

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch will be provided today. Do stay back after service to interact with other Gracians and friends.

Pray for Rev Tan Eng Boo as he prepares to speak on Sunday (2 March) from Daniel 1:1-7. [Message title](#): "Being a Christian in Today's World." Holy Communion will be observed. Service will also be live-streamed at bit.ly/gracebpsermons.

No Bible Class next Sun (2 March) There will be no bible class next week as there will be an open session on "The Lord of our emotions" at 11.30 am at the Chapel. All are welcome.

Junior Bible Class will continue as per normal.

Easter Catechism Class for Baptism/Transfer of Membership is now opened for registration. It will be held in the first week of March 2025. There will be a total of 6 sessions of 1.5 hours each. Please approach Pastor Tan or Eld Victor to register your interest. Registration ends on 23 Feb 2025.

Adult Fellowship ministry will be organising an outing to St. John's Island on Friday, 7 March. The cost per person is \$45.00. Please visit the notice board for full itinerary details of the outing and sign-up. All are welcome.

Floral Contribution slots are available on 16 & 30 March. **Refreshment Contribution slots** are also available on 9, 16 & 30 March.

NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

Speaker	Rev. Tan Eng Boo
Worship Leader	Eld. Victor Goh
	Lim Sue San, Matthew Chiu,
Musicians	Esther Chiu
Scripture Reader	Goh Jee Eng
AV Ministry	Carol Lee, Janice Lee
Ushers	Lynna Seah, Tan Chew Gim
Chrysalis 2	Lee Min Sen
Chrysalis 1	Chea Ee Wen, Tham HuiYi
Flowers	Chea Ee Wen & Family
Refreshments	Chea Ee Wen & Family
Prayer Meeting Devotion	Dn. Jonathan Sam

LAST WEEK'S GIVINGS

Offerings \$ 2,965.00
Tithes \$ 1,000.00

QR code for tithes & offerings (Please indicate "Tithe" or "Offering" under Reference no / description) UEN no. S86SS0055HGEM



LET US PRAY

Join us in praying for the church and the world via Zoom. Please contact Dn. David at 9818 7789 for Zoom meeting ID and password. You may also email us your prayer items at prayer@gracebpc.org.sg

MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

Month of February

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

1 Timothy 1:15 ESV

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Hannah Yeo

Gracia Zhang

Flowers

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Refreshments

Church Lunch

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

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Opening Song

MH38 How Great Thou Art

Opening Prayer

Worship in Song

MH16 This Is My Father's World Because He lives

Responsive Reading

Psalms 8 (KJV)

Giving and Thanksgiving

Creation Sings

Doxology

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:21-26 (ESV)

Special Item

You Are Unchanging

Pre-Sermon Song

O Father, You are Sovereign

Corporate Prayer

Sermon

Is God Still Relevant Today?

Closing Song

Across the Lands

Closing Prayer

Threefold Amen

Month of March Preaching Schedule

2 Mar. "Being a Christian In Today's World" (Dan 1:1-7)
9 Mar. "Fighting The Good Fight" (1 Tim. 1:18-20)
16 Mar. "Prayers For All People" (1 Tim. 2:1-7)
23 Mar. "Worship" (Text: tbc)
30 Mar. "Understanding Our Diff. Roles" (1 Tim. 2:8-15)

Sunday Worship & Activities

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

DOES GOD EXIST?

By Dan Paterson

Christianity has always been evidence-based.

In fact in Hebrews 11, a chapter all about biblical faith or the kind of faith God celebrates, verse 6 enumerates how if you are going to truly trust God, then at the very least, as a necessary precondition, you need to be convinced or have good reasons to believe, that God actually exists.

The question of God's existence is one that the Bible says is *fundamental*, because if God does not exist, then the Christian story may be full of some good ideas, but it cannot ultimately be good news. Which is why the Christian story is also committed to exploring how faith has its reasons.

Firstly, God seems to be the best explanation for the universe we inhabit.

Since, by definition, God is the Creator, and is not Himself part of the material creation, we cannot simply travel to some remote corner of the universe to find God. But just because I cannot point directly at God is no reason to think that there is no evidence for God. When we walk into a grand cathedral, we hardly expect to find the architect inside the structure, and yet the beauty of the building, the intricate design, and the very existence of the cathedral itself, offers a smorgasbord of evidence from which we can infer that there is, in fact, an architect. Which is precisely the case when it comes to God and our cosmos.

Psalms 19:1 claims:

The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

That creation itself speaks. Romans 1:20 echoes a similar sentiment, claiming that the invisible God can be clearly perceived through what has been made. The claim of the Christian story is that this entire universe is a grand cathedral punctuated with beauty, purpose, and design; a claim that is supported by various lines of evidence from which we can make justified inferences to the best explanation.

Second, closer to home, God's existence makes the most sense of our rich human experience.

Genesis 1:26-27 makes the claim that all human beings bear God's image. Now that's interesting. The logic of the author is that beyond the inert matter that was ordered in creation, and above all the diversity of the animal kingdom, that human beings distinctly reveal what God is like to the rest of creation, which is a claim that is entirely defensible when you consider how distinct and enigmatic human beings truly are. That we are:

- Rational beings, capable of consciously engaging in powerful abstract reasoning.
- Relational beings, innately longing to love and be loved, even self-sacrificially.
- Moral beings, acting upon our conscience that good and evil are real categories.
- Purposeful beings, obsessed with contributing something meaningful to the world.
- Spiritual beings, hard-wired to reach beyond the physical world for something more, as is evidenced by the universal spirituality of the human race throughout all cultures.

These are just a small sample of the richest things that are innate to our human experience; things that are difficult to explain on a purely secular register without either diminishing them or explaining them away. Christian philosophers, offer a whole range of arguments—from consciousness and morality and reason and desire all with the baseline conviction that God's existence makes the most sense of the dignity and depth of the human experience.

The Christian story claims that Jesus is the invisible God made visible, providing evidence of God's existence through the fulfilment of detailed prophecy, testifying to God's foreknowledge of the future, and through performing miracles, revealing the hand of a supernatural agent. Now whilst both the argument from prophecy and the argument from miracles can be straw-manned or poorly presented, serious versions of these arguments can be made, and the resurrection of Jesus is undoubtedly the strongest.

By definition, no miracle can take place without a supernatural cause, and so if Jesus was raised from the dead then that miracle provides good reason to believe in the existence of God.

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