



# 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
Asst Pastor	:	Rev David Cher	9737 9150
Advisory Pastor	:	Rev Philip Heng (EWS)	9792 9183
Advisory Pastor	:	Rev Freddy Yong (MWS)	8309 8157
Ministry Staff	:	Mrs Lee May San	9618 9160

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Lord's Day, 15 December 2024, 9.30 am**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Pianist: Mr Irvin Ling
<b>INTROIT</b> #216 "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"	
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Dn Samuel Lim
<b>PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP</b>	Dn Samuel Lim
<b>HYMNS</b> #271 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"	
#243/244 "Emmanuel/Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	
#280 "One Small Child"	
- "Ring The Bells"	
<b>INVOCATION</b>	
<b>GLORIA PATRI</b> #812 "Glory Be To The Father"	
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b> [Responsively] Psalm 49:1-13	Mr Marcus Ho
<b>OFFERINGS &amp; TITHES</b>	
<b>DOXOLOGY</b> #815	
(Creche/Nursery/Kindergarten/Primary children leave for Sunday School)	
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>	
<b>MESSAGE:</b> "The Power And Authority Of Christ"	Rev David Cher
	Luke 4:31-44
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b> #43 "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"	
<b>BENEDICTION &amp; 3-FOLD AMEN</b>	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	

**WELCOME**

In-Person Worship Service  
 & Broadcast Live on  
 Galilee Website

**YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE**  
 9.30 am

Speaker: Mr John Wong  
 (Mount Carmel BPC)  
 Message: "Beware Of  
 Dangerous Talk"  
 Ephesians 4:22-25; 29

**GALILEE MANDARIN  
 WORSHIP SERVICE**  
 9.15 am

Preacher: Elder Har Chee Choy  
 Message: "The Boy Jesus"  
 John 21:15-23

**Wednesday**  
**18 December**

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

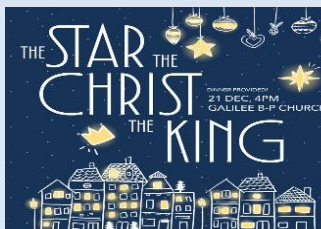
The Second Coming Of Christ

<https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151>

Sis Lee May San (Ladies' Prayer Meeting/BS)

The Book of 2 Thessalonians

Zoom ID: 815 6829 8000; Password WEDLABSPM



### **Share The Message Of Christmas!**

**21 December 2024, 4 pm**

Animation film: "The Star", Gospel Message,  
Carols and dinner

**Carolling 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm**

**Lord's Day**  
**22 December**

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 Kew See Seong (Zion Bishan BPC)

Message: "The Gospel Is Good News"

Text: Mark 1:1-15

9.30 am

### **ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE**

#### **Christmas Sunday Baptismal Service**

[On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]

Chairman: Elder Kenneth Wong

Worship Team Leader: Bro Josiah Wang

Scripture Reader: Bro Collin Lee (Luke 2:1-14)

Preacher: Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan

Message: "O Worship The King"

Text: Matthew 2:1-12

### **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 [Rev David Cher]

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## Attendance

<b>Worship Service</b> 8 December 2024 (Online)	241
(In-Person)	61
• Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting	180
• Sunday School	4
	30
<b>Mandarin Worship Service</b> 8 December 2024	29

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you.  
John 15:16

## Church Announcements

- Holy Baptism – Christmas Sunday Service, 22 December 2024**  
Baptismal interview today, 11.15 am @ Church Library.
- Usage of church premises**  
Evangel BP Church and MINDS Jurong Training & Development Centre would be using the church premise for their Christmas Outreach on Friday 20 December 2024.
- Session Meeting – 1.30 pm @ Church Library**
- Floral Chart**  
The Worship Service Floral contribution chart for 2025 is up on the Church Notice Board. Kindly indicate your contribution.

# Christmas, Not An After Thought!

Pastor Simon, Lord's Day, 15 December 2024

**B**rethren,  
Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Streets are glittering with festive lights, malls are crowded with shoppers and diners. Even our neighbourhood supermarkets stream carols to greet their customers. Families planning excitedly their Christmas gatherings where heartfelt sharing of God's goodness adds meaning and flavour to the conversation as they catch up with one another over sumptuous meals. Needless to say, Churches everywhere are at their peak in ushering in the most joyous season of the year. We too have done well with our church!

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the crucial reason for Christmas. Without Christ, we have no Christmas, and doing Christmas without Christ is the recipe for the Lost. The Scriptures say, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Gal 4:4-5.

I used to wonder what if Christ was born in our time, with the help of the internet, and social media the Gospel would have reached the entire world within a fraction of the time. Are we wiser than God framed with our limited knowledge and wisdom? First, we take note of "the fullness of time," which is God's predetermined time in human history to reveal His only begotten Son, our Saviour in the flesh. Since the mention of a Saviour in Gen 3:15, the prophecy was fulfilled when Christ was born on this earth (Lk 2:11). On a lesser scale perhaps, we realise that we too live our lives by the ticking of time. God will bring about His will in our lives according to His time (Ecc 3:1a). He is sovereign and absolute in His reign. Wait on Him!

Next, we see God's predetermined plan—sent forth His Son. There isn't a moment of oscillation in our Heavenly Father's mind in sending His beloved Son, the second person of the Trinity to leave heaven's glory, to be robed in flesh and limited by His humanity, and function under the law, culture and political

confines. John writes in his Gospel, "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3. Can our minds ever fathom our Heavenly Father's profound depth of love and pain that comes with the separation? How heavy it must have been for Him to see the road of humiliation, suffering and sacrifice His Son Jesus ultimately have to face for our salvation sake (Phil 2: 6-8). Yet, our Lord's birth comes with a huge celebration and rightly so for finally, the Saviour has come, the many prophecies fulfilled and a promising Good News proclaimed to a lost and broken world.

How is the redeemer stepping into our world and taking the form of man? Here again, a predetermined process for our Saviour's birth. The prophet Isaiah, thousands of years ago prophesied that "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel..." Isaiah 7:14, "God with us..." Matt 1:23. Through a miraculous birth, without the human father factor, makes it possible for our Lord to be 100% unblemished human, thus, only Jesus could be our Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29).

Next, God's predetermined placing is "born under the [Old Testament] law." Jesus will fulfil the law perfectly (Matt 5:17), to be our perfect sacrifice of atonement and reconciliation through faith (Rom 3:25). Next, predetermined privilege, status and honour [sons] to all who will put their faith in Christ as their personal Saviour. Today, we are adopted as children of our Heavenly Father, through Christ, and with Christ as our firstborn (Rom 8:29d). Brethren, how can we not be overwhelmed by our Father's love, our Saviour's sacrifice, and our undeserving salvation? This Good News must be herald. Uphold in prayer our Christmas Gospel outreach next Saturday. To date, we have 170 signed up where more than half are invited guests.



Blessed Christmas!