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Grace to you and Peace from God

Our Mission:

“Passion for Christ, Heart for the Lost”

(Phil. 1 : 21; Matt. 28 : 18—20)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pre-Worship Hymns	<i>“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”</i>	Sis Cheryl Chiu & Dn Jeremy Hor
Prelude		
Silent Meditation		
Call to Worship		Dn James Chen
Opening Hymn	190 <i>“There Is a Redeemer”</i>	
<i>*Gloria Patri</i>		
Hymn	229 <i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i>	
Responsive Reading	Proverbs 22:1-15	
Offerings		
<i>** Doxology</i>		
Scripture Reading	Micah 5:1-2; Matthew 2:1-6	
Hymn	PPT <i>“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		
Message	“A PROMISED RULER FROM BETHLEHEM”	REV TAN ENG BOO
Holy Communion	198 <i>“Born to Die”</i>	
Closing Hymn	217 <i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	
Benediction		
Threefold Amen		
Welcome & Announcements		

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen

** Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer Page

“Men Ought Always To Pray and Not To Faint” (Luke 18: 1)

Praise and Prayer Items in Brief

Pulpit Ministry – 10 Dec 2017. Pray for the Lord’s anointing on the Lord’s messenger - Pastor. Chairman: Dn John Chen. Pray for our instrumentalist: Sis Lim Sue San & Sis Loretta Wong. Pray for the Lord’s blessings upon the pulpit ministry.

Usher Ministry – 10 Dec 2017. Pray for Dn Daniel Tan, Bro Richard Tan & Sis Naomi Neoh. *Pray for their safety in the Lord’s work. Thank God for their service to the Lord each Sunday.*

Filadelfia, Batam: Pray for -

- ⤴ the building of the Guest House now in progress. Pray for God’s provision and for the safety of the workers.
- ⤴ the planning of the ministry in 2018.
- ⤴ the Christmas outreach in church.

Catherine Ng: Pray for safe return to Singapore on 26 Dec. Pray for the outreach progame with students during the Christmas season.

Boon Jin: Pray for the outreach work during the Christmas season. Pray for her health and safety.

December and Christmas ministry:

- ⤴ **Vacation Bible School** - Pray for the salvation of souls. The children who sign up will attend the whole duration.
- ⤴ **Christmas Caroling** - Pray for homes to be opened and for opportunities to share the Christmas message. Pray for non-Christian loved ones and friends to be receptive to the message.
- ⤴ **Christmas Service** - Pray for the salvation of souls. Uphold the speaker: Rev Goh Seng Fong and Bro Calvin Murty who will be giving a special item. May the presentation of the Christmas message be conveyed clearly.

Pray for ourselves to have a blessed and meaningful Christmas. Look out for opportunities to share the meaning of Christmas with our loved ones and friends.

Grace church going thru transition: Pray for -

- ⤴ unity of hearts.
- ⤴ wisdom upon the church leadership.
- ⤴ Bro Wun Long the new pastoral staff as he integrates with staff, leaders and members.

A PROMISED RULER FROM BETHLEHEM

(Micah 5:1, 2; Matthew 2:1-6)

I) The Prophet Micah

1. His ministry: The 3 kings of Judah (Micah 1:1)
 - ◆ Jotham (2 Chron. 26, 27)
 - ◆ Ahaz (2 Chron. 28)
 - ◆ Hezekiah (2 Chron. 29ff)
2. Served with Isaiah, Hosea and Amos
3. Gave some of the most important prophecies:
 - ◆ Location of the birth of Christ
 - ◆ The fall of Samaria (1:6, 7)
 - ◆ The invasion of Judah (1:9-16)
 - ◆ The fall of Jerusalem (3:9-12; 7:13)
 - ◆ Exile in Babylon (4:9, 10)

^ Key word: “**Hear**”

II) The message of hope (Micah 5:1, 2)

1. The siege by Babylon (v.1)
2. The future birth place of the Ruler of Israel (v.2)
3. Who was this Ruler of Israel?

Application:

1. What is God’s word to me?
2. The sovereignty of God
3. The Messiah and His humility

Psalm 122

A Song of degrees of David

- v1 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.
- v2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
- v3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:
- v4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
- v5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- v6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
- v7 Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces.
- v8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within thee.
- v9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

The house of God is the Temple in Jerusalem. We know it is the site of the Temple Mount today. The psalmist's desire was to be in the Temple (God's house). The Jews do not have a Temple to worship in today. The site which they gather for worship is in the Synagogues. But today, the Jews would come together in the Western Wall (sometimes called the Wailing Wall) for prayers and worship. This is an "open Synagogue." The lowest part of the wall is the retaining wall of the Second Temple period and it's religious significance is so precious to the Jews.

With the Palestinians in control of the Temple Mount site, which sits the



Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque there is no chance the Jews can worship in this site. To do so is to invite trouble with the Palestinians and the Muslim world. They have to be contented to worship in the open space in the Western wall.

