Pianist: Ms Isabelle Chung

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Chung Kok Wah

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Mr Matthew Tan

HYMNS # 33 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#36/140 "He is Exalted/Great Is The Lord"

- "O Rejoice In The Lord"

#607 "Close To Thee"

INVOCATION

GLORIA PATRI #812 "Glory Be To The Father"

SCRIPTURE READING: [Responsively] Psalm 115:1-18

Mr Ian Ling

OFFERINGS & TITHES

DOXOLOGY #815

(Creche/Nursery/Kindergarten/Primary children leave for Sunday School)

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE: "The Truly Transformed Life"

Rev Lee Fatt Ping

Acts 9:1-30

CLOSING HYMN #568 "May The Mind Of Christ, My Saviour"

BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

WELCOME

In-Person Worship Service &
Broadcast Live on
Galilee Website

GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE 9.15 am

Speaker: Rev Bob Phee (Herald BPC)
Message: "Do All To The Glory Of God"
1 Corinthians 10:1-12; 23-33

THE WEEK

19 Sep – 25 Sep 2022

- Wednesday** 8.30 pm **Prayer Meeting** I/C: Elder Soo Lap Ki
21 September Zoom ID: 605 758 5352; Password BS/PM
Bible classes will take a break.
- Saturday** 2.00 pm **CF/JF – A Woman Is Healed And A Girl Is Raised to Life**
24 September I/C: Sis Lata B.
- 2.45 pm **Junior Catechism Class** (via Zoom) [Pr David Cher]



Youth Worship Service "Teaching and Admonishing One Another"

Speaker: Preacher David Cher

Text: Colossians 3:15-17

Saturday 24 September 2022

5.00 pm

- Lord's Day** 9.00 am **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** (on-site only)
25 September
- 9.15 am **MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE**
[On site and available on Galilee Website same day evening]
Preacher: Elder Su Ching Chun (Calvary BPC)
Message: "Leadership Principles" 1 Timothy 3:1-16
- 9.30 am **ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE**
[On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]
- Chairman: Dn Tai Fatt Weng
Worship Team Leader: Bro Josiah Wang
Scripture Reader: Bro Seet Tiat Hee (Psalm 116:1-19)
Preacher: Preacher David Cher
Message: "Experiencing New Identity In Christ"
Colossians 3:1-17
- All Sunday School Classes on-site**
- 10.00 am Crèche/Nursery/Kindergarten 1 & 2/Primary 1-6
11.00 am Secondary/Senior Class
11.00 am Young Adults [Preacher David Cher]
11.00 am Senior Adults [Rev Ong Hock Khee]

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Attendance

Worship Service

11 September 2022

248

(Online)

61

(In-Person)

187

- Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting 4
- Sunday School 44
- Senior Adults' SS 6
- Adults' SS 2
- Young Adults' SS 5
- Mare Fellowship 4

Mandarin Worship Service

11 September 2022

35

Wed Prayer Meeting

14 September 2022

24

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye

transformed

by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is

that *good,*
and *acceptable,*
and *perfect,*

will of God.
Romans 12:2



Church Announcements

1. Music Sunday – Sunday 16 October 2022

Interested to sing in praise item on Music Sunday? Please register with Dn Samuel Lim (93878637) or Sis Joanne Choy (96311049). Please note that as it will be a live presentation, singers must be vaccinated, in accordance with Covid-19 protocols.

2. Floral Contribution

The Worship Service Floral contribution chart is up on the Church Notice Board. Kindly indicate your contribution on the board.

"REJOICE IN THE LORD"

Pastor Simon, Lord's Day, 18 September 2022

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

The Apostle Paul exhorts the believers: "**Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice**" (Phil 4:4). Many factors and circumstances tend to undermine our daily joy. The competitive and materialistic spirit we face daily in the world can make us miserable. Personal failures and disappointments, failure to achieve goals, unfulfilled expectations dampen our spirits and dispel joy from our hearts. Let-downs by people whom we trust and look up to can break our hearts. There are unhappy people around us. People rushing us by, preoccupied with their thoughts and concerns, with not much of a smile or a hint of joy on their faces. Many times, we blend into this "tight-faced" crowd because we are all stressed by life's challenges, chasing after "the wind" in this complex, fast-paced world.

Amidst our struggles, trials, stress and suffering, how can we relate to Paul's "rejoice always"? Was Paul living in an "ivory tower"? Was he clueless about suffering in the real world? Certainly not! Paul was in a Roman prison when he wrote to encourage the Philippians. He listed his trials and sufferings for Christ in 2 Cor 11. While in prison[s], he was flogged and nearly died. In his own words: "Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep" (11:25). Paul was constantly on long journeys, "in perils of waters, in perils of robbers", in danger from his countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. He laboured and toiled and often went without sleep; he suffered hunger and thirst and had often gone without food; he had been cold and naked (vs.26-27). Apart from all these, Paul carried burdens in his heart for the spiritual welfare of the churches and the brethren. Wow! If anybody had a reason to be bitter about life, it was Paul!

Yet, Paul encouraged us to "rejoice **in the Lord** always"! Brethren, those three words "**in the Lord**" made all the difference for Paul, and for us too, if we want to truly understand and experience the joy in the Lord that Paul had, even in suffering. Paul did not tell the believers to deny pain and trials in our lives. He urged us to look upward to and focus on a faithful God and all that He has done and will do for us, instead of looking inward, dwelling on our "hurts" and "sorrows", and be discouraged and miserable. Yea, we can find joy, even in adversity when we rejoice **in the Lord**.

What is joy? In today's trivial and superficial culture, a quick definition of "joy", often [wrongly] understood, is "happy feelings based on positive circumstances". Many people think that "joy" is an emotion, a feeling of happiness and excitement that come when everything is going our way. When we get what we want and things work out well for us, then we feel "joyful". But when we DON'T get what we want and things DON'T go our way, then we feel dejected, disappointed, discouraged, even depressed.

Brethren, according to God's Word, "joy" is not a feeling dependent on positive circumstances and goals achieved. Joy is peace and hope that come from within a person, who quietly trusts in God and His Promises, even in the midst of intense pain, trial and loss. It is the joy that comes with God's enabling strength when we cling to God, knowing that He loves us, He is in full control, and He will work things out for us in His good time and according to His Purpose. "In quietness and in confidence [**in the Lord**] shall be your strength" (Isa 30:15).

During intense suffering, Paul found abiding and overflowing joy in our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God... the joy that our Lord Jesus gives us can never be taken away from us, no matter what we face in this life. "**Rejoice in the Lord always and I again I say rejoice!**" Amen!