



24 December 2023

A HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS

“ **Jesus did not just come to earth to dwell among us. He came to sacrifice Himself on the cross for our sins to fully repay the debt of our sins ...** ”

Christmas is just around the corner! The familiar sights and sounds of Christmas herald this special season when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour. There are many Christmas carols I love and this hymn comes to mind this year.

“What Child Is This” was written by William Chatterton Dix in the 1800s. The hymn is commonly sung to the tune of Greensleeves, a traditional English folk tune.

1. This Child is Christ the King

The first stanza starts with a rhetorical question, “Who is this child”? Why would angels sing to announce his arrival? Why would shepherds travel all the way at night to visit him?

The chorus has the answer, “*This, this is Christ, the King...*” Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and wise men were blessed to have witnessed the fulfillment of prophecy on the very first Christmas day. This child is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6).

2. This Child was born in a humble manger

“*Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?*”

Traditionally, kingdoms would celebrate the birth of a prince with elegant celebrations organized for his arrival. The birth of a child of royal blood would come with much fanfare and applause. In contrast, baby Jesus was born in a humble manger, perhaps surrounded by animals, because there was no room for his family at the inn. The Saviour of the world was born to common and humble parents, born in a humble village of Bethlehem. Jesus was born in meekness as the servant King.

3. This Child came to save us

There is an original second half of the second stanza which says,

*“Nails, spear shall pierce him through;
The cross he bore for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the Son of Mary!”*

Jesus did not just come to earth to dwell among us. He came to sacrifice Himself on the cross for our sins to fully repay the debt of our sins, to reconcile us to a Holy God. My prayer is that this Christmas season, may we all remember our dear Saviour and His great love for us. May many loving hearts cast aside our idols and enthrone Him as the King of Kings!

Jonathan Chong
Worship Ministry Leader



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• LIVESTREAM AT 10.15AM (2024)

As we move to three services in 2024, our live stream will be shifted from 9am to the new 2nd service time slot of 10.15am. The live stream of our English service continues to be made available to serve the needs of those who are physically unable to join us. We encourage all to attend worship services in person.

• CHINESE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – A BIRTH OF HOPE

A Christmas outreach service will be held on 24 Dec Sunday at our 9am and 11am Chinese worship services. Seize this opportunity to invite your family and loved ones to hear the good news of the gospel preached in Chinese.

• COFFEE CONNECTS

Coffee Connects will be closed on 17, 24 and 31 Dec. We thank you for your support and look forward to serve you again in 2024.

• CHIT CHAT! (NEWCOMERS EVENT)

Are you new to Gospel Light? Did you discover us through a friend, our online services or social media? We'd love for you to get to know us better! Chit Chat is an informal social session onsite where you get to mingle with our Pastor, Elders and leaders. Ever wondered what kind of church we are and where are our roots? What does our mission and vision statement mean? Save the date and we look forward to a great time of chit chat!

Date: Sun, 21 Jan 2024

Time: 11:30am to 1:00pm

Venue: Gospel auditorium (L2) followed by lunch at foyer (L2)

To register, please visit this link <https://bit.ly/3Sa2viF>.
Registration closes Sun, 14 Jan 2024.

If you want to find out more, please write to sue.choo@gospellight.sg.

• CHURCH CAMP 2024 – GREATEST HITS

Hit songs from every generation have left their mark. But for the believer, the ageless songbook of all time is the Psalms.

The Psalms, God's divinely authored songbook, draws our adoration and worship to Him in joy, lamentations and heartfelt prayers.

At Church Camp 2024, come hear our speakers teach us from well-known Psalms, and draw near to God!

Click here for the camp FAQ: <https://bit.ly/3SFvjlk>.

Registration starts on 7 Jan 2024.

Early bird 7 Jan - 31 Jan 2024.

Normal registration 1 Feb - 17 Mar 2024.



• MINISTRY - SERVE WITH US!

Abundant opportunities await us as a church as we move towards three services in 2024. But workers are needed to step up to serve! Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.", and this appeal continues today. If you feel inadequate or unready to serve, we encourage you not to look at your LACK, but look to the LORD.

Find out about the many roles today:

<https://bit.ly/3uM3MFr>

or email/whatsapp your questions to shine@gospellight.sg / 9117 6000.

• 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, 28 Jan & 4 Feb

Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, 28 Jan & 4 Feb

Time: 11:45pm – 12:45pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

To register, please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/3TaiYEb>.

Registration closes on Sun, 31 Dec.

• SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. SilverJoy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support.

Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

Date: 1st, 3rd & 5th Wed for the month of Jan 2024

Time: 9:45am - 12:30pm

Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!

Contact CE Hotline – 9753 7964 for enquiries

Date	Programme	Activity
3/1/2024	How to reduce my risk of vascular dementia	Talk
17/1/2024	3D Jelly Floral Art (Demo only)	Baking
31/1/2024	CNY Handicraft	Art & Craft

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will be taking a break for the month of December and will resume class on 2 January 2024. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2024

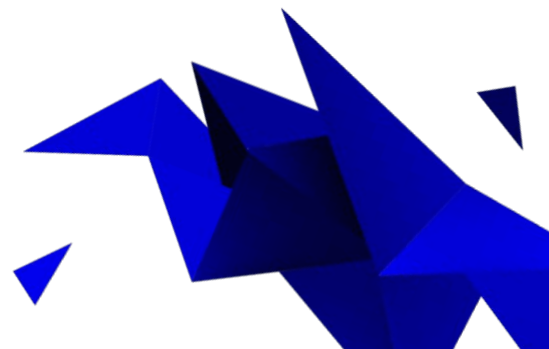
Time: 8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3pd7C7T>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761





WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am *Jan 2024 onwards – 7:45am**

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	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ (only available at 9am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m No service on 4 th & 5 th week	Subscribe to Youth announcement channel https://t.me/+Yd524QzAjKk2Yzll
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	No service for the month of December	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2) *For more info, please contact 9117 6000 / 9628 5061	No service for the month of December	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

(B) Children Service

Children's services are at **9am and 11am**:

(i) Playgroup (12 months - 35 months): Hall 3 at Attic Level

- Sun, 31 Dec - No lessons. Hall 3 is still open for parents & children to watch service together

(ii) Preschool (36 months - 6 years): Eshkol Valley premise at Attic Level

- Sun, 31 Dec - No 9am session. 11am session only

(iii) Primary (Primary 1 to Primary 6): Light Auditorium at Level 3





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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