



# 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, 20 August 2023, 9.30 am

### PRELUDE

Pianist: Mr Irvin Ling

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Chung Kok Wah

### PRAISE & WORSHIP

Dn Samuel Lim

**HYMNS** #104 "O Worship The King"

- "As We Worship"

#583 "You Are My All In All"

#585 "Be Still And Know"

### INVOCATION

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** [Responsively] Psalm 148:1-14

Mr Collin Lee

### OFFERINGS & TITHES

**DOXOLOGY** #815

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**MESSAGE:** "Preparing Our Hearts For Worship"

Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan

Exodus 35-40

**CLOSING HYMN** #686 "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

### BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

#### WELCOME

In-Person Worship Service  
& Broadcast Live on  
Galilee Website

#### YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE 9.30 am

Preacher: Mr Renfred Loh  
(Hebron BPC)  
Message: "God Of Generations"  
Ephesians 4:1-6

#### GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE 9.15 am

Preacher: Rev Ho Tsu Yoke  
(Gerizim BPC)  
Message: "Accompanied By God"  
Joshua 3:1-17

# THE WEEK

21 Aug – 27 Aug 2023

- Wednesday  
23 Aug**      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  
26 Aug**      1.30 pm      **CF/JF – About The Use Of God's Name**  
I/C: Sis Lata B.
- 3.45 pm      **TF/YF – Workshop**  
"The Battle Of The Mind"  
Speaker: Rev Ho Chee Lai
- Lord's Day  
27 Aug**      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: Preacher Timothy Tan (Calvary BPC)  
Message: "Strengthen With God's Word"  
1 Thessalonians 3:1-10
- 9.30 am      **ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE**  
[On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]  
Chairman: Dn Samuel Lim  
Worship Team Leader: Bro Josiah Wang  
Scripture Reader: Bro Marcus Ho (Psalm 149:1-9)  
Preacher: Preacher David Cher  
Message: "God Deserves Our Worship"  
Leviticus 1-4
- 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 [Dn Sandeep Choppara]  
11.00 am      Senior Adults [Rev Ong Hock Khee]  
11.00 am      Adults [Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan]

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## Attendance

### Worship Service

**13 August 2023**

**(Online)**

**311**

75

**(In-Person)**

236

• Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting

5

• Sunday School

51

• Senior Adults' SS

6

• Adults' SS

3

• Young Adults' SS

9

### Mandarin Worship Service

**13 August 2023**

**35**

### Wed Bible Study

**16 August 2023**

**30**

### Wed Prayer Meeting

**16 August 2023**

**26**

**O come, let us worship and bow down:  
let us kneel before the Lord Our Maker.**

**For He is our God; and we are the  
people of his pasture, and the sheep of  
his Hand. Today if ye will hear His Voice**

**Psalm 95:6-7**

## Church Announcements

- Flowers Contribution today:** Mr & Mrs Ong Ju Heng
- Parking on the church premises (including Sundays)**  
Please collect a Galilee carpark decal from Dn Sandeep if you do not have one or need a new one.

# Dual Family Ties

*Pastor Simon, Lord's Day, 20 August 2023*

**B**rethren, Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Every believer in the Church is part of God's "forever" family and belongs to "the household of God" (Eph 2:19). We are brothers and sisters in Christ. This truth ought to impact the way we live and relate with one another in the Body of Christ. God's precious Word conveys two important truths:

## **The Church As Family**

When the people drew the Lord Jesus' attention to His family members who were standing at the edge of the multitude, our Lord responded: "Who are My mother and My brothers?" (Mk 3:33b). His answer possibly stunned many people around Him. Interestingly, the Lord Jesus then "looked round about Him... and said, Behold My mother and My brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother, and My sister, and mother" (Mk 3:34,35). These words of our Lord must have startled the people further. Our Lord did not sever His earthly family ties. Neither was He discounting His family. Even in the final hours of His life while He hanged in agony on the Cross, our loving Saviour was concerned for His earthly mother, Mary, and entrusted her to the care of His beloved disciple (Jn 19:26,27). Christ's emphasis to the multitude was the kinship for the believers beyond the natural family, a bond as deep as "flesh and blood"—that is, the spiritual kinship of those who obey God and do His Will. Christ was concerned that believers maintain unity and oneness of heart. The spiritual family is precious to the Lord. Do we treasure our spiritual family?

Our Lord taught us to value our spiritual family by showing love, concern, and commitment and promoting unity in the Body of Christ. We need to remind ourselves constantly that we are members of the Church family, joined together in a deep and abiding Covenant relationship with Jesus as the Lord (Rom 10:9). The SSG ministry is to facilitate this amiable situation in the church. Care, share and bear

one to another in brotherly love for we are one in the bond of Christ. Paul writes, "Who (God) comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." 2 Cor 1:4. We are in this together!

The Church is not a "spiritual supermarket" where we go in only to pick what we need, and then leave quickly minding our business. The Church is where the believers congregate to worship and serve God, and fellowship with one another. Our Lord Jesus emphasized the importance of the spiritual family. What can we do for each other in the family of God? How can we help each other go through the tough patches of life? Sincere concern for each other will strengthen the Body of Christ and the Church.

## **The Family As Church**

By using the illustration of the family to typify the Church, the Lord Jesus is also teaching us how we ought to relate to each other in our natural family at home. The family that God has blessed us with, is like the Church in miniature and ought to reflect the love of God. The more we consider and respect each other in the family of God, the more we will love and honour our dear ones at home. What we do for each other in Church in obedience to the commandments of God, we ought to do likewise for our family members.

Our relationship with God must first be right. We must develop a close and personal relationship with the Lord. It is only as we walk closely with the Lord as individuals that we will draw close to the brethren in Church, and our loved ones at home—our spouse, children, parents, and siblings. We are to love the non-believers in our family with the love of God, trusting God to bring them into His family in His good time. Interestingly, how we relate to each other at home shows up in the way we relate to members of the Church, and vice-versa. Indeed, how blessed brethren are in the Lord!  
God Bless!