

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to Rev Kenny Lee. Rev Lee is the national leader of Ambassadors For Christ, Singapore.

Pray for Eld Victor Goh as he prepares to speak on Wednesday (25 December) from Ephesians 2:14-18. Message title: "The Peace that Jesus Brings." Service will be livestreamed at bit.ly/gracebpsermons at 11:00 am.

Evangelism and Missions. There will be an evangelism outreach session today at 2:30 pm. Meeting place will be at T3 Departure Hall.

Combined English and Mandarin Christmas Day Service will be held on 25 December at 11 am. The service will be followed by a Christmas Lunch. Please invite your non-Christian friends as this will be an evangelistic service.

Refreshment Contribution slot is available on 29 December.

Flower and Refreshment Contribution slots for 2025 are available. Please sign-up at the bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS DAY'S APPOINTMENTS

Speaker/ Interpreter	Eld Victor Goh/ Rev Lee Fatt Ping
Worship Leader/ Interpreter	Dn. David Leong/ Eld Seah Soon Huat
Musicians	Joanna Hor/Nathanael Goh
Scripture Reader	Adrian Teo
AV Ministry	Carol Lee, Janice Lee
Ushers	Tan Teck Shi, Jonathan Sam
Chrysalis 3 & 2	Lim Sue San, Leong Ling Ling
Chrysalis 1	Hannah Yeo
Flowers	Grace BP Church
Christmas Lunch	Grace BP Church

LAST WEEK'S GIVINGS

Offerings \$ 1,355.00
Tithes \$ 800.00

QR code for tithes & offerings (Please indicate "Tithe" or "Offering" under Reference no. /description) UEN no. 86SS0055HGEN



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

MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

His Help in Temptation

⁹. How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word. ¹¹. I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:9, 11 ESV

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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Worship

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Flowers

Fang Family

Refreshments

Dn. Allan Lim

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

MH199 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Opening Prayer

Worship in Song

MH219 Silent Night, Holy Night
MH223 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Responsive Reading

Psalm 127 (KJV)

Giving and Thanksgiving

A King in a Cattle Trough

Doxology

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20 (ESV)

Pre-Sermon Song

MH226 While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Unspeakable Joy

Closing Song

MH194 Joy to the World

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Month of December Preaching Schedule

1 Dec. "The Dark side of Israel." (Zc. 11-13).
8 Dec. "The King and I." (Ps. 47).
15 Dec. "Rejoice in God's City." (Ps. 48)
22 Dec. "Unspeakable Joy" (Lk. 2:8-20)
25 Dec. "The Peace that Jesus Brings" (Ephesians 2:14-18)
29 Dec. "Passing the Baton" (Nu. 8:23-26; 2 Ti. 4:1-8)

Sunday Worship & Activities

9.30am Main Service

10.00am Junior Worship
(7-12 yrs old)

11.30am Bible Classes

By Adam Ramsey

Time to Slow Down

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a season in the liturgical calendar that starts every year on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. It's a time for priming our hearts to treasure Christ. Yet amid all the frenetic end-of-year chaos, it's so easy to squander these precious moments of waiting. Many of us know all too well what it's like for December to blur by—what it's like to arrive on the doorstep of Christmas as another exhausted casualty of our consumeristic age.

So I am writing to those who, like me, need to slow down and embrace the oft-missed words of the famous carol, "Let every heart prepare him room."

Season of Remembering

As we remember God's promises fulfilled at Christmas, we are reminded of just how intensely the incarnation of Christ shook the world.

Christmas means revolution. Christmas means miracle. Christmas means that God has come for us.

The King of heaven exchanged his throne for a cradle.

The Almighty swaddled himself with vulnerability.

The Creator entered into his own creation.

The Author put himself on the page.

The Infinite became an infant.

The Giver became the gift.

Jesus arrived as Immanuel—God with us. As Augustine said long ago, "He was created of a mother whom he created. He was carried by hands that he had formed." Pondering how God has drawn near will deepen an appetite to pursue him.

Season of Anticipating

There's something in observing Advent that awakens not only joyful remembrance over Christ's first coming, but also deep eagerness for his second coming (Rev. 22:20). In many ways, the church in this age is in similar position to God's people toward the end of the Old Testament—

marginalized in exile, hoping in darkness, waiting in stillness for the Day when Christ returns to, in Tolkien's words, make "every sad thing come untrue."

Like a child on Christmas Eve caught between joyful memories of the Christmas that was, while waiting with breathless anticipation for the Christmas about to be, so it is with God's people. We are living between the Hallelujah of Christ's resurrection and the Maranatha of Christ's return. And here—in the waiting of Advent—God's people discover a unique species of joy that can only be glimpsed through the lens of worshipful anticipation.

Advent is a way of reminding us that we are pilgrims passing through; that the brokenness of this world isn't how it's always going to be; that the true King is indeed coming soon.

Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room

For families, observing Advent together could be the perfect time to rekindle the fire of family devotions, or light them up for the first time.

December will be busy. But it doesn't have to be a blur. Let's begin preparing room in our hearts this Advent for Immanuel—God with us.

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