

# GETHSEMANE

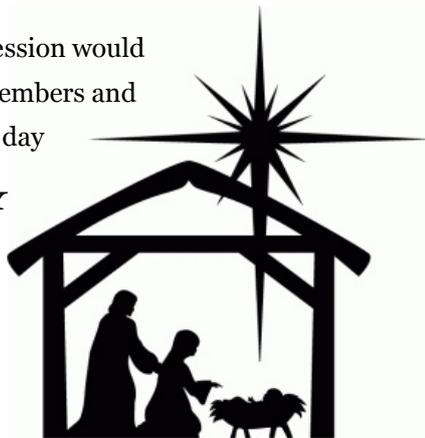
BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"Not my will, but Thine, be done" – Luke 22:42*

## GREETINGS

Pastor and the Session would like to wish all members and worshippers this day

*A Blessed &  
Joyous  
Christmas*



Matthew 2:6

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Elder Ng Poh Kok*

A Christmas Medley

*Gethsemane Children's Choir*

\*Hymn 164: O Come, All Ye Faithful

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \*Responsive Scripture Reading

*Luke 2:1-20*

O Holy Night!

*Voices of Gethsemane*

Hymn 152: Joy to the World!

Hymn 156: Good Christian Men, Rejoice

### Collection of Offerings

Music Renditions

*by Bro Samuel Lee & Sis Sarah Lee*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*Gethsemane Youth Choir*

### Receiving of New Members

### \*Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

*"Bethlehem of Christmas"*

*Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-18*

\*Hymn 171: O Little Town of Bethlehem

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



**TODAY, 23 DECEMBER 2018**

**NEXT LORD'S DAY, 30 DECEMBER 2018**

8.00 – 9.00am		CHURCH CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR
9.00am		CHINESE SERVICE	CHINESE SERVICE
		ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION)	ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION)
		CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY	CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY
11.00am	ENGLISH SERVICE	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Ng Poh Kok  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Jeremy Teo  <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c)                  Samuel Yong, Lee Shing Shyan                  Jonathon Lim, Randy Laurencio                  Arvind Pawa, George Chee  <b>Greeter:</b> Mong Jee Pawa  <b>AV Ministry:</b> John Ku, Andy Lee                  Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh  <b>Flowers:</b> Alice Chee  <b>Refreshments:</b> Lena Chan , Khoo May Ping                  Cecilia Siah, Mary Chan  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Pr Dennis Kabingue, (Eunice Choy)                  Eld Mah Chin Kwang, (Jean Tindaan)                  Pr Ho Kee How</p>	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Francis Lee  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  <b>Musicians:</b> Dorcas Koshy, Sarah Lee                  Gerry Lee (i/c)                  Amoz Choy, Edwin Quek                  Benny Skariah, Stephen Yap                  Timotheus Liu, Dn Low Boon Siang  <b>Greeter:</b> Winnie Yap  <b>AV Ministry:</b> John Zhang, David Kabingue                  Goh Yong Wei, Zacharias Tan  <b>Flowers:</b> Tomei Tan  <b>Refreshments:</b> Stella Tan, Chairine Chayadi                  Karen Quek, Stella Yang  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Choy Luan Kheng, (Stella Tan)                  Aileen Yan, (Cecilia Siah)                  Dn Lok Kwok Wah</p>
2.00pm	OTHER MINISTRIES	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
		YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE <i>(cancelled in view of Evangelism)</i>	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<p><b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13  <b>English Speaker:</b> Bro Edwin Quek  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2  <b>English Speaker:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Bro Stephen Yap</p>

23 December 2018

# “The Prince of Peace”

*Prabhudas Koshy*

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**” (Isaiah 9:6).*

The title “The Prince of Peace” is the last in the list of five titles of Christ in Isaiah 9:6. What peace it must have brought to God’s people who had been violated and devastated by godless princes that reigned over them, when Isaiah prophesied to them the coming of the Prince of Peace! It was not only to them, but even to the people of our time who have been marred by the tyranny of Satan and sin that this title of Christ brings great consolation.

Christ alone is worthy of the title “The Prince of Peace”! Because...

## **CHRIST IS THE GIVER OF PEACE**

At His birth, the angels announced, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” (Luke 2:14). Christ is the only One who can ultimately bring lasting peace on earth. While Christ was ministering to His disciples, He said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you” (John 14:27). Observe His absolute claim about peace: “My peace”! Notice also His claim that He

is the giver of peace. True peace belongs to Him. He is the source of peace.

To all those who come to Christ in repentance and faith, and subject themselves in obedience to Him as their King, He will give peace. But, there is no peace to the wicked and rebellious ones (Isaiah 48:22; cf. Isaiah 57:21). Only those who follow Christ with yielded hearts and minds shall have the joyous experience of His peace.

