



ZION SERANGOON BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

By God's help, Zion Serangoon seeks to be a disciple-making church focused on the diligent study and faithful obedience of His Word.

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This Week	18 December (HC)	Sermon Notes
Worship Leader	Elder Quek Swee Peng	The Man Simeon <i>Luke 2:25-35 (ESV)</i>
Scripture Reading	Sally Chan	
Song Leader	Dn Reuben Ang	
Organist	Catherine Ding	
Pianist	Sharon Tan	
AV & Projectionist	Team C	
Ushering & Offering		
Visitors' Desk	Kelvin & Ginny Yeo	
Info Desk	Emily Chua & Dness Selene Wee	
Sanctuary Flowers	Dn Stephen & Sally Chua, Dick & Janet Pooi (All in thanksgiving)	
Fellowship Tea	Dick & Janet Pooi (In thanksgiving), Family of Elder Lim, Peck May & Keat Sung (In loving memory of their late father Mr Leong Poh Kan)	

Next Week	25 December (Combined Christmas Service @ 8.45 am)
Speaker	Pastor Yap Kim Sin
Sermon Title	Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Sermon Text	Luke 2:8-20 (ESV)
Worship Leader	Pastoral Team
Scripture Reading	Dn Reuben Ang
Song Leader	Joseph Tee
Organist	Janet Ang
Pianist	Elder Wendell Chua
AV & Projectionist	Team D
Ushering & Offering	
Visitors' Desk	Low Bee Hong & Foo Pek Hong
Info Desk	Helen Tan
Sanctuary Flowers	Teo Family, Loong Family (All in thanksgiving)
Fellowship Tea	Teo Family, Loong Family (All in thanksgiving), Lau Family (In thanksgiving for birthday)

Welcome
Warmest welcome to the Lord's House! Thank you for your fellowship with us today and may we worship our God together again! We would love to know you better if this is your first time here. Stay with us for Fellowship Tea and leave your details in our guest book at the Visitors' Desk!

Introduction

I. His Reputation

II. His Song

Conclusion

Pastor Lawrence is away this morning preaching at Mt. Hermon BP Church @ 11.00 am.

Order of Service

Senior Pastor
Rev Dr Yap Kim Sin
9862 4390(M)
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Pastors
Rev Eric Kwan
9642 3644(M)
ekwan ☒
Rev Eddy Lim
9299 0690(M)
eddy ☒
Rev Lawrence Ong
9146 8277(M)
lawrence ☒

Elders
Elder Daniel Ang
9635 8455(M)
Elder Chua Hung Choo
9010 2893(M)
Elder Wendell Chua
9027 7465(M)
Elder Oswald Goh
9754 3094(M)
Elder Edmund Kwok
9101 9101(M)
Elder Lam Kwok Chong
9683 1457(M)
Elder Quek Swee Peng
6352 4756(H)

Deacons/Deaconess
Dn Reuben Ang
9638 8841(M)
Dn Stephen Chua
9191 4894(M)
Dn Goh Shu Jin
9688 3386(M)
Dn Vincent Goh
9456 6747(M)
Dn Ivan Lee
9758 0020(M)
Dn Jonathan Lee
9296 9694(M)
Dn Lin Hongsui
9199 9063(M)
Dn Jason Ong
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Prepare For Worship

Vestry Prayer & Prelude
Pre-Service Singing (8.45am)

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship
Invocation
*Gloria Patri
*Hymn: RHC167 Hark! What Joyful Notes are Swelling
Responsive Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11
Worship in Songs

Give To His Work

Offering
*Offertory Response

Listen To His Word

Scripture Text: Luke 2:25-35 (ESV)
Children's Song & Prayer for Children
(Children leave for Children's Worship)
Sermon: The Man Simeon - Pastor Eddy Lim

Holy Communion

The Bread: H529 According to Thy Gracious Word
The Cup : My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Pray To Him

* Pastoral Prayer
*Hymn: RHC151 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
*Benediction
Announcements, Thanksgiving Prayer & Postlude

Go Forth And Witness For Him

*Congregation standing

Children's Worship:
Christ Is Born
Matthew 2:9-11
Cheryl Chen

A is for **ANGELS**, shining and bright,
Telling of Jesus, that first Christmas
night.

B is for **BETHLEHEM**, crowded and
old,
Birthplace of Jesus, by prophets
foretold.

C is for **CATTLE** - their manger His
bed
There in a stable where he laid His
head.

D is for **DAVID** and his ancient throne,
Promised forever to Jesus alone.

E is for **EAST**, where men saