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**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**Is God's Calling Something to be Afraid Of?**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**

Introduction

God's Calling, at Times, is Scary (vv. 18-19)

God Will Not Leave Us in the Lurch (vv. 20-21)

God Will Affirm Us With His Words (vv. 22-23)

Closing: What Will be Our Response? (vv. 24-25)

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**REGISTRATION FOR ON-SITE SERVICE**

[www.eventbrite.com/e/128093044745](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/128093044745)

**GIVING VIA INTERNET BANKING**

Bank Name: Standard Chartered Bank  
Account Name: Hope Presbyterian Church  
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY**

**2:30pm—4:40pm**

**POWERHOUSE+  
WORSHIP AND  
CELL GROUPS**

**4:30pm—5:00pm**

**CORPORATE  
PRAYER**

1st Sunday of month  
Main Building, Level 2

**5:00pm—6:30pm**

**MAIN WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

Every Sunday  
Main Building  
Level 2

**PRAISEBABIES**

Cradle Room  
(beside Sanctuary)

**PRAISEKIDS**

(3-6yrs)  
CE Building, Level 3  
Pulasan Room

**INTER-  
GENERATIONAL  
WORSHIP AND  
PRAISEHOUSE  
CLASSES**

(7-12yrs)  
Every Sunday  
(except last Sunday  
of month)  
Levels 2 (Mangis) & 3

**PRAISEHOUSE  
WORSHIP**

Last Sunday  
of month  
CE Building, Level 2  
Mangis

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VISION STATEMENT: A Loving Community of Disciples and Servant-Leaders

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**“IS GOD’S CALLING  
SOMETHING TO BE  
AFRAID OF?”**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

*Pr Daniel Lee*

## COMMUNITY

**PRAYER CORNER** *"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God." (Psalm 20:7)*

- \* **Pray for the COVID-19 situation around the world.** Praise God for the approval of a few vaccines in some countries for emergency use. Pray for effectiveness of these vaccines to prevent infection as well as provide immunity. Pray for the vaccines to be made available to all countries in due course. Pray for God's grace and mercy to prevail as some countries are battling a more infectious strain of virus.
- \* **Praise God for allowing Singapore to progress to Phase 3 of re-opening starting 28 December.** Pray for continued vigilance and self-discipline amongst our people till the pandemic is under control. Pray for effective measures by the various government agencies to track, control and be ready to deal with the more infectious strain of virus. Above all, we continue to look to God, who is sovereign and in control of all things, for continued sustenance and protection for our nation and people.
- \* **Praise God for the safe re-opening of our church's on-site service over the past 3 weeks.** Pray for God's protection and blessings as we plan to progress to 150-pax on-site service in January 2021. Pray for more volunteers to step forward to serve with more human resources required every Sunday. Pray also for more members and worshippers to return to worship physically with the 150-pax limit able to accommodate most of our congregation.
- \* **Pray for Mary Ngiam who had knee and wrist surgeries on 23 December.** Pray for God to watch over her recovery and bless her with His presence, strength and healing.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CORPORATE PRAYER, 3 JANUARY, 4:45—5:00PM** *"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."* (1 John 5:14)

Praying corporately as a church is a privilege that our community has. It allows us to attune ourselves to God's voice and be encouraged by the confirmation of his grace. Do join us on the first Sunday of the month as we seek God together. If you have any personal or family prayer requests, please send them to Rosalind at [admin@hopepc.net](mailto:admin@hopepc.net) by **Tuesday, 29 December**.

**KPC-HPC WATCHNIGHT SERVICE** KPC and HPC will be jointly organising a Watchnight Service on **31 December (Thursday) from 10pm to 11:30pm**. Titled *"Lead Me to the Rock"*, this will be a time for personal reflection on the year past, and setting our bearings right for the year ahead. We will be meditating through Psalm 61, led by Dr. Goh Wei Leong from KPC, with worship in song led by HPC.

The Service will be conducted on-site with an audience of 120, and live-streamed via YouTube online for everyone else. The 120 tickets will be split evenly between KPC and HPC, with 80 seats for the main chapel and 40 for the Level 2 Mangis Hall (40 and 20 per church, respectively). Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Registration will open via Eventbrite on **27 Dec (Sun) at 8pm**, and close on **30 Dec (Wednesday) at 12pm**. The link will be disseminated in due time.

Whether you are present physically or virtually is secondary - It matters most that we as a church family spend the final moments of this tumultuous year with the Lord who saw us through it all.

## JANUARY 2021 OUTREACH FOR CHRIST

03 Jan	Thriving in a New Normal— Reset and Return, Ezra 1-2	Rev Tan Cheng Huat
10 Jan	Thriving in a New Normal— Road Blocks and Restoration, Ezra 3-6	Rev Tan Cheng Huat
17 Jan	Thriving in a New Normal— Repentance and Reformation, Ezra 7-10	Rev Tan Cheng Huat

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **JOINT KPC-HPC STATEMENT ON WORKING TOGETHER AND TIMELINE FOR INTEGRATION DECISION**

In response to the HPC EDC's proposal for possible integration with KPC, the two churches engaged in an Exploring Togetherness journey between July 2019 and November 2020. After a period of discernment, both EDCs believe we should give more time for the two congregations to undertake more collaborations and know each other better so that our members can make informed and spirit-led decisions by the end of 2022 with regards to integration.

Beginning in 2021, both EDCs are committed to jointly further the kingdom of God by taking deliberate steps forward to have:

1. more collaborations between our ministries;
2. more sharing of community lives; and
3. more intentional conversations with our respective church communities.

**"ENCOUNTER!" KPC SPIRITUAL RETREAT** KPC is organising and inviting HPC members to a 2D1N spiritual retreat from **8 January (12pm) to 9 January (2pm) at Changi Cove Hotel**. Rev Edwin Wong, from True Way Presbyterian Church, will be the speaker. There will be 2 Bible talks, guided prayer time, and nature walks. The cost is **\$200** per pax (double-sharing) and **\$300** (single-room). HPC will provide a subsidy for members who are not working (e.g. students, retirees). To sign up, please go to [tinyurl.com/y6gya8b4](http://tinyurl.com/y6gya8b4) (closing date: **31 December**).

**OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS** to Matthew and Marianne Teoh on the arrival of their daughter, Madeline, on 14 December in England. May God bless them abundantly!

**REGISTRATION FOR ON-SITE SERVICE** To register for tickets to attend services on-site, please go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/128093044745](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/128093044745).

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING** Members and worshippers are encouraged to give either through online means or cheque deposit (please indicate the bank account details on the reverse side of the cheque). HPC's bank account and PayNow details can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

### **Today's Worship Service**

**Duty Person**  
*Deacon Samantha Quek*

**Worship Leader**  
*Jason Yew*

**Musicians**  
*James Chang, Kevin Yang,  
Timothy Seow, Matthew Tan,  
Joevan Lim*

**AV Crew**  
*Lawrence Loh, Cheryl Lim,  
Tan Jack Min, Ashley Lim*

### **Next Week**

**Duty Person**  
*Pr Daniel Lee*

**Worship Leader**  
*Joel Lau*

**Musicians**  
*Clara Goh, Claire Lim*

**AV Crew**  
*Quay Cheng Huat,  
Raymond Yeo*