

### **MINISTRY GUIDE**

### 18 February 2024

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

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Welcome

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(Isaiah 7:1-9:7)

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#### O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home

#### O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Immanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

(Chorus) Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

#### (Chorus)

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

(Chorus)

#### We Rest on Thee

We rest on Thee our shield and our defender

We go not forth alone against the foe Strong in Thy strength safe in Thy keeping tender

We rest on Thee and in Thy name we go

Strong in Thy strength safe in Thy keeping tender

We rest on Thee and in Thy name we go

Yes in Thy name O Captain of salvation In Thy dear name all other names above

Jesus our Righteousness our sure Foundation

Our Prince of glory and our King of love

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We go in faith our own great weakness feeling

And needing more each day Thy grace to know

Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing

We rest on Thee and in Thy name we go

Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing

We rest on Thee and in Thy name we go

We rest on Thee our Shield and our Defender

Thine is the battle Thine shall be the praise

When passing through the gates of pearly splendour

Victors we rest with Thee through endless days

When passing through the gates of pearly splendour

Victors we rest with Thee through endless days

#### And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race: 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening
ray,build up, victorious
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness Divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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#### 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

#### There is a Higher Throne

There is a higher throne Than all this world has known, Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue Will one day come.

Before the Son we stand, Made faultless through the Lamb; Believing hearts find promised grace— Salvation comes.

(Chorus)
Hear heaven's voices sing;
Their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies.
Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
Strength, thanks, and honour are
To God our King, who reigns on high
Forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, Our life before the throne; We'll honour Him in perfect song Where we belong.

He'll wipe each tear-stained eye As thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; We'll reign with Him (Chorus) All glory, wisdom, pow'r, Strength, thanks, and honour are To God our King, who reigns on high Forevermore

### **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 or through this QR code.



### **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

#### **NURSERY**

18 Feb (Sun) 9-10.30am, Room 503 For babies to 3 year-olds. Contact Siew Ting (siewting@gracebaptistchurch.sg) if you have any questions!

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

18 Feb (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 <u>Gospel Project</u> curriculum is "People rejected Jesus" from Luke 4. Jesus is the Messiah God promised to send. Jesus would bring good news and help people who were hurting.

## BAPTISMS AND TRANSFERS

18 Feb (Sun)

3 members will join us by baptism today – Gabriel Chao, Halynne Shi, Tan Yang En. We will also be introducing 3 members that have joined us by transfer – Gloria Ng, Gideon Ooi, Sei Sugino. Their testimonies can be found here.

#### **EQUIP: THEOLOGY**

18 Feb (Sun) 11am-12pm, Room 301 God is glorified when we seek to know Him. At this session, we will focus on the human and his problem.

## EQUIP: WHAT IS A HEALTHY CHURCH?

18 Feb (Sun) 11am-12pm, Room 302 What are the marks of church health? Scripture does not leave us guessing. This second session will focus on how the church needs to guard and grow the gospel.

## **Q&A FOR UPCOMING MEETING**

18 Feb (Sun) 11am-12pm, Room 310CD There will be a meeting in March for the voting in of our new Director. The official notice of the meeting will be sent out soon and You can read more about the candidate <u>here</u>, and do attend this Q&A session if you have any questions.

## NEWCOMERS WELCOME LUNCH

18 Feb (Sun) 11am-12.30pm, Room 310AB For all newcomers and visitors who have signed up, see you there! For more information please contact welcome@gracebaptistchurch.sg.

### MONTHLY HYMN FELLOWSHIP

21 Feb (Wed) 10-11.30am, Room 310 We invite all to join us to sing hymns, share in God's word, and pray for one another. As we enjoy this monthly fellowship with brothers and sisters, we desire to encourage and spur one another on in the Lord, whatever stage of life we are at. See you!

#### **PRAYER MEETING**

25 Feb (Sun) 11.15am-12.15pm, Fellowship Hall Join us as we gather to thank God for how He has been at work in our lives, and lift our requests to Him as a church. Room 310 has been set aside for the children, and there are also tables and a play area for families to use during the meeting. See you there!

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

28 Feb (Wed) 7.30-9pm, Room 310 All are welcomed to be equipped to read and listen to God's Word, that we may speak the truth in love and grow in the body. This week's study is on 1 Samuel 8:1-22. More information can be found on the website.

