



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.**"

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| 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 |
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, 17 December 2023, 9.30 am

PRELUDE

Pianist: Mr Irvin Ling

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dn Samuel Xie

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Dn Samuel Lim

HYMNS #277 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#284 "The Birthday Of A King"

- "I Sing Praises To Your Name/Jesus, Name Above All Names"

#734 "Be Strong In The Lord"

INVOCATION

GLORIA PATRI #812 "Glory Be To The Father"

SCRIPTURE READING [Responsively] Psalm 13:1-6

Mr Marcus Ho

OFFERINGS & TITHES

DOXOLOGY #815

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE: "Where Is God's Glory?"
1 Samuel 4-5

Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan

CLOSING HYMN #151 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

WELCOME

In-Person Worship
Service & Broadcast Live
on Galilee Website

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE 9.30 am

Preacher: Prof. Soong Tuck Wah
(NUS/Mt Carmel BPC)
Message: "Is Genesis Relevant?"
Genesis 1:1-4

GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE 9.15 am

Preacher: Rev Ho Tsu Yoke
(Gerizim BPC)
Message: "God Descended Among Men"
Matthew 1:18-31

THE WEEK

18 Dec – 24 Dec 2023

Wednesday 7.30 pm
20 Dec

Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting
No Bible Study and Prayer meeting.
Classes will resume on 3 January 2024



Lord's Day 9.00 am **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** (on-site only)
24 Dec

9.30 am **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**
[On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]

Chairman: Elder Tan Siong Teck
Co-Chairman/Interpreter: Elder Har Chee Choey
Worship Team Leader: Bro Josiah Wang
Scripture Reader: Bro Collin Lee (Matthew 1:18-25)
Preacher: Preacher David Cher
Message: "Made Alive By God's Grace"
Ephesians 2

All Sunday School Classes on-site
10.00 am Crèche/Nursery/Kindergarten 1 & 2/Primary 1-6



GALILEE BPC MUSICAL

23 December 2023
Saturday | 4.30 PM

Galilee B-P Church
202 Pandan Gardens 609338
Sanctuary, Level 1

Sign up now!

Dinner will be included



tinyurl.com/kopitiam23



GALILEE B-P CHURCH CAMP 2024

ANCIENT PSALMS FOR MODERN LIVING



Speaker

ENGLISH

Rev Dr Yap Kim Sin

Zion-Serangoon BPC

Free-will* Offering: Give as God gave abundantly

*Only applicable for GBPC members and twin sharing room

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JUNE
12-15

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Attendance

Worship Service

10 Dec 2023

(Online)

257

(In-Person)

47

210

- Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting

5

- Sunday School

38

- Senior Adults' SS

4

Mandarin Worship Service

10 Dec 2023

30

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel;
In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in
quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:
and ye would not.
Isaiah 30:15

Church Announcements

1. Usage of church premises

Evangel BP Church and MINDS Jurong Training & Development Centre would be using the church premises for their Christmas Outreach on Friday 22 December, 8.30am to 4 pm.

2. Pastoral Staff On Leave

Preacher David Cher will be on leave from 18 to 22 December 2023.

Make Time for Jesus!

Pastor Simon, Lord's Day, 17 December 2023

Brethren, Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Please pray for our Church's Christmas Evangelistic outreach this coming Saturday, 23 Dec. Due to the growing number of COVID-19 infections, we are praying for God's grace to keep the entire team well for the week. Pray also for favourable weather, for all invites to come, and for the Rev Luwin Wong (Mt Hermon BPC) to preach the Gospel effectively. This event will be the crowning event for the close of the year. To God be the glory!

At this time of the year, everyone has a jam-packed schedule of activities. It's easy to risk missing the true spirit, meaning and message of Christmas. This "hurry-hurry-lifestyle" is not confined to Christmastide but is also present in daily lives, occupied by demanding workloads, family responsibilities, and church commitments. Somewhere and somehow in our preoccupation with daily life, our walk and fellowship with our Lord might grow weak. Brethren, how true is this in our lives this year? What measures and disciplines can we put in place to help us reset our time with God? Let's resolve to grow closer to our dear Lord, in 2024.

The Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus imposed a tax on the people, requiring them to register at their places of birth and pay their dues. This was why Joseph and Mary had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, an arduous 120 km journey on foot, especially for a "third trimester" pregnant Mary. When the weary couple finally arrived in the small town of Bethlehem, they were told that the inn was full, and there was no room for them.

If the innkeeper of Bethlehem had known that the Babe of Mary to be born that night was the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, he would surely have found room for this family. But because the innkeeper was preoccupied with the concerns of running his business, he missed the Babe of

Christmas. He was so busy making a living that he had no time to recognize that this Babe was the Promised One who would save all mankind from their sins. And He is to be born on his property. What an honour and privilege missed. Brethren, are we preoccupied with what the world has to offer; creatively growing our wealth; or climbing the steep corporate ladder? "Step on the brakes" and prayerfully reflect on how much you have missed out on God or grown lukewarm in your relationship with Him. Ask God to help you realign life's priorities, giving the Lord the Centre stage in all things, will help to revive our spiritual life.

Not only did the innkeeper, the travellers and the people of Bethlehem miss Baby Jesus "right under their noses," but most regrettably, the religious leaders missed it big time. They, who ought to know the "Bible" better, missed the joy and significance of that Silent and Holy Night when Christ was born! When King Herod tried to track down this Babe, he went to the religious leaders to see if they knew anything about this Promised King of Israel. They, who were deeply religious, and who knew from Bible prophecies that the Christ-Child would be born in Bethlehem, didn't even bother to go to Bethlehem to see whether this long-expected Babe, God's Son, had been born that first Noel! They missed the Lord, Emmanuel, who has come to abide with mankind... because of their indifference.

I believe that one of the greatest obstacles to our spiritual well-being is spiritual indifference. Being too busy can gradually lead to indifference towards God, His Word, and reaching out to the lost. Brethren, let us not be distracted by all that the world offers and miss out on God and His blessings. Let us not be so caught up in the busyness of life that we trade off with our privileged and blessed relationship with Christ our Saviour. Question: Is there room in our hearts for Jesus?

Blessed Christmas!