

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pray for Rev Lee Kien Seng** as he prepares to speak on Sunday (24 November) from Psalm 46. Message title: "Eye of the Storm." He is the Senior Pastor at True Way Presbyterian Church, English Congregation. Service will be livestreamed at [bit.ly/gracebpsermons](http://bit.ly/gracebpsermons) at 9:30 am.

**Mandarin Service** is organising a Two Day One Night Kukup trip from 22 to 23 November. You are welcome to invite Mandarin speaking family members or friends to join. Please register at the MS notice board. Limited to 30 participants.

**Adult Fellowship.** Saturday 23 November. Time: 5.00 to 6.30pm. Speaker: Stephen Pacht. Topic: "The Christian Responsibility towards the Jewish People." There will be Question & Answer time with the speaker. There will also be a book table. Do invite your friends for this meeting. There will be a dinner fellowship after the meeting.

**Pray** that God will continue to guide and direct our leaders as they meet together for a Session Meeting on 24 November 2024 at 1:30 pm.

**Congratulations** to Leong Ho Wan and Ruth on the birth of their son, Ethan James Leong on 6 November 2024.

**Flower Contribution slots** are available on 1 & 8 December.

**Refreshment Contribution slots** are available on 22 & 29 December.

## NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

<b>Speaker</b>	Rev Lee Kien Seng
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Dn. Jeremy Hor
<b>Musicians</b>	Adeline Lek, Matthew Chiu
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Tham Hui Yi
<b>AV Ministry</b>	Dn. Daniel Tan
<b>Ushers</b>	Augustine Tham, Elsie Chan
<b>Chrysalis 3 &amp; 2</b>	Dn. Lim Chien Chong, Lim Sue San
<b>Chrysalis 1</b>	Angeline Fang
<b>Flowers</b>	Chan Beng Hock
<b>Refreshments</b>	Chan Beng Hock
<b>Prayer Meeting Devotion</b>	Eld Victor Goh

## LAST WEEK'S GIVINGS

Offerings \$ 2, 250.00  
Tithes \$ 750.00

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## LET US PRAY

Join us in praying for the church and the world via Zoom. Please contact Rev Tan at 9784 2761 for Zoom meeting ID and password. You may also email us your prayer items at [prayer@gracebpc.org.sg](mailto:prayer@gracebpc.org.sg)

## MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

### His Help in Temptation

*For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

*Hebrews 2:18 ESV*

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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# Grace Bible Presbyterian Church



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### OUR MISSION

To bring people to salvation in Jesus Christ and disciple them in their relationship with Christ.

### OUR VISION

To be a church that is passionate about God, transformed by the Word, authentic in relationship, and bold in witness.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Speaker</b>	Dn. Lim Chien Chong
<b>Worship</b>	Dn. Chea Oei Kiang
<b>Musicians</b>	Lim Sue San Chew Weh
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Kenneth Chiu
<b>AV Ministry</b>	Chea Ruel-E Joshua Lim
<b>Ushers</b>	Tan Teck Shi, Jonathan Sam
<b>Chrysalis 3 &amp; 2</b>	James Chen Chen Ching Huey
<b>Chrysalis 1</b>	Angeline Fang
<b>Flowers</b>	Tay Boon Jin
<b>Refreshments</b>	Lim Ai Lin
<b>Prelude</b>	
<b>Call to Worship</b>	The Lord Is in His Holy Temple
<b>Opening Song</b>	All Praise to Him
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	
<b>Worship in Song</b>	MH459 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms All Glory Be to Christ
<b>Responsive Reading</b>	Psalms 122 (KJV)
<b>Giving and Thanksgiving</b>	Our Sovereign God
<b>Doxology</b>	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Acts 28:16-31 (ESV)
<b>Pre-Sermon Song</b>	Our Sovereign God
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>It's Only the Beginning</i>
<b>Closing Song</b>	MH371 A Passion for Thee
<b>Benediction</b>	Threefold Amen

### Month of November Preaching Schedule

3 Nov "The Blessings from the Messiah." (Zc. 10).  
10 Nov "Ordeals are No Deterrence" (Ac. 27:13-38)  
17 Nov "It's Only the Beginning." (Ac. 28:16-31)  
24 Nov "Eye of the Storm" (Ps. 46)

### Sunday Worship & Activities

9.30am Main Service      10.00am Junior Worship (7-12 yrs old)      11.30am Bible Classes

## WHY DOES THE BOOK OF ACTS END SO ABRUPTLY?

By Patrick Schreiner

### What Acts Teaches Us

Acts is not only a transitional book but also a programmatic one. It has something to teach every generation. We must follow its model. It is not a book locked up in the past but bursting with meaning for the present.

The last words of Acts indicate the narrative is incomplete:

[Paul] lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. (Acts 28:30–31)

Most stories enjoy tying all the loose ends together, while others leave things unfinished for readers to consider their own responsibility. Luke closes his narrative with abruptness: a two-verse summary of Paul's prison ministry in Rome.

This shows Luke's account is not about Paul or Peter primarily, but about God's work in the world. Acts is about resurrection life, the expansion of the temple, and the advance of the word. While Paul is in prison, the testimony of Jesus and the kingdom go forth unhindered.

### The Unhindered Gospel

The last word of the book, *akolytos* ("unhindered"), confirms there were no restraints on Paul's preaching.

The gospel of the risen and ascended Lord Jesus has overcome all geographic boundaries, social differences, ethnic diversities, human prejudices, gender biases, legal obstacles, and theological barriers.

This abrupt but victorious ending compels readers to ask about their own role in this narrative. Acts offers a word of encouragement. Yet, encouragement for what? The last two sentences indicate it is an encouragement to press on in the mission. The triune God is doing a work in the world that the powers of darkness marvel at, and the world will both oppose and be astonished at it. Though there will be setbacks, though all might seem dark, though it might seem as if God's people are always in the valley, a light shines through the gloom. God's purposes will not be stopped because God has pledged himself to this work.

Acts is therefore a programmatic book because it encourages the church to press on in its own agency as it is compelled by divine agency. God is building his church. Therefore, the church must welcome all, speak of salvation in Jesus's name, and witness to the ends of the earth.

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