Jesus’ readiness to dispense His peace to those who trust Him had been seen several times. Jesus promised peace to a sinful woman who demonstrated faith and devotion to Him – “Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace” (Luke 7:50). After healing a woman who suffered from an issue of blood for 12 years, Jesus said to her, “Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace” (Luke 8:48; cf. Mark 5:34). He assured His disciples, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace” (John 16:33). After His resurrection,

Jesus Himself stood in the midst of His disciples and said unto them, "Peace be unto you" (Luke 24:36; cf. John 20:19, 21, 26).

In fact, throughout the New Testament, Christ is declared as the dispenser of divine peace. In Acts 10:36, Peter says, "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all)." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 – "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all."

### **CHRIST SECURED OUR PEACE WITH GOD**

Christ came to this world that by His death He might reconcile to God those who come to Him by faith. Man's sins have alienated him from God. In Colossians 1:20-22, Paul wrote: "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight."

Romans 5:1 tells us: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." When we genuinely believe on Christ, we are declared righteous by God. All rebellion, upheaval and war cease, and our sins are forgiven. Thus we have peace with God. Romans 5:10 also tells us: "For if, when we were enemies,

we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." Though once estranged from God, we are now brought by Christ to be at peace with God.

### **CHRIST SECURED OUR PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER**

When men are reconciled to God, all sorts of divisions which have existed among them also cease, and they come together in peace to worship God. Thus, Christ becomes our peace. This wonderful truth is taught in Ephesians 2:13-17 – "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh."

Before coming to Christ, they were alienated and separated from one another because of their diverse social and religious backgrounds. They worshipped different gods, practised different religious rites and held different views and feelings. The Jews regarded the Gentiles with hatred, and the Gentiles the Jews with scorn. But now in

Christ, they are at peace with each other. They have the same Saviour. They are both guided by His Spirit. They have the same hope. They belong to the same redeemed family. Reconciliation has taken place not only with God, but also with each other. In Christ, there is peace with God and peace among men.

## **CHRIST IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE**

Prince of Peace (*sar-shalom*) is a Hebrew expression which denotes that Christ is a peaceful prince. Christ is truly the King of Peace, as His pre-figure Melchisedec symbolized (Hebrews 7:2). He possesses true, imperishable, indestructible and enduring peace. Nothing can sabotage His peace. While the disciples were frightened by the violent storm and waves, He was seen sleeping in the hinder part of the boat. Amidst the great storm, He was in perfect peace! Behold, the Prince of Peace! He rides the great storm! Then He hushed the tempest with His royal decree: "Peace, be still" (Mark 4:39).

His royalty as the Prince of Peace was on full display when He was surrounded by heartless traitors, cruel mockers, and murderous religious and political leaders. While they taunted Him relentlessly, He exuded a glorious calmness and peace that could not be disturbed. His peace confounded His enemies. The Roman governor, Pilate, was greatly annoyed that Christ was undaunted by all the threatenings and aggressiveness of His accusers and

prosecutors. It was just as Isaiah had foretold about the Prince of Peace: "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7).

What blessed quietness! What peace! It is that perfect peace which Christ so wondrously manifested in His life and death that He offers to all who trust Him – "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). The peace that Christ, the Prince of Peace, bequeaths is perfect peace. It is the same peace that He Himself enjoys, that kept His soul tranquil in the midst of all His sorrows, and into which He has now entered in His Father's kingdom above.

The world's offer of peace is far inferior to that of the Prince of Peace. While the world's peace is superficial, Christ gives us His peace that is supreme and sublime. The world gives partially while Christ gives perfectly. The world gives temporarily but Christ gives eternally. The Scriptures assure us in Isaiah 26:3 – "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Likewise, Philippians 4:7 affirms: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."



# Testimonies from the Turkey-Israel Bible Study Tour 2018

*Andy, Jenn, and Andrew Lee*

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King” (Psalm 48:1-2).

Praise God for clearing all obstacles (especially in the approval of long leave from work, and Israeli visa for Andy) and granting our family the opportunity to be part of this tour. Thank God for sustaining our health and safety throughout the trip, for a blessed time of family bonding and sweet fellowship among the brethren. Thank God also for granting strength and wisdom to Pastor Koshy and Dn Kwok Wah in organising the tour.

We have learnt many biblical and spiritual lessons, including a better appreciation of Psalm 48:1-2, as we look forward to the second coming of our Lord, and earnestly pray – “Even so, come Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20).

*Edward Wong*

I am thankful to the Lord for enabling my family (except my elder son) to join this Bible Study Tour. Our first was

in 2006 with the late Rev Tow, when we were a little busier then, having to attend to the needs of our two young boys.

To “end well in the Lord” and “not be like the Dead Sea” – these are the two most vivid lessons for me from the sites visited and the daily exhortations by Pastor throughout this trip. The churches in Smyrna (present-day Izmir) and Philadelphia (present-day Alasehir) were the only two churches which received commendation from Christ, but yet today, nothing remains of these two churches; they had lost their testimonies. If I do not constantly build myself on God's Word and yield myself to God's ways, I will surely go the same way as these two churches. I may not lose my salvation, but I will have nothing to present to Christ.

The Dead Sea is “dead” because it only takes and takes, and gives nothing away. My family and I are blessed to call Singapore our home, where we can worship freely, and enjoy material comforts. Collectively, I pray that my family can be like Philemon, in using our blessings to refresh fellow saints in any way we can, both at home and outside Singapore.

## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 16th December 2018

**Tithes:** 7,070.00

**Offerings:** 8,415.00

**Building Project:** 500.00; 300.00; 100.00  
[550.00 (Chinese Service)]

**GBWL:** 10,000.00; 50.00

**Designated Gifts:** Youth Fellowship  
Retreat 400.00; Bible Witness Media  
Ministry 300.00; TGCM 3,000.00; Youth  
Fellowship 500.00; Pr Samson 100.00; Pr  
Kee How 100.00

### NON-SUNDAY LOVE GIFTS

**General Fund:** 3,900.00

### LOVE GIFTS TO GBWL

Please direct all love gifts related to the renovation and ministries of 33 Ubi Crescent to Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited (DBS 025-904568-2). The Building Fund account will be closed by the end of December 2018.

## RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

**Date:** 23rd December 2018 (Today)

### Baptism:

1. John Lor Diaz
2. Ng Soo Ching
3. Yeo Ee Hoon
4. Zhu Chuan

### Transfer of Membership:

1. Clara Tai Qi Le
2. Choo Ying Ying Roselyn
3. Jeffrey Setiawan
4. Melvin Cleofe Mendoza
5. Raja Krishnan s/o Govindasamy
6. Roland Ho Koon Hong
7. Ang Yoke Lin

## SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at  
Blocks 29 & 30, Bedok South Avenue 2  
Singapore 460029

Please meet @ 2.00pm at the foyer. Brethren making their own way there, please meet us at Blk 29.

## WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  
**Chairperson:** Elder Mah Chin Kwang  
**Date:** Monday, 31 December 2018

**Time:** 9.00pm to 12.00am  
**Venue:** Level 5 Auditorium  
SingPost Centre

**Usher i/c:** David Tan

**Ushers/Greeter:** Cornelius Koshy,  
Marcus Chee, Andrew Teong, Cayson  
Chok, Marcus Lim, John Peh,  
Mah Lean Choo

**AV Crew:** Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong,  
Jonathon Lim, Khoo Xin Hao

*In view of this, Tuesday Night Bible Study  
and Prayer Meeting on 1st January 2019  
is cancelled.*

## 'LOOKING UNTO JESUS' MUSIC ALBUM

A music album has been produced by Bible Witness Media Ministry. Ten hymns, sung by Jenice Choy and Dorcas Koshy, are contained within the album. Physical copies of the album are available in USB flash drives. The USB flash drives are priced at \$18/piece. You may make your order at the reception table, or place an order online at <http://bit.ly/LookingUntoJesusAlbumOrder>.

All proceeds will be directed towards the purchasing of equipment for use in the new premises.

## PRESENTATION OF JW CERTIFICATES

There will be a presentation of certificates at the end of next week's worship service to those who had attended Junior Worship classes this year.

## BIBLE WITNESS CALENDARS

Bible Witness Media Ministry is giving a set of 2019 Desk and Wall Calendars to each family (one set per family). If you would like to have more than one set of these calendars, they are available at \$13.00/set at the book table. For 10 sets and above, it is \$11.00/set.

## CHURCH CAMP 2019

**Dates:** 10-14 June 2019 (Mon-Fri)

**Venue:** Holiday Inn Resort, Batam, Indonesia

### Camp Fee:

Twin-sharing (in 1-bedroom unit)	\$510/camper
Triple-sharing (in 2-bedroom unit)	\$435/camper
Quad-sharing (in 2-bedroom unit)	\$410/camper
Children aged 6-12 years old (with bed)	\$320/camper
Children aged 6-12 year old (w/o bed)	\$165/camper
Children aged 5 and under (w/o bed)	\$55/camper

*(Camp fee includes food, accommodation, transport and customs clearance. Foreign passport holders' visa expenses are not included.)*

Please take note of the dates for next year's church camp. Do plan and apply for leave early. The camp form is downloadable at: [www.gethsemanebpc.com/Resources/documents/Camp/2019\\_Registration.pdf](http://www.gethsemanebpc.com/Resources/documents/Camp/2019_Registration.pdf)

## POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

*Please stay back after worship to join us for:*

### Refreshment & Fellowship

1.00pm – 2.00pm

**Malayalam Fellowship,  
Filipino Fellowship**

2.00pm onwards

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer**  
8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

**Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study**  
On break till 2019

**Thursday Seniors' Ministry**  
11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

### Campus Bible Study

Break @ NAFA

Break @ SUTD

**Sunday Lions Home Ministry**  
For enquiry, contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

*For more information, please call  
the church office at 6741 1910.*



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## Time & Place of Worship

11.00am

Level 5 Auditorium  
Singapore Post Centre  
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(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

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your prayer item

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