



# GALILEE

## BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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### Church Theme Verse 2023: Luke 14:23

"And the Lord said unto the servant, **Go out** into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that **my house may be filled.**"

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 Mav San	9618	9160

## CHINESE NEW YEAR ORDER OF WORSHIP Lord's Day, 22 January 2023, 9.30 am

### PRELUDE

Pianist: Mrs Magdalene Teo

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Dn Sandeep Choppara

### PRAISE & WORSHIP

Mr Josiah Wang

**HYMNS** #12/347 "Praise Him! Praise Him!/And Can It Be?"  
 #225 "Come, Christians, Join To Sing"  
 #431 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"  
 - "There Is A Higher Throne"

### INVOCATION

**GLORIA PATRI** #812 "Glory Be To The Father"

**SCRIPTURE READING** [Responsively] Psalm 121:1-8

Mr Seet Tiat Hee

### OFFERINGS & TITHES

**DOXOLOGY** #815

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**MESSAGE:** "Pressing Toward The Goal"  
 Philippians 3:7-21

Preacher David Cher

**CLOSING HYMN** #549 "Higher Ground"

### BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

### WELCOME

In-Person Worship Service &  
 Broadcast Live on  
 Galilee Website

### GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE 9.15 am

Preacher: Rev Ho Tsu Yoke (Gerizim BPC)  
 Message: "Do Not Forget God's Lovingkindness"  
 Deuteronomy 8:1-20

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>25 January</b>	7.30 pm	<b>Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting</b> <u>Pastor Simon Nagarajan</u> The First Epistle Of Peter Zoom ID: 605 758 5352; Password BS/PM <u>Rev Philip Heng</u> The Gospel of Mark <a href="https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151">https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151</a> <u>Dness Lee May San</u> (Ladies' BS) The Book Of Ruth Zoom ID: 815 6829 8000; Password WEDLADBSPM
<b>Saturday</b> <b>28 January</b>	2.00 pm	<b>CF/JF</b> – Jesus Walks On Water With Peter I/C: Lata B
	3.45 pm	<b>TF/YF</b> – Chinese New Year Visitation
<b>Lord's Day</b> <b>29 January</b>	9.00 am	<b>Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting</b> (on-site only)
	9.15 am	<b>MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE</b> [On site and available on Galilee Website same day evening] Preacher: Rev (Dr) Yap Beng Shin Message: "God's Wonderful Work In Nepal" Romans 8:28
	9.30 am	<b>ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE</b> [On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]  Chairman: Dn Michael Ho Worship Team Leader: Bro Josiah Wang Scripture Reader: Bro Joshua Ng (Psalm 122:1-9) Preacher: Rev Freddy Yong Message: "Sharing The Gospel In Every Circumstances" Acts 24-26
		<b>All Sunday School Classes on-site</b>
	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]
	12.15 pm	Senior Catechism (Church Library) I/C: Pastor Simon Nagarajan

**新年蒙福，主恩满溢！**

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## Attendance

### Worship Service

**15 January 2023**

**267**

**(Online)**

62

**(In-Person)**

205

- Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting 4
- Sunday School 52
- Senior Adults' SS 6
- Adults' SS 4
- Young Adults' SS 5

### Mandarin Worship Service

**15 January 2023**

**30**

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 3:14**

## Church Announcements

### 1. Condolences

Our deepest CONDOLENCES to Sis Jeanine Leum and family, on the home call of her mother, the late Mdm Angela Chan on 17 January 2023. May God comfort the bereaved family.

### 2. CNY Steamboat Fellowship

invite your loved ones to celebrate CNY with the church on **4 Feb, Saturday, 5pm!**

Kindly register with your respective fellowship groups by 31 Jan. Contributions are welcome! Please approach Dn Michael Ho. Rev Freddy Yong will bring the message.

### 3. Really Free Market I – The first RFM of 2023 is happening on **11 Feb 2023!**

(1) Contribute your items in good condition from 8 Jan to 29 Jan

(2) Help in the preparation from 8 Jan to 10 Feb (eg sorting, cleaning items, setting up, giving out flyers etc). Contact Dness Hannah at 94237464 or approach any LON core team member.

### 4. Acknowledgement from Sister Jeanine Leum

I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to leaders, members and friends for their support, visits, comfort and love during our recent bereavement.

# We are Blessed in Christ

Preacher David Cher, Lord's Day, 22 January 2023

**B**eloved Brethren,  
Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. On behalf of Galilee Church leadership, I wish all of you members, friends and your families a very blessed Chinese New Year!

What is our understanding of being or counted as blessed? We should not have a limited understanding that it merely refers to physical and material things especially during this Chinese New Year season. The word “blessed” carries with it a holistic tone. Eph. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” reminds us of the spiritual blessings that the Holy Spirit brings into our lives. Jesus Himself also reminds us of the danger of focusing on mere physical things over spiritual ones (Luke 12:21, “So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God”). He instructs us to do the opposite (Matt. 6:20, “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal”).

Does this mean that God is only interested in our spiritual needs, and leaving out our physical, material and social needs? Matt. 6:33, Phil. 4:12-13, and 1 Tim. 6:6 remind us to place our minds on our spiritual priorities, and then trust God to meet our other needs. God is indeed our beloved Heavenly Father who would certainly provide for us according to His gracious provision and gifts (James 1:17, “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”; Matt. 7:11b, “... how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”).

The secret of being blessed is found in the phrase “in Christ” in Eph. 1:3. Having a vibrant and living relationship with Christ is surely more than sufficient for us. However, we are always tempted to look at our present circumstances with discontent and be envious of the “greener” pastures of others. Thus, when going through such times, we need to remind ourselves of God’s gracious work, and His calling for us (Eph. 1:18 “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints”).

As we have been blessed by God, let us not keep His blessings only for our enjoyment. Instead, let us share His blessings with others as it is indeed better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Sharing God’s blessings with others not only helps us not to become too self-absorbed, but it also becomes an important part of our witness and example of who Christ is toward them. Let us also make full use of this season of Chinese New Year to be a good and fruitful witness for God. One way among many is to use the Hong Baos that each of us have been given by the church and give them out to others during our gatherings.

As we move forward in this year of 2023, let us always be looking out for and be the ones bringing joy into the lives of others, as reflected in the words of the first stanza of the familiar hymn *Make Me a Blessing*:

*Out in the highways and byways of life,  
Many are weary and sad;  
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,  
Making the sorrowing glad.*

*Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,  
Out of my life may Jesus shine;  
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,  
Make me a blessing to someone today.*