

GALILEE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

25 DECEMBER 2022



ISAIAH 7:14

¹⁴ THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL GIVE YOU A SIGN; BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL. KJV





GALILEE

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

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Church Theme Verse 2021: Romans 12:10

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

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP Christmas Service

Lord's Day, 25 December 2022, 9.30 am

PRELUDE

Pianist: Miss Phoebe Tan

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Soo Lap Ki

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Mr Josiah Wang

HYMNS #249 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

- "Mary's Boy Child"
- "A Communion Hymn For Christmas"

INVOCATION

GLORIA PATRI #812 "Glory Be To The Father"

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:18-25

Mr Marcus Ho

OFFERINGS & TITHES

DOXOLOGY #815

SPECIAL PRAISE ITEM "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Church Choir

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE: "Finding Hope In The Gospel"
Matthew 2:1-12

Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan

CLOSING HYMN #270 "Joy To The World"

BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE 9.15 am

Preacher: Rev Freddy Yong
Message: "Joy To The World"
Psalm 98:1-9



Wednesday 7.30 pm
28 December

Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting

Rev Philip Heng - The Gospel of Mark
<https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151>
Pastor Simon's and Dness May San's classes will take a break and resume 4 January 2023.

Friday - Saturday
30 -31 December

TFYF Camp: "Fruit of the Spirit"

[Speaker: Pr David Cher]



WATCHNIGHT SERVICE **"In Everything Give Thanks"**

5.30 pm

Speaker: Preacher David Cher

[WATCHNIGHT SERVICE (Mandarin) 5.30 pm
Topic: "Set Your Mind" Speaker: Elder Su Ching Chun

Lord's Day
1 January

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

9.15 am **MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE**
[On site and available on Galilee Website same day evening]
Preacher: Rev Freddy Yong
Message: "Looking Unto Jesus" Hebrews 11:1-6

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

Chairman: Elder Richard Ng
Worship Team Leader: Bro Matthew Tan
Scripture Reader: Bro Matthew Wee (Ps 119:145-160)
Preacher: Rev (Dr) Simon Nagarajan
Message: "Go... That's God's House May Be Filled"
Luke 14:23

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]
11.00 am Adults [Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan]

MONTHLY CALENDAR

JANUARY 2023

HEPPY NEW YEAR
2023

Worship Service Date/Time	Speaker/Chairman	Message
Lord's Day, 01 Jan, 9.30 am  Holy Communion	Speaker: Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan Chairman: Elder Richard Ng	"Go... That God's House May Be Filled" Luke 14:23
Lord's Day, 08 Jan, 9.30 am	Speaker: Preacher David Cher Chairman: Samuel Lim	"Continuing Through Opposition" Acts 22:30-23:24
Lord's Day, Dedication Sunday 15 Jan, 9.30 am 	Speaker: Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan Chairman: Dn Kenneth Wong	"Our Togetherness In Christ" Eph. 2:17-3:13
Lord's Day, 22 Jan, 9.30am <i>Blessed Chinese New Year!</i> 	Speaker: Preacher David Cher Chairman: Dn Sandeep Choppara	"Pressing Toward The Goal" Philippians 3:7-21
Lord's Day, 29 Jan, 9.30 am	Speaker: Rev Freddy Yong Chairman: Dn Michael Ho	"Sharing The Gospel In Every Circumstances" Acts 24-26

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*Giving thanks always for all things unto
God and the Father in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ;
Ephesians 5:20 KJV*



Attendance

Worship Service 18 December 2022	247
(Online)	61
(In-Person)	186
• Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting	5
• Sunday School	40

Mandarin Worship Service 18 December 2022	37
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Youth Worship Service (online)	33
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(In-person)	24

Wed Bible Study 21 December 2022	16
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Wed Prayer Meeting 21 December 2022	9
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Church Announcements

- Flower Contribution today**
Mr & Mrs Ong Ju Heng
- 2023 Sunday School Staffing**
Sunday School Ministry welcomes Galileans to serve in the teaching and support needs. Kindly approach Sis Angie Ng for the CNK Department, Bro David Ling for the Primary and Dness Lee May San for the Secondary/Senior Class.
- Session and Leaders Day of Prayer** on 2 January 2023, 9.30am, MWS room.
- Befriender Equipping Session** - Saturday, 14 January, 8.30 am to 12.30 pm.
Before the CNY outreach with St Luke's Eldercare on 17 January, get equipped by our experienced community partners. Whether you are volunteering or not sure yet, don't miss this chance to get useful training on starting conversations and making meaningful connections, no obligation. Participants will come from various churches and non-religious organisations. Lunch is provided.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Preacher David Cher, Lord's Day, 25 December 2022

Beloved Brethren,
Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. During this season of Christmas, we are to be mindful of the greatest gift that God has given us, His only begotten Son (John 3:16). In addition to that, there is also every blessing that God has in store for us. James 1:17 reminds us that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning".

As we look back on all that has gone on for the whole of this year, we would surely do well to look at them through the lens of God's goodness. During our good times, we are to be thankful for His blessings in our lives. For our difficult and challenging times, God's goodness and strength can undoubtedly bring us through such times. Thus, when we know that God is good to us at all times, we can place our complete trust and confidence in Him to work out and accomplish His good work in our lives. Throughout all of these "good" and "bad" times, our faith would be refined, purified, and come out stronger (1 Peter 1:7).

We are also to be contented, knowing that God's blessings are always present and evident in our lives (1 Tim. 6:6-8 "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and we can certainly carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content"). We must avoid any spirit of discontent that will result in us forgetting the blessings of God in our lives. This attitude would lead us away from God and toward destruction (1 Tim. 6:9-10 "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows"). Prov. 3:5-6 reminds us to put our complete trust in God, and He will direct our paths.

Without contentment, we would want to fill the emptiness in our lives with things of this world, such as money, societal position and status, and popularity. This is what the rich fool did in Luke 12:16-21. However, God is the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts' spiritual emptiness and hunger. Thus, we must not let our spiritual taste buds become dull and our spiritual eyes lose sight and focus on God and His Word. Being firmly rooted in God's Word, we would have spiritual stability (Ps. 1:3a – "a tree planted by the rivers of water"), good lasting spiritual fruits in our lives (Ps. 1 3b – "bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither"), and experience God's blessings in and through the whole process (Ps. 1:3c – "whatsoever he doeth shall prosper"), and then extend them to others in our lives.

Other people can then observe how we respond in godly and humanly unnatural ways to challenging and stressful situations. As followers of Christ, we are simply to be the reflectors of His great light (John 8:12) to shine forth and stand out for Him in this dark and fallen world (Matt. 5:14-16 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven").

Let us all realise how God has always been faithful in His leading and guiding us, especially this year. In leaving this year behind and stepping forward into the new year of 2023, let us have the confident determination to continue to depend on Him (John 15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing). This applies first in our individual Christian living and even in our walking and serving together as a corporate Body of Christ in Galilee Church. May God bless and keep us!