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SCRIPTURE


IS GIVEN BY

INSPIRATION  
OF GOD,

AND IS

PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE,  
FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION,  
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS...

*2 Timothy 3:16*





# 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

## REFORMATION SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Lord's Day, 29 October 2023, 9.30 am**

### PRELUDE

Pianist: Mr Irvin Ling

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Preacher David Cher

### PRaise & WORSHIP

Mr Daryl Tan

**HYMNS** #151 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"  
 - "My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness"  
 - "There Is One Gospel"  
 #337 "Nothing But The Blood"

### INVOCATION

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** [Responsively] Psalm 8:1-9

Mr Seet Tiat Hee

### HOLY BAPTISM

**HYMN** "O Happy Day!"

### OFFERINGS & TITHES

**DOXOLOGY** #815

**SPECIAL PRAISE ITEM** "God Of Our Fathers"  
"Glory, Glory Hallelujah"

Galilee Male Chorus

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**MESSAGE:** "Therefore Being Justified"  
Romans 5:1-2

Rev Bendick Ong

**CLOSING HYMN** #401 "The Church's One Foundation"

### 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 Choy  
Message: "The Reformation"  
Romans 1:17


# THE WEEK

## 30 Oct – 5 Nov 2023

- Wednesday** 7.30 pm **Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting**  
**1 Nov** 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** 10.30 am **BOE Meeting @ Church Library**  
**4 Nov** 1.30 pm **CF/JF – The Importance Of Shepherds**  
I/C: Sis Adeline Simon
- 3.45 pm **TF/YF – Painting with Elder Charles Phua**  
1/C: Preacher David Cher
- Lord's Day** 9.00 am **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting (on-site only)**  
**5 Nov** 9.15 am **MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE**  
[On site & available on Galilee Website same day evening]  
Preacher: Rev Freddy Yong  
Message: "Prophet Jeremiah"  
Jeremiah 1:1-10
- 9.30 am **ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE**  
[On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]  
Chairman: Elder Chung Kok Wah  
Worship Team Leader: Bro Matthew Tan  
Scripture Reader: Bro Matthew Wee (Psalm 9:1-10 )  
Preacher: Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan  
Message: "Faithful In Service"  
Joshua 23-24
- All Sunday School Classes on-site**  
10.00 am Crèche/Nursery/Kindergarten 1 & 2/Primary 1-6  
**(No Sec/Senior, Adult Sunday School and Senior Catechism classes)**
- 11.30 am **Agape Fellowship Lunch**

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

## November 2023

Worship Service Date/Time	Speaker/Chairman	Message
Lord's Day, 05 Nov, 9.30 am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Speaker: Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan  Chairman: Elder Chung Kok Wah	<b>"Faithful In Service"</b>  Joshua 23-24
Lord's Day, 12 Nov, 9.30 am	Speaker: Preacher David Cher  Chairman: Dn Tai Fatt Weng	<b>"The Miracle of Jesus' Resurrection"</b>  Mark 16
Lord's Day, 19 Nov, 9.30 am	Speaker: Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan  Chairman: Preacher David Cher	<b>"God's Mercy Amidst Our Failures"</b>  Judges 2
 <p data-bbox="490 1054 983 1118"><b>Youth Worship Service</b> <b>"Crossing Cultures With The Gospel"</b></p> <p data-bbox="482 1121 991 1182">Speaker: Rev Ng Zhiwen (Zion Bishan BPC) Text: Acts 17:16-34</p> <p data-bbox="501 1217 972 1246"><b>Sunday 19 November 2023 9.30am</b></p>		
Lord's Day, 26 Nov, 9.30 am	Speaker: Preacher David Cher  Chairman: Dn Sandeep Choppara	<b>"Rousing From Spiritual Lethargy"</b>  Judges 13-16

### 3 WAYS TO GIVE OFFERINGS & TITHES

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## Attendance

### Worship Service

22 Oct 2023

280

(Online)

51

(In-Person)

