



# GALILEE

## BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"IN GALILEE ... there's a great light"

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### Church Theme Verse 2024:

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

Romans 14:19b

"he that winneth souls is wise"

Proverbs 11:30b

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, 21 January 2024, 9.30 am**

#### PRELUDE

Pianist: Mr Jonathan Cher

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

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Dn Ricky Chng

#### PRaise & WORSHIP

Dn Ricky Chng

**HYMNS**

- # 210 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"
- # 90 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
- # 11 "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"
- #383 "Fill Me Now"

#### INVOCATION

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** [Responsively] Psalm 17:1-15

Mr Seet Tiat Hee

#### OFFERINGS & TITHES

**DOXOLOGY** #815

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

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

**MESSAGE:** "Our Righteous and Gracious God"

Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan

Genesis 18

**CLOSING HYMN** #343 "Amazing Grace"

#### BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### POSTLUDE

#### WELCOME

In-Person Worship  
Service & Broadcast Live  
on Galilee Website

#### YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

9.30 am

Preacher: Preacher David Cher

Message: "Living For God  
Or Self?"

1 Timothy 4:7-8

#### GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE 9.15 am

Preacher: Preacher Zhou Jin (SBC)  
Message: "Jesus Calms The Storms"  
Matthew 8:23-27

# THE WEEK

22 Jan – 28 Jan 2024

**Wednesday**  
**24 Jan**

- 7.30 pm **Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting**  
Pastor Simon Nagarajan  
The Book of 1 Samuel  
Zoom ID: 605 758 5352; Password BS/PM  
Rev Philip Heng  
The Book of Haggai  
<https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151>
- 8.00 pm **Dness Lee May San (Ladies' BS/Prayer Meeting)**  
The Book of Philippians  
Zoom ID: 815 6829 8000; Password WEDLADBSPM

**Saturday**  
**27 Jan**

- 1.30 pm **CF/JF – God's Word Is Truth**  
I/C: Sis Lata B
- 3.45 pm **TF/YF – Cottage Meeting**

**Lord's Day**  
**28 Jan**

- 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 David Tan (True Life PC)  
Message: "The Meek Shall Inherit The Earth"  
Matthew 5:4; 5:38-48
- 9.30 am **ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE**  
[On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]  
Chairman: Dn Joseph Tai  
Worship Team Leader: Bro Josiah Wang  
Scripture Reader: Bro Marcus Ho (Psalm 18:1-12)  
Preacher: Rev Ho Chee Lai (Sharon BPC)  
Message: "God Sees The Heart"  
1 Samuel 16
- 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 Adults [Rev Ong Hock Khee]  
11.00 am Young Adults [Preacher David Cher/Pastor Simon]

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## Attendance

<b>Worship Service</b>	
<b>14 January 2024</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>(Online)</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>(In-Person)</b>	<b>227</b>
• Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting	<b>4</b>
• Sunday School	<b>49</b>
• Adults' SS	<b>4</b>
• Young Adults' SS	<b>5</b>

<b>Mandarin Worship Service</b>	
<b>14 January 2024</b>	<b>36</b>

<b>Wed Bible Study</b>	
<b>17 January 2024</b>	<b>31</b>

<b>Wed Prayer Meeting</b>	
<b>17 January 2024</b>	<b>26</b>

Trust in him at all times;  
ye people, pour out your heart  
before him: God is a refuge for us.  
Selah.  
Psalm 62:8

## Church Announcements

- Flower Contribution today:** Mr & Mrs Jacob Kwek
- Agape Fellowship Lunch**  
There will be no Agape Fellowship lunch for February.
- Galilee CNY Red Packets**  
CNY red packets for all worshippers!  
**Collections next Lord's Day** 28 Jan 2024, each worshipper can collect max 2 packets (10x each pack). Extras will be made available on 4 February 2024.



## Follow the Lord Wholeheartedly!

Pastor Simon, Lord's Day, 21 January 2024

**B**rethren,  
Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Praise and thank God we celebrated GEM Fellowship's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last week. Praise and thank God for His loving-kindness to our Young Seniors and Seniors. GEM members have seen many life's challenges and with God's help, they had overcome them all. Praise the Lord!

Here is some encouragement from Caleb's life: Firstly, we should be impressed with his **STEADFAST FAITH**. Caleb reminded Joshua when Moses sent both of them and ten other men to spy on the land that God had promised to give to the children of Israel. These men feared that the enemies were "stronger" (Num 13:31) than any other. The ten focused on the problem and not on God nor His promise. Hence, they wavered in their faith, and regrettably, influenced many to follow them. But Caleb was confident that God would give them the victory. Later on, God gave Caleb the mountain where the Anakims lived as Caleb's inheritance -- a reward for his faith (14:24).

Caleb's faith was not undermined by the lack of faith of the people around him. Sadly, because of the faithlessness of the Israelites, God caused Caleb and Joshua to wander in the wilderness for forty years. They wandered in the wilderness with the unfaithful. The innocent suffered along with the guilty. However, Caleb's faith in God remained steadfast. He believed God would keep His promise. Our senior brethren may face discouraging moments, and perhaps others may have taken their counsel lightly, but may they remain strong in the Lord.

Next, Caleb's **UNRELENTING DETERMINATION**. At the ripe old age of 85, Caleb was not satisfied with reminiscing about the victories of the past. He had been faithful to God, and he knew that God was faithful to keep His promise. Caleb had unrelenting determination in the face of great difficulty. He knew

that the mountain that he had requested was the hardest to conquer because the enemies there were the strongest in the whole land. Caleb did not ask for an easy job. He knew what he was in for. He geared up for the challenge. Sometimes, our spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Some of us tend to shirk from or are reluctant to accept tough jobs assigned to us, not to mention asking for them. Too difficult, too much hassle. Why suffer for it? We accept our limitations but within our limits, we aspire to the furthest. It is not easy to become more Christ-like, to win people to Christ, to discipline ourselves, to love the unlovable. The Apostle Paul encourages us: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim 2:3). "Fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Tim 6:12). The Christian life and the Christian ministry will always be tough going. But a good soldier of Jesus Christ will win the battle and a determined mountaineer will conquer the "mountain", as he goes forth under God's banner of power, strength, and grace.

**UNDIVIDED COMRADESHIP** -- The comradeship of a close friend is vital. Caleb and Joshua, with other faithful men, served well together. We cannot live the Christian life alone. We need close friends in the Lord to share the work, our ambitions, our dreams, our joys, our sorrows, our worries, and anxieties. The comradeship of fellow workers in the Lord spurs us on. God's people must love and care for one another, labour together, pray together, work together, weep together and climb the "mountains" together.

May the experience of Caleb spur us on to greater heights. May I encourage all of us that man's help, with God's help, is the best help. The Lord is indispensable in the bond of comradeship amongst the brethren. The key to focus on about Caleb's life and service before God is the word "wholehearted". Caleb followed and served God with his whole heart, into old age and right to the end. May God help us!