



25 December 2022

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

"Unto you is born this day... a Saviour," heralds the angel (Luke 2:11). "You shall call his name Jesus," the messenger says to Joseph, "for he will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) Jesus, or Yeshua in Hebrew, means "Yahweh saves."

God sent Moses as His instrument to save His people from Egypt. He sent Joshua, and the judges, and the kings, as His instruments of rescue. And now He himself came, and He came to save. This is what Christmas is all about.



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Christmas is our way of remembering the coming of Christ to this world. We celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, born in the likeness of men, to live a perfect life and die, that the world might be saved through Him. I love what Tim Keller said: "Christmas makes the gospel accessible." How true, isn't it?

There is no other season like Christmas to bring the Gospel to the masses. During this time of year, believers and non-believers will happily sing "Glory to the newborn king." Those who do not usually have

opportunities to hear about Christ will celebrate the season. May we make use of every opportunity to share the joyous message that Christ came to save!

Perhaps we could use the lyrics of famous Christmas carols as a starting point for gospel conversations. As "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" chimes in malls and supermarkets, or as we walk along Orchard Road, may we ponder with our companions: Who is this Jesus in Christmas songs? He is "everlasting Lord," who from "highest heaven" comes down to be the "offspring of the virgin's womb." What did He come to do? His mission was to see "God and sinners reconciled." How did He accomplish it? He "lays his glory by," that man "no more may die." How can this life be ours? Through an inward, spiritual regeneration so radical that it can be called "the second birth."

Christmas is a time of celebration. Lest we get caught up with feasting and gift exchanges, let us celebrate most of all the message that Christ came to save. May this message be evident in our gatherings and celebrations, and may we make full use of this season to share with our loved ones why Christ came.

Pastor Yu Fei
Youth Pastor



• COFFEE CONNECTS

Please be informed that Coffee Connects will be closed on:

Christmas Day, 25 Dec 2022.

New Year Day, 1 Jan 2023.

CNY, 22 Jan 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your past patronage. We look forward to serve you and your support for the coming year. A blessed Christmas and joyful New year to all of you from the team at CoffeeConnects.

• PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S SERVICE

From 1 Jan 2023, Preschool children's service will be starting a second session at 9am at the attic!

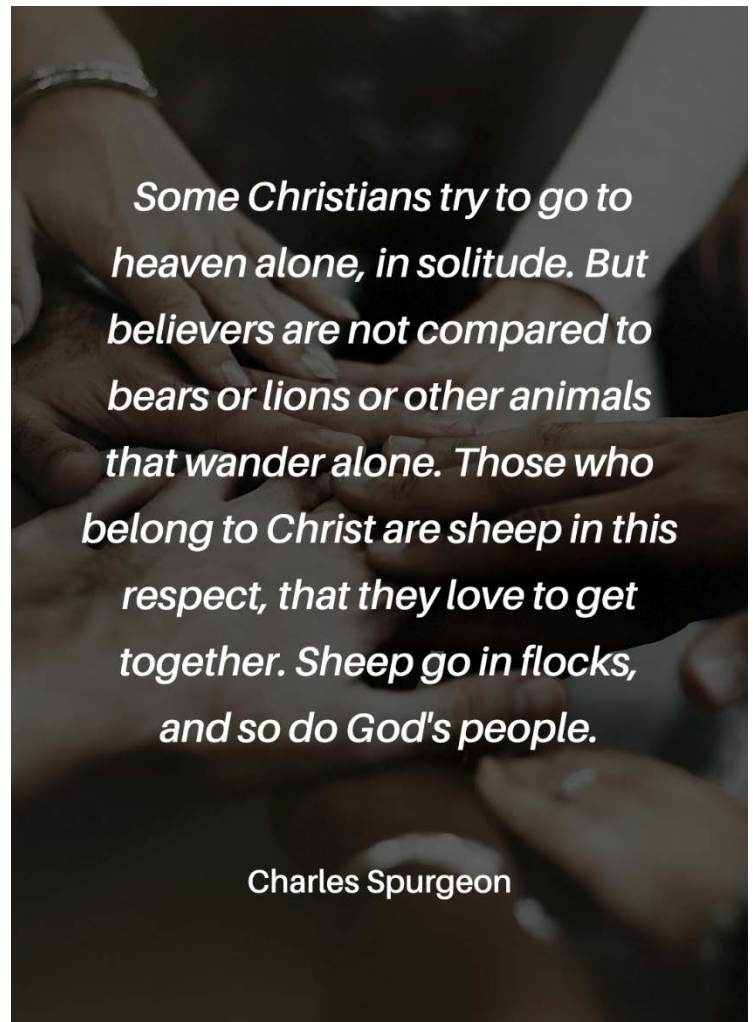
All our children's services (Playgroup, Preschool, Primary) will run at both 9am and 11am.

We're still on the lookout for more volunteers to join us! If you're keen to serve the Lord in this area of ministry, do write in to children@gospellight.sg to find out more.

• CHURCH CAMP 2023: ONE PASSION

At next year's church camp, our preachers are tasked to condense their life's passion for God's word into standalone sermons that convey what matters the most for God's glory. Find out what is their singular heartbeat for the gospel and how they have been mastered by it to live for God's glory. Join us as the church family meets together for a time of refreshment and enrichment.

Read the church camp FAQ [here](#). Registration opens in January 2023.





• MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Membership in Gospel Light is only for baptized believers of the Lord, and must be of age 16 and above. Attendance at both membership classes 1 & 2 is a prerequisite for membership application. Classes will be conducted on-site.

English

Date: Sun, 19 Feb & 26 Feb

Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm

Venue: Light 2 (L3)

Chinese

Date: 19 Feb & 26 Feb

Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

Register at gospellight.sg > **Connect** > **Events**.

Registration deadline: Sun, 22 Jan.

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

The class will take a break for December and Christmas and we will resume on 3 Jan.

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: Tues, 3 Jan 2023

Time: 8pm





WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15pm**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

(A)Worship Services

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	800 pax	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA (only available at 9am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	240 pax	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	240 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	No Service in Dec, resumes 1 Jan Sunday at 2:30pm	140 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	20 pax	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl

(B) Children Service

There are two children's services at **9am and 11am** for:

- (i) Primary Levels (7 - 12 years) at Level 3; and
- (ii) Playgroup (~ 18 months till 2+) at Hall 3 @ Attic

Preschool (3-6 yrs) will remain at 11am on 25 Dec 2022. From 1 Jan 2023 onwards, Preschool (3-6 yrs) will be available at 9am and 11am.

*If your child is born in 2019, but not yet 36mths of age, a caregiver must accompany the child for the duration of the service.





GIVING ONLINE

You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State Missions - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN:

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2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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