198

• Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting

3

• Sunday School

51

• Senior Adults' SS

6

### Mandarin Worship Service

22 Oct 2023

29

### Wed Bible Study

25 Oct 2023

20

### Wed Prayer Meeting

25 Oct 2023

23

Much more than, being now  
justified by his blood, we shall be  
saved from wrath through him  
Romans 5:9

## Church Announcements

### 1. **Baptism Candidates**

- Ong Seng Hoe, Hymn
- Ooi Sui En, Glenda

### 2. **Flowers Contribution today:** Elder and Mrs Charles Phua

### 3. **Condolences**

Our deepest Condolences to Bro Albert Ng and family, on the passing of his mother on 22 October 2023. May God comfort the bereaved family.

# Truth Liberates Us

Pastor Simon, Lord's Day, 29 October 2023

**B**rethren,  
In the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I greet you on this Reformation Sunday. Falsehood was first begotten in the Garden of Eden. Since then, every nook and cranny of our world has been densely polluted with half-truths. Our societal system is infiltrated with lies. Speaking the truth is out of fashion. Honesty is hardly recognised or celebrated. Someone once said pure gold is too soft. For practical purpose, gold mixed with other metals (impure) strengthen it and thus enhance its task. Truth plus something less makes life doable. As I follow the Middle East conflict closely, I observed that lies enjoy wider and louder propaganda than truth. Lies sell better than the truth! How could believers live and strive in this broken world where truth isn't entirely the currency for life?

Jesus said, **"And ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you free."** John 8:32. First, our Lord exhorts us "to know the truth." Implying that we don't exactly have all the truth to begin with. Though, we are not completely void of truth (Rom 2:15), our knowledge and intelligence are tempered with untruth. Hence, our perception and outlook, treatment and analysis are "impure." The paradigms we apply to fix problems are warped. Besides, the physical realm, before we came to Christ, our spiritual dimension was unspeakably deplorable. Our beliefs, worship, and practices were adjacent to the Word of God. To be honest, we didn't know better. We were blinded. Paul testifies that the god of the world (the devil) kept us blind lest we come to the light (2 Cor 4:4).

Our Lord Jesus is calling us to revamp our system, renew our outlook, revisit our priorities, demolish spiritual strongholds, and reorder our priorities in the light of the Holy Scriptures. The Bible says, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." This knowledge of God's Word requires a lot of effort and discipline. It is not like downloading software onto our mobile phones. At a press of a button, we are upgraded to the next level of usage.

The Psalmist gives us an idea of how we should look at God's Word and how we appropriate it: "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditates day and night." Unless, we have the joyous drive to study God's Word, the scriptural impact on us will be minimal. Next, the knowledge of God's word must be assimilated into our hearts and minds. The type of meditation the world prescribes requires participants to empty their minds. Remember, the quote, "An empty mind is the devil's workshop." But the Bible invites us to fill our minds and saturate our hearts with His Word. Next, it is a lifelong commitment for all believers. At every station of our lives, challenges and problems evolve. We need to process the headwinds with clarity and make choices pleasing to the Lord. Likewise, the learning of God's truth continues and our perception and maturity over time evolves as well (Rom 12:2).

Next, the Lord promises that "the truth will set us free." \_ The Lord highlights that there is a crucial need to set ourselves free from our old ways through the Word of God. The lack of God's Word in us keeps us very much identical to our pre-conversion selves. There will be hardly any changes. Only the truth has the power to set us free from the twisted physical and spiritual ideologies and doctrines that we have been familiar with. When the Gospel broke into our lives, fundamentally, we found our freedom from idolatry. From spiritual deadness, we became spiritually alive. That is not the end, we need to grow! Growing in the Word will enable us to unshackle from numerous nonsensical ideals and beliefs. Unfetter from self-demeaning perceptions, and joyless life. The presence of God's Word will create in us the space to forgive others, and the grace to accommodate difficult people. God's Word will gradually mature the biblical qualities detailed in the fruit of the Spirit in us all. The Truth Indeed, set us FREE! By God's grace, we will do well!!

God bless!