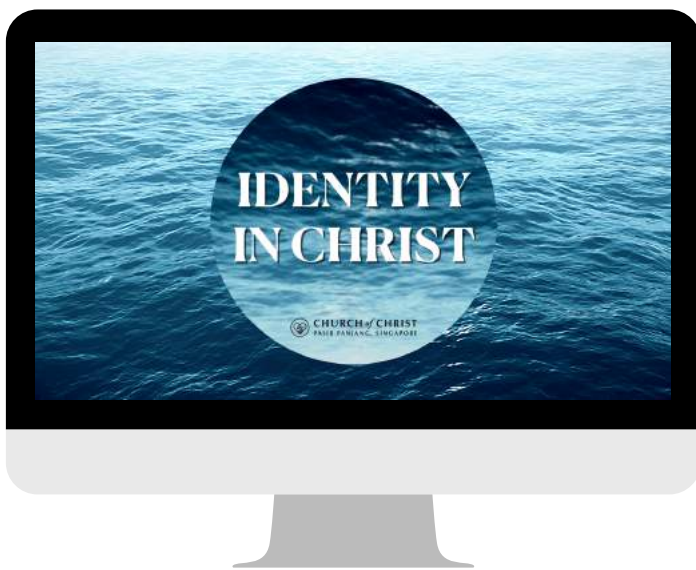


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CHURCH of CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



28 November 2021

It's God's Party, Not Ours

By Terry Harrison
Live @ 11am

We really value our freedom to do things as we choose. That can be organising our daily schedule, arranging the kitchen utensils just right, or choosing to spend our money in the way that brings us the most pleasure or gives us "the most bang for our buck". We know what's best for us, and we don't like others telling us different.

That's not how the spiritual life works. We are not our own masters to decide how we're going to run our souls - and whenever we try, it usually doesn't go well. No, we are bondservants of the King of the Universe who knows what is truly best for us and works for our good.

*This week, reflect on these questions: **Who is the true master of my life - me or God? Are there parts of my life that I have not really surrendered to Him?***

COVID-19 Guidelines

We have resumed in-person worship services and Bible Classes. Please take note of the following:

- You must be fully vaccinated to come to church.
- Unvaccinated children under 12 years old are allowed to attend.
- Adults, Youth and GEMS Bible Classes have resumed in-person. FFF will remain online until further notice.
- We are allowed to sit in zones of 100. However, we still need to be seated in groups of 2.

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$6,931**



General Fund
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Missions Fund
S76SS0008AMFD



Building Fund
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Bible Classes



28 Nov | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"When Will Christ Come?"

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

By Kuek Lee Hock

Youth Bible Class

"LGBT"

Relationships and Dating

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

FFF Bible Class

Walking in Truth & Love (2 John)

By Khoo Li Fang

Contact Dorothy Tay (9363 1260)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"Jonah Obeys"

Jonah 3

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

Character First: Generosity

Proverbs 22:9

Contact Eunice Chen (9176 1667)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"David Secretly Cut the Edge of
Saul's Robe"

1 Samuel 24

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



29 Nov | 8pm

Gladiolus Place Devo

Contact Lucy Kwan

(9838 3131)



1 Dec | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class

"You Are God's Workmanship"

Ephesians 2:8-10

By Simon Goh



Cookie Sale - Gladiolus Place Fundraiser

This Christmas, Gladiolus Place is excited to announce a Christmas Bake Sale fundraiser! Since COVID-19 has limited most of their fundraising activities the past 2 years, this fundraising event is especially important and meaningful to them.

As partners of GP, we invite all members to show your support by promoting and offering these baked goods, including 2 selectively curated creations – the Red Velvet Marshmallow Cookies and Peppermint Dark Chocolate Cookies.



These cookies were inspired by the girls' bittersweet experience with life, and the rewardingly delightful takeaways as they nurture and grow with us at Gladiolus Place – crisp on the outside, soft on the inside, with a unique texture and little flavour surprise. Each box contains 4 cookies of each flavour, 8 cookies in total for \$28!

Order your cookies at <https://tinyurl.com/GPBakes2021> and they will be ready from December 21 to 24.

Family News



Wedding Celebrations



Congratulations to two of our members who got married this past week! May God's richest blessings be upon you and the families you are beginning; may Christ walk with you along this blissful journey; and may the Holy Spirit bind you together in perfect love and harmony!



Gareth and Theresa Chan



Daryl Yeo and Toh Li Yi



Ladies Reconnect

Calling all ladies! Mark 18 December, 2-4pm in your calendars for a special fellowship with singing, snacks, games, sharings by sisters Joan Lee and Ee Wan, and more!. Scan the QR code to register by 5 December and join in an afternoon of spiritual and social renewal!



Family News

Abide

Youth Camp 2021

D'Hotel
December 20-22





Colouring the Resurrection

By John Lim

One Sunday morning, I was standing behind a family with young children listening to the sermon. At one point, one of the children began waving a sheet of paper, proudly showing it off to his parents.



It was hard not to notice. It was a colouring sheet of the empty tomb - with the colours in rather odd places. Bright crayon lines streaked unevenly across the page, leaving the rocky tomb a mix of purple, orange and white gaps. Jesus turned water to wine; this child turned brown rocks into purple and orange!

At first I simply grinned at the delightful play of a child. What pure joy can be found in putting a crayon to paper and creating something that wasn't there before. We might not see such art hanging on a wall in a museum exhibition, but here is a child using colours with their own unique twist to bring a Bible story (in fact, the Bible story) to life. That is a beautiful thing.

Then it hit me: isn't this a beautiful analogy of Christian living for all of us, young and old?

In a sense, we are all spiritual children. We're trying to understand a God who surpasses understanding. Yet God in His mercy has given us a picture of indescribable grace and mercy. Jesus came to be a model for us to follow, a black-and-white outline that we fill with the colour of our own lives as we try to live as He did.

Minister's Musings

If we're honest, we usually make a mess. We don't "colour inside the lines" or use the right colours in the right places. We colour some parts so harshly that the page almost rips apart while other parts get left blank.

How often do we stray from the bounds that God has set in place for us? Don't we focus on some parts of our lives so much that we almost lose ourselves while completely ignoring other important parts?

But in the middle of the mess, by sheer divine grace, we also stumble upon something profoundly right. I don't know if the child who coloured the tomb in purple meant it, but purple is the colour of royalty and kingship.

Somehow, this child landed on an incredible truth. He crowned Jesus as King at His resurrection, covering the tomb with the best colour to represent His true royalty.

I don't think the point of our lives on earth is to get everything perfectly right, because we won't. Rather, I think it's about engaging with life as fully as we can, playing and experimenting and messing up, trusting that God will direct our paths, redeem our decisions, and make truth and beauty emerge from the mess we make.



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