



# MINISTRY GUIDE

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17 December 2023

*To all who are weary, struggling and burdened,  
we welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**Service Leader:** Ngo Thian Chye

**Preacher:** Marcus Ng

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship** 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

**Prayer of Praise &  
Adoration**

**Songs of Praise &  
Adoration** [O Worship The King](#)  
[O Come All Ye Faithful](#)

**Scripture Reading** Micah 4:9-5:5a

**Prayer of Confession**

**Song of Thanksgiving** [God Made Low](#)

**Offering & Doxology**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon** Let Earth Receive Her King  
(Matthew 2:1-12)

**Song of Response** [Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The  
Sun](#)

**Benediction**

# SING

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## O Worship The King

O worship the King all glorious above  
And gratefully sing His power and His  
love  
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient  
of Days  
Pavilioned in splendour and girded  
with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light whose canopy  
space  
His chariots of wrath the deep  
thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of  
the storm

Thy bountiful care what tongue can  
recite  
It breathes in the air it shines in the  
light  
It streams from the hills it descends to  
the plain  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the  
rain

Frail children of dust and feeble as  
frail  
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to  
fail  
Thy mercies how tender how firm to  
the end  
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and  
Friend

O measureless might ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship Thee  
above  
The humbler creation though feeble  
their lays  
With true adoration shall all sing Thy  
praise

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant

O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

*(Chorus)*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*Christ the Lord*

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye bright  
Hosts of heav'n above  
Glory to God all  
Glory in the highest

*(Chorus)*

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

*(Chorus)*

## God Made Low

Prophets promised long ago  
A King would come to bring us hope  
And now a virgin bears a son  
The time to save the world has come

Humble shepherds run in haste  
To see the One, the angels praised  
In cattle stall they find a girl  
Who holds the hope of all the world

*(Chorus)*  
*Emmanuel has come to us*  
*The Christ is born! Hallelujah!*  
*Our God made low to raise us up*  
*Emmanuel, has come to us*

As He sleeps upon the hay  
He holds the moon and stars in place

Though born an infant, He remains  
The sovereign God of endless days

*(Chorus)*

For all our sins, one day He'll die  
To make us sons of God on high  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
The promises have all come true

*Emmanuel has come to us  
The Christ is born! Hallelujah!*

*(Chorus)*

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings  
flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen

### **Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to  
shore

Till sun shall rise and set no more

Blessings abound where'er He reigns  
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains  
The weary find eternal rest  
And all the sons of want are blessed

*(Chorus)*

*To our King be highest praise  
Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful He shall reign  
Jesus shall reign*

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name

*(Chorus)*

Let every creature rise and bring  
Blessing and honour to our King  
Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeat the loud amen

*(Chorus)*

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## **WELCOME**

If you are new with us, we'd love to get to know you.

Connect with us by filling up this form at  
[gracebaptistchurch.sg/welcome](http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/welcome) or through this QR code.



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## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

### **NURSERY**

17 Dec (Sun)  
9-10.30am, Room 503

For babies to 3 year-olds. Contact Siew Ting  
([siewting@gracebaptistchurch.sg](mailto:siewting@gracebaptistchurch.sg)) if you have any  
questions!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

17 Dec (Sun)  
9.30-10.30am

For children aged 3-12 years. If you have questions, or if it is your first time here, please visit the welcome table outside the sanctuary.

Today's lesson from the [Gospel Project](#) curriculum is "Jesus was Dedicated" from Matthew 2 and Luke 2. We can trust Jesus to save us from our sins, and we can tell others about Jesus.

**EQUIP**

17 Dec (Sun)  
11am-12pm, Room  
516-519

Join us for this new series titled "Speaking of Jesus". - This session will focus on "What Now? Dealing with Barriers and Common Objections".

**DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP**

20 Dec (Wed)  
10-11.30am, Room 310

Some folks are gathering this Wednesday morning for a time of fellowship: singing Christmas carols, listening to a short devotion, praying for one another, and just a time of encouraging one another in the Lord. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS LOVE GIFT  
(DECEMBER 2023  
MISSIONS FUND)**

Thanks to the cheerful giving by our church family, we are able to allocate a portion of the surplus in our Missions budget for the Christmas Love Gift to our Missionaries. We also encourage members to consider sending a note of encouragement to our missionaries. Their contact details are on the Missions Board on Level 3.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
AND BRUNCH**

24 Dec (Sun)

We will be holding our Christmas service on 24 December at 9am. There will be no service on 25 December. There will be a free Christmas Brunch that will take place after the 24 December service. We hope this will be an opportunity for fellowship. Help us plan for catering by signing up here: [gracebaptistchurch.sg/christmasbrunchgbc23](http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/christmasbrunchgbc23). If you need help with this, do reach Lawrence ([lawgoh@gmail.com](mailto:lawgoh@gmail.com)) or Kagen ([kagelim@gmail.com](mailto:kagelim@gmail.com)).

**WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**

31 Dec (Sun)  
8-10pm, Sanctuary

Join us as we spend the final hours of the year thanking God for His faithfulness in the past year looking forward to continued dependence on Him. This will replace our monthly Prayer Meeting that is usually

held after the service, and there will not be dedicated childcare at this meeting. We hope that you will join us!

**2023 YEAR END  
FINANCIAL CLOSING**

Ministries are reminded to submit all expense claims for 2023 by 24 December (Sun). Any submissions after this date will be included in next year's (2024) Accounts instead.

**CONSTRUCTION AND  
REPAINTING WORKS**

The following works will be taking place in and around our building:

1. Church building repainting works from 30 Oct 2023 to 31 Jan 2024

We encourage worshippers to exercise caution and keep clear where works are being done. If you have any questions or feedback, you may contact our Technical Executive Mr Marco (8518 9602).

**STAFF MOVEMENT**

Pauline is on leave from 12 Dec to 5 Jan 2024.

*More info on events can be found at <https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/calendar-> or sign up for weekly updates via Grace enews at [gracebaptistchurch.sg/enews](https://gracebaptistchurch.sg/enews).*

## **SERVE**

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**WELCOME MINISTRY**

We are looking for members to serve with (1) welcoming visitors (on alternate months) and (2) preparing coffee and tea for post-service fellowship (two weeks every two months). If you are interested and available, contact us at [welcome@gracebaptistchurch.sg](mailto:welcome@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

**WORSHIP MINISTRY**

Volunteers are needed for various aspects of the ministry – musicians, song leading, AV, projection etc. If you are available and keen to join, you can indicate on the form via the QR code. Contact Toshi ([toshiyuki.mori@gmail.com](mailto:toshiyuki.mori@gmail.com)) or Aaron ([aaronlumzy@gmail.com](mailto:aaronlumzy@gmail.com)) if you have questions.



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

We are looking for volunteers in the following 4 areas for next year: Sunday School teacher (once a month), nursery helper (once a month), hall monitor (once a month) and child minding (ad hoc, after service). If you are available, or are keen to find out more, you can contact us at [kidsmin@gracebaptistchurch.sg](mailto:kidsmin@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

## GIVE

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Giving is a way we worship God. You can now also give to the two funds via PayNow.

*General Fund*  
Supports the  
ministry of the  
church



*Missions Fund*  
Supports the  
work of our  
missionaries



## PRAY

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We continue to pray for our church this week:

1. For fruit from the Christmas Brunch Outreach and Youth Camp

We will also pray for other churches. Today, we will be praying for Evangelical Christian Church Dubai.

Pray for Democratic Republic of the Congo:

1. For Christian leaders of spiritual maturity and moral integrity to be raised up for ministry both in the Church and in society. Pray that Christians will continue to hold fast to the gospel and seek to live it out in their lives.

*If you have any prayer needs, please drop the pastoral staff a note via [gracebaptistchurch.sg/pastoralprayer](http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/pastoralprayer) or through this QR code.*



## Let Earth Receive Her King (Matthew 2:1-12)

### Sermon Outline

Big Idea: Jesus Christ is the promised Saviour King

Purpose: Behold and receive Jesus Christ as your King

1. Behold your King (vv. 1-6)
  - The star
  - “King Herod”
  - Bethlehem
  
2. Receive your King (vv. 7-12)
  - Herod rejection
  - The Wise Men receives

### Reflect and Respond

1. How does Christ comfort you in your waiting?
2. How is God calling me to trust in Christ’s rule today?

Next week’s sermon is “Son of God” from Matthew 2:13-23.

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