Pastor

Devotion For Kids

What is the history of the sandwich? Matthew 11:28

He was right in the middle of a card game when his servants brought the meal. John Montague had asked that his roast be placed between two slices of toast and handed to him at the table – that way, he could eat and play at the same time. Montague did this so often that his friends began naming this special meal after him, even though he didn't invent this food. As early as Roman times, people were putting food between pieces of bread; the Romans called it *offula*. Montague just made the sandwich more popular. His birthday, November 3, is considered "Sandwich Day." Before the Hawaiian Islands had their name changed, they were called the Sandwich Islands because the discoverer, Captain James Cook, named them after Montague. What does the name "sandwich" have to do with him? John Montague was the earl of *Sandwich*. Now there are so many varieties of sandwiches, they have their own names like "heroes," "poor boys," "hoagies," and "submarines."

So what?

The earl of Sandwich was so involved in what he was doing, he didn't even want to take time to eat. Maybe you're feeling that's the story of your life too. Homework, chores, music lessons, pop quizzes, church, school sports practice – there never seem to be a time just to relax and be a kid. You'd like for things to be different, but you don't know how to change them. It might surprise you to know that Jesus understands. He knows what being hurried and overwhelmed feels like. He has a special invitation just for you.

He says:

Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

When's the last time you got an offer of help from someone who really has the power to change things? You can test God and see for yourself. It takes only a few minutes out of your schedule each day to talk to him. If you tell him how hard it is, you will begin to feel more rested, because God will give you wisdom. He will refresh you with a reminder that you're not alone – he is your backup and will never let you down. You will begin to see new ways to use your time. If you slow down and let God feed your soul with his comfort and reassurance, that will be a meal well worth your time.

~ by Nancy S. Hill

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

WED	Prayer Meeting	8.00 p.m.
SAT	Adult Fellowship (Last Saturday of every month)	5.30 p.m.
SUN	Worship Service	9.30 a.m.
	Junior Worship	9.30 a.m.
	Bible Class	11.30 a.m.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offerings	\$ 1,628.20
Tithes	\$10,400.00
Love gift - Classical Conversation Gp	\$ 126.00

APPOINTMENTS

Prayer Meeting — Wednesday
Attendance on 29 Nov.: 10
Pastor takes devotion on 6 Dec.

Worship Service Next Sunday:

<i>Speaker</i>	: Rev Tan Eng Boo
<i>Chairman</i>	: Dn John Chen
<i>Pianist</i>	: Sis Lim Sue San
<i>Organist</i>	: Sis Loretta Wong

Ushers

<i>This Week</i>	: Sis Lynna Seah/Sis Tan Chew Gim Dn John Chen/Bro Richard Tan
<i>Next Week</i>	: Dn Daniel Tan/Bro Richard Tan Sis Naomi Neoh

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<i>This Week</i>	: Sis Evonne Tee
<i>Next Week</i>	: Bro John Tang

Junior Worship (7—10 years old)

<i>This Week</i>	: Sis Margaret Teo
<i>Next Week</i>	: Dn James Chen

Pre-Primary Worship (3-6 years old)

<i>This Week</i>	: Sis Hannah Yeo
<i>Next Week</i>	: Sis Hannah Yeo

Flowers and Refreshment

<i>This Week</i>	: Jasmine Blundell (Refresh)
<i>Next Week</i>	: Hannah Yeo/Irene Tan

Refreshment Duty

<i>This Week</i>	: M/M Eric & Cindy Ng
<i>Next Week</i>	: M/M Richard Tan & Gim Choon

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindly turn off your mobile phones or put them on silent mode!
*“The Lord is in His holy temple:
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”*

A word of thanks to **Sis Tang Yu Sin** and **Sis Chew Gim** who did the Christmas decoration in the church Sanctuary.

VBS Briefing today from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.

BOE meeting in church on Sun 10 Dec at 1.30pm

MS Christmas Evangelistic Meeting on Sat 16 Dec at 7.00 to 9.00 pm. Speaker: Rev Tan Teck Chuan.

Grace Church Christmas Service on Sun 24 Dec @ 10.00 am. Speaker: Rev Goh Seng Fong. Special item by Bro Calvin Murty. Combined fellowship lunch with MS after the service. Please sign up at the Notice Board any special dish you wish to contribute.

Christmas Carolling 2017 on Christmas Eve Sun 24 Dec 2017. Join us as we carol from house to house. Practice on Sun 3, 10 & 17 Dec from 1.30 to 3.00 pm. Sign up at the notice board to carol or open your home.

Watch-Night Service on Sun 31 Dec 8.00 pm in church. Rev Oh Boon Leong will be the Lord's messenger.

Collection - we are seeking to raise \$1,350 to fund the bursaries of 3 kindergarten children in Ipoh. If you wish to give, please drop your gift offering in an envelope marked "Ipoh" in the offering bag. Any 'excess' collection will be channelled to a dedicated fund for the provision of future bursaries.

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