



# **GALILEE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER 2023**





# GALILEE

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"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

## CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SERVICE 圣诞主日

### ORDER OF WORSHIP 崇拜程序

**Lord's Day 主日, 24 December 2023, 9.30 am**

**PRELUDE 序乐**

Pianist: Mrs Magdalene Teo

**INTROIT #216** "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple" "上主在祂圣殿中"

**CALL TO WORSHIP 宣召** Elder Tan Siong Teck/Elder Har Chee Choey (Interpreter)

**PRAISE & WORSHIP 赞美与敬拜** Mr Josiah Wang

**HYMNS #278** "Angels We Have Heard On High" "天使歌唱在高天"

#270 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" "我们渴望的耶稣"

#249 "O Come All Ye Faithful" "齐来宗主信徒"

- "Mary's Boy-Child" "马利亚的小男孩"

**INVOCATION 祷告**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING 读经** Matthew 1:18-25 / 马太福音 1:18-25 Mr Collin Lee

**BAPTISM 洗礼** Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan/Rev Freddy Yong

**HYMN "O Happy Day!" "快乐之日我今立志"**

**OFFERINGS & TITHES 奉献**

**DOXOLOGY 三一颂 #815**

**SPECIAL ITEM "Joy To The World / Joyful, Joyful" Christmas Musical Team**

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER 牧祷**

**MESSAGE: "Made Alive By God's Grace" Preacher David Cher**  
Ephesians 2

**CLOSING HYMN #285 "O Holy Night!" "喔! 圣善夜"**

**BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN 祝福 & 阿门, 阿门, 阿门**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS 报告**

**POSTLUDE**

# THE WEEK

25 Dec – 31 Dec 2023

- Wednesday 27 Dec** 7.30 pm **Bible Study/Prayer Meeting**  
No Bible Study and Prayer meeting.  
Classes will resume on 3 January 2024
- Thursday to Saturday 28 to 30 Dec** **TFYF Camp**  
"Reigniting Your Passion For God"  
Speaker: Preacher David Cher
- Lord's Day 31 Dec** 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 Lee Fatt Ping (Grace BPC)  
Message: "Let Us Be Thankful"  
Hebrews 12:28-29
- 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 Ian Ling (Psalm 14:1-7)  
Preacher: Rev Freddy Yong  
Message: "Waiting On God's Perfect Timing"  
1 Samuel 8-10
- 10.00 am **All Sunday School Classes on-site**  
Crèche/Nursery/Kindergarten 1 & 2/Primary 1-6
- 8.00 pm **ENGLISH WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**  
Chairman: Dn Samuel Lim  
Preacher: Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan  
Message: "Going Forth With Singular Objective"  
Text: Philippians 3:13-14
- 8.00 pm **MANDARIN WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**  
Speaker: Rev Tan Mui Ho (Sion Presbyterian Church)  
Message: "Praise God For His Grace"  
Text: Psalm 65:1-3

# GALILEE B-P CHURCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS 2024

## Church Theme

### *Edify One Another... Evangelise Together*

“Let us therefore follow after things...  
wherewith one may edify another.”

**Romans 14:19b**

“he that winneth souls is wise”

**Proverbs 11:30b**

## January

- 01 Session & Leaders Day of Prayer  
[Monday, 9.30 am, #03-01]
- 13 Galilee Evergreen Ministry  
(GEM) 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
[Saturday, 10.00 am]
- 14 Dedication Sunday--Dedication of  
Church Officers 2024

## February

- 17 TF/YF 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
[Saturday, 3.45pm]

## March

- 03 Missions Sunday
- 03-05 Galilee Ladies Retreat
- 16 CF/JF Vacation Bible School
- 24 Palm Sunday

- 24 **63rd Annual Congregation  
Meeting** (Combined English/Mandarin)

- 28 Maundy Thursday Memorial  
Service [8pm]  
(Combined English/Mandarin)

- 30 Gospel Rally (English/Mandarin)  
[Saturday, 4.30 pm]

- 31 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service  
[6.30 am] (Combined English/Mandarin)

Easter Sunday Service [9.30 am]  
(Baptism/Confirmation/Transfer-In)

## April

- 20 Really Free Market

## May

- 12 Mother's Day
- 18 YAF 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
[Saturday, 3.30pm]

## June

- 02 Galilee Church 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
(Baptism/Confirmation/Transfer-In)
- 02-09 Mission Trip to South Vietnam
- 08 GAF 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
[Saturday, 5.00pm]
- 12-15 Church Camp (Wed – Sat) – Batam
- 16 Father's Day

