



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 May San	9618 9160

ORDER OF WORSHIP Lord's Day, 23 July 2023, 9.30 am

PRELUDE

Pianist: Mrs Magdalene Teo

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dn Ricky Chng

PRaise & WORSHIP

Mr Joshua Ng

HYMNS # 43 "All Hail the Power Of Jesus' Name"

- "By Faith"

#562 "Be Thou My Vision"

- "Ancient Words"

INVOCATION

GLORIA PATRI #812 "Glory Be To The Father"

SCRIPTURE READING [Responsively] Psalm 145:14-21

Mr Matthew Wee

OFFERINGS & TITHES

DOXOLOGY #815

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE: "God Keeps His Promises"

Preacher David Cher

Isaiah 9

CLOSING HYMN #410 "Standing On The Promises"

BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

WELCOME

In-Person Worship Service &
Broadcast Live on
Galilee Website

GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE 9.15 am

Preacher: Elder Har Chee Choey
Message: "God's Unchanging Love"
John 8:1-12

- Wednesday
26 July** 7.30 pm **Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting**
Pastor Simon Nagarajan
The Book of Nehemiah
Zoom ID: 605 758 5352; Password BS/PM
Rev Philip Heng
The Gospel of Mark
<https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151>
Dness Lee May San (Ladies' BS)
The Book of Ephesians
Zoom ID: 815 6829 8000; Password WEDLADBSPM
- Saturday
29 July** 1.30 pm **CF/JF – Games Day**
I/C: Sis Jess Tai
- 4.30 pm **TF/YF – Sisters' Appreciation**
I/C: Bro Ian Low
- Lord's Day
30 July** 9.00 am **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** (on-site only)
- 9.15 am **MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE**
[On site & available on Galilee Website same day evening]
Preacher: Rev Peter Lin (Grace Baptist Church)
Message: "Know The Love Of God"
Malachi 1:1-5
- 9.30 am **ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE**
[On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]
Chairman: Preacher David Cher
Worship Team Leader: Bro Daryl Tan
Scripture Reader: Bro Collin Lee (Psalm 146:1-10)
Preacher: Rev Freddy Yong
Message: "God Is Providing For Us"
Exodus 16-17
- 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]
- 11.00 am Adults [Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan]

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The Lord is my strength and song,
and He is become my salvation:
He is my God, and I will prepare
Him an habitation; My father's
God, and I will exalt Him.
Exodus 15:2 KJV

Attendance

Worship Service	
16 July 2023	245
(Online)	70
(In-Person)	175
• Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting	5
• Sunday School	49
• Senior Adults' SS	6
• Adults' SS	4
Youth Worship Service	
16 July 2023	58
(Online)	22
(In-Person)	36
Mandarin Worship Service	
16 July 2023	28
Wed Bible Study	
19 July 2023	38
Wed Prayer Meeting	
19 July 2023	33

Church Announcements

- Flower Contribution today:** SSG Gardening Team
- Holy Baptism**
Worshippers seeking Holy Baptism or confirmation in December, please sign up for catechism classes with Pastor Simon or Preacher David Cher.
- Session Meeting**
Today, 1.30 pm @ Church Library

Gaining Spiritual Understanding

Preacher David Cher, Lord's Day, 23 July 2023

Beloved Brethren, Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As humans, we all have the intrinsic or inborn desire for knowledge and wisdom. Thus, a good level of education and job experience are seen as valuable sources of knowledge and wisdom. But we are reminded from God's Word that knowing God and His Will is surely more important and valuable than them (Col. 1:9 "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that **ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**").

In this area of understanding God and His Will (His Word and related biblical principles), it is surely a never-ending and lifelong pursuit. This means that no one would ever stop or graduate from it. As such, each of us must always seek to have an insatiable or persistent thirst for God and His things (Ps. 42:1 "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God"; 1 Peter 2:2-3 "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious"). **As compared to the things of the world, how is our desire for God and His things compared to them?**

In addition to gaining and attaining new levels of knowledge and understanding about God, it is also inclusive of softening and opening our minds and hearts to His workings in our lives (Eph. 1:17-18 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: 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"). **May we overcome the temptation and inclination to become dull and apathetic in the face of God's Truth** such that we lovingly grasp and hold tight to it in all seasons of our lives.

But can we effectively grow on our own in the comfort of our private study and surroundings? In coming together with fellow believers, we would not struggle with remaining in the narrow well of our self-understanding and move on to reflecting on and expanding our understanding of familiar as well as not-so-familiar Bible passages and principles. It is also of no accident that the Bible record for us a total of 59 "on anothers" such as loving, forgiving, and encouraging one another. We would also strengthen, motivate, and encourage one another to **apply the truths of God's Word in the cauldron of our everyday life including our interactions with unbelievers** (James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves"; Heb. 10:24 "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works").

There is also no personal spiritual growth without the pains of trials and tribulations (John 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"). During the heat of such moments, we may question why God is sending or allowing us to go through them. But we are reminded that **our character would be developed in her godly aspects toward that of Christ** (Romans 8:29 "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren"). Our faith would also be made pure and strengthened too (1 Peter 1:7 "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ").

As J.I. Packer said, "The healthy Christian is not necessarily the extrovert, ebullient Christian, but the Christian who has a sense of God's presence stamped deep on his soul, who trembles at God's word, who lets it dwell in him richly by constant meditation upon it, and who tests and reforms his life daily in response to it."