## GROWING GODLY WOMEN

1 Mar (Fri) 9am-12.30pm and 7.30-10pm Ladies, join us as Keri Folmar helps us unpack what God's word says, and grow to be better readers and teachers of His word. She will be speaking at 2 sessions:

- Session 1: Delighting and Digging (9am-12.30pm)
- Session 2: Design and Discipling (7.30-10pm)

Each session will cost \$25. Find out more and register at: ggw.eventbrite.sg.

## CHURCH-CENTRED MISSIONS

2 Mar (Sat) 9am-12.30pm John Folmar, senior pastor of Evangelical Christian Church of Dubai (ECCD), will be speaking on the church's role in missions – how biblical missions is centred on healthy churches, which are the means and ends of mission. This will cost \$25. Find out more and register at <a href="mailto:churchcm.eventbrite.sg">churchcm.eventbrite.sg</a>.

## COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION

2 Mar (Sat) 2-5pm, Room 516-519 Conversations with people who have communication difficulty after brain disease or injury can be challenging. This calls us to change the way we talk to become more effective communicators. In this hands-on workshop, facilitated by Agnes Ng and Helen Yeo, speech-language therapists, you will learn through role-play practical strategies to enjoy more productive and balanced conversations. Learn more and/or sign up here, or contact Helen Yeo.

#### **APPRECIATION**

Valerie Tan and her family would like to thank the pastoral staff and church members for their encouragement during their recent bereavement. They convey their deep appreciation to all who offered support during their period of grief.

More info on events can be found at <a href="https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/calendar-">https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/calendar-</a> or sign up for weekly updates via Grace enews at <a href="mailto:gracebaptistchurch.sg/enews.">gracebaptistchurch.sg/enews.</a>

### SERVE

## GLADIOLUS PLACE OUTREACH

We hope to provide 12 dinners in 2024 and build friendships with the girls and staff of GP so that we can share the good news of Jesus Christ. We are looking for volunteers in the meal team (to provide meals) or the befriending team (to build friendships). Interested? Contact Felice (felicewst13@gmail.com) or Pastor Oliver (oliverchia@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

## OUTREACH TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

We are looking for volunteers for various outreach opportunities to the neighbourhood (e.g. block visits, gift bag packing, praying for our neighbours) and you can sign up here (gracebaptistchurch.sg/outreach0324). Questions? Contact Steven (stevengiam@yahoo.com.sg) or Pastor Oliver (oliverchia@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

We are looking for 5 volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers (once a month). If you are available, or are keen to find out more, you can contact us at <a href="mailto:kidsmin@gracebaptistchurch.sg">kidsmin@gracebaptistchurch.sg</a>.

### **GIVE**

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**

We continue to pray for our church this week:

- 1. For various members needs
- 2. Nine members of our church will be travelling to Kathy's Home in Pua from 22 to 26 February to conduct the next English Camp. Pray for journey mercy, obedience and humility for the team as they work with the resident kids and missionary couple Mak and Narola.

We continue to pray for other churches, both in Singapore and overseas.

We pray for **Benin**:

- 1. Benin remains one of the world's least-developed countries. Pray for justice and righteousness to grow in Benin.
- 2. For the gospel to go out in the nation and from the nation.

If you have any prayer needs, please drop the pastoral staff a note via <u>gracebaptistchurch.sg/pastoralprayer</u> or through this QR code.



### **HEAR**

# In Whom Will You Trust? (Isaiah 7:1-9:7)

#### **Sermon Outline**

Big Idea: Do not fear man, but stand firm, trusting God's promise to save through the Son.

1. Decide to stand firm in faith (7:1-17)

- 2. Fear man and face judgment (7:18-8:8)
- 3. God's promised presence with those who stand firm (8:9-22)
- 4. Trust that God will save through the promised Son (9:1-7)

"This child is the King to end all kings, saving us from our failure, lifting us into his own justice and righteousness. He is Jesus Christ the Lord, our crucified, risen, reigning, and coming Saviour. And he will not come back to tweak this problem and that. He will return with a massive correction of all systemic evil forever." (Raymond C Ortlund Jr. and R. Kent Hughes)

### Reflect and Respond

- 1. From what fears do you have to turn away from and turn to faith in God?
- 2. How can we, as a church, help one another stand firm in our faith in Christ?

Next week's sermon will be "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" from Isaiah 9:8-10:34.

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