## July

- 07 Sunday School 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 13-21 Mission Trip to North Vietnam
- 14 Mandarin Worship Service 33<sup>rd</sup>  
Anniversary
- 21 Youth WS 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
[Sunday, 9.30am]
- 28 **Galilee 20<sup>th</sup> General Election**

## August

- 09 Galilee Community Day

## September

- 01 Teachers' Day
- 14 Mid-Autumn Gospel Rally  
(Mandarin, 4.30pm)
- 21-29 Mission Trip to Myanmar  
(Pyin Oo Lwin)

## October

- 05 CF/JF 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Children's  
Day
- 06 Students' Day
- 13 Music Sunday
- 19 Really Free Market
- 27 Reformation Sunday

## November

- 09 SYAF 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
[Saturday, 5.00pm]

## December

- 09-13 Sunday School Camp
- 21 Christmas Outreach Programme  
[Saturday, 5 pm]
- 22 Christmas Sunday Service  
(Baptism/Confirmation/Transfer-In)
- 24 Christmas Eve Praise Service
- 26-28 TF/YF Camp
- 31 Watchnight Service  
[Tuesday, 8 pm]

## Singapore Public Holidays 2024

New Year's Day	Monday Jan 01
Chinese New Year	Saturday Feb 10 Sunday Feb 11
Good Friday	Friday Mar 29
Hari Raya Pua	Wednesday April 10
Labour Day	Wednesday May 01
Vesak Day	Wednesday May 22
Hari Raya Haji	Monday Jun 17
National Day	Friday Aug 09
Deepavali	Thursday Oct 31
Christmas Day	Wednesday Dec 25

## School Holidays 2024

- 1st Term** (9-17 March)
- 2nd Term** (25 May – 23 June)
- 3rd Term** (31 Aug -8 Sept)
- 4th Term** (16 Nov – 31 Dec)



# GALILEE SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP

11 – 15 December 2023

Theme: Trust and Obey: A Pilgrim's Journey to the Promised Land

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## Sunday School Camp Report from Camp Master, Matthias Ho

Psalms 112:7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: His heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Thank God for His grace and mercy that we could hold the Sunday School Camp once again this year. Praise Him for His leading and working in my heart to take on the role of the Camp Master. We thank God for bringing in an excellent and capable team to help in the planning and executing of this camp. Thank God for Bro Hymn Ong, who willingly took up the role of Assistant Camp Master, and Sis Glenda and Bro Jordan, as Treasurer, to assist in the core team. Apart from Bro Hymn and Sis Glenda doubling up as mentors, God has graciously provided 6 other mentors (Bros Daryl Tan, Jordan Wong, Geoffrey Heng/Sis Brenda Teo, Phoebe Tan, Lee Jo Yee), 3 main I/Cs for activities (Eld Tan Siong Teck, Bros Matthew Tan, Jonathan Ng, Daryl Tan), alongside their helpers, and an outstanding team of kitchen helpers led by Sis Jelaine and Sis Evangeline. Thank God for Bro Lim Kim Thia for taking up the role as a Children Camp Coordinator, alongside 6 other helpers, for the 5-8 years old.

The camp theme is taken from the book of Numbers, chronologized the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land, how they encountered challenges that led to their disobedience and rebellion against God. Yet God has shown His grace and mercy upon these Israelites when they repent from their sin. Likewise, we learnt lessons on repentance, trust, obedience, and hope. The camp speakers were Rev Tan Eng Boo for the Seniors (13-18 years), Sis Ching Wei for the Juniors (9-12 years), and Dness May San for the children (5-8 years). There was a total of 59 campers, 39 from the Seniors/Juniors section and 20 from the Children camp. Praise God for the salvation of 6 campers and assurance of salvation of 14 campers.

Other than those mentioned above, I want to take this opportunity to appreciate everyone who has greatly helped to the organizing and running of the camp as well as those who helped along the way and behind the scene. They have contributed to the success of the camp, to the honour and glory of God. Special appreciation to our Camp Advisors (Dness Tan Chai Lang & Bro David Ling); Camp Counsellors (Sis Charissa Heng & Pr David Cher) and the "Spirit of Giving" Team (Dness Hannah, Bros Nathaniel Heng, Geoffrey Heng, Sis Patricia Heng, Isabelle Chung. Not forgetting also

Thank God for the memorable and meaningful activities planned by the activities I/Cs. This year, we had a special Night Walk at Rifle Range Nature Park, and we thank God for the safety of all the campers. Thank God for holding back the rain just before we headed off and truly, He answers prayers.

Though we had campers that went down with Covid-19 infections throughout the camp, we thank God for the standard procedures that were executed immediately and effectively to facilitate a smooth process for the infected campers. Measures were implemented immediately with regards to the severity of the infections.

All in all, I thank God for His wondrous mercies upon my team and myself. Not only have we seen God's blessings and His merciful hand upon us, we have all grown closer to one another and enjoyed the blessings of a Christian community in church. It is my prayer that we stay close, encourage and build up one another in the faith as we grow together in the church. All praise to God for a meaningful and wonderful Sunday School Camp this year!

***Hebrews 10:24-25 and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***

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## Attendance

### Worship Service

17 Dec 2023

(Online)

(In-Person)

- Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting
- Sunday School
- Senior Adults' SS

167

59

108

4

35

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### Mandarin Worship Service

17 Dec 2023

26

### Youth Worship Service

17 Dec 2023

(Online)

(In-Person)

50

22

28

And this is the record, that God  
hath given to us eternal life, and  
this life is in his Son.

1 John 5:11

## WELCOME

In-Person Worship Service &  
Broadcast Live on  
Galilee Website

## Church Announcements

- Flowers Contribution today:** Mr & Mrs Ong Ju Heng  
2024 Worship Service Floral contribution chart is up on the Church Notice Board.  
Kindly indicate your contribution on the board.
- Condolences**  
Our deepest condolences to Sis Lily Cher, Sis Caryn Cher and family, on the home call of Mr Cher Han Khim on 14 December 2023. May God comfort the bereaved family.
- Adult and Infant Baptism Candidates**
  - Ng Siong Chin 黄松进
  - Chan Moi Kian 曾美珍
  - Lee Ah Suan 李亚钻
  - Xie Yong En, James
- Pastoral Staff On leave**  
Dness May San will be on leave from 26 December to 30 December 2023.

# Christmas – The Spirit Of Giving

*Preacher David Cher, Lord's Day, 24 December 2023*

**B**eloved Brethren,  
Blessed Christmas greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! During this season of Christmas, we remember the birth of Jesus Christ, and through Him the precious gift of salvation that is offered to us by God Himself (John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”). God is also the Giver of all things in our lives (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”).

From where and how much should we give unto the LORD? Proverbs 3:9 “Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.” The firstfruits refer to the first, best and finest portion of the flock and harvest for the Jews, and it is also surely of great value to them as well. As such, we too need to stretch ourselves in giving to the LORD not from our leftovers or second-hand, but that which is the best and finest of both quality and quantity from our substance (possessions). This giving is also from our increase as we acknowledge that God is responsible for our material blessings and growth (Ps. 75:6-7 “For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another”). As we honour the LORD in our giving, He would honour us according to His ways (1 Sam. 2:30b “but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour Me I will honour, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed”).

As God has also given the Good News of the Gospel to us, we are to speak forth and make known the Gospel, that God has made the way open to save all from their sin. This is surely the most important act or notion of giving than the giving of presents and gifts to them. Galilee Church, during this month of December leading

up to Christmas, has had events such as the Sunday School Camp (“the Spirit of Giving”), the Mandarin Gospel Rally, as well as the Christmas Musical “Kopitiam”. All these events provide church members and friends opportunities to invite friends as well as going out to the neighbourhood to invite the public, to come and hear the Gospel. We are reminded that sharing the Gospel does not only involve inviting them to church events, but that we are also to go into our communities and social circles with the Gospel (Matt. 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations....”; Mark 16:15 “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”). We must not restrict the sharing of the Gospel to only the Christmas and Easter seasons, but to all seasons and times too (1 Peter 3:15 “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear”).

This benevolent act of giving should not only involve our external actions, but should come out from our hearts that are softened and moved by love, kindness and forgiveness. Such heartfelt actions would then be part of our Gospel witness to others. Living in this present world of darkness should motivate or encourage us to not be comfortable and drawn away by her habits and practices (Romans 12:2), but instead be the light shining in the darkness (Isaiah 9:2 “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined”). Be the light that brings joy, cheerfulness and hope to others, and in return, we will also be blessed with joy and hope.

May we be reminded to not only give materially, but also of ourselves and our service to the LORD (Rom. 12:1 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service”). It is indeed more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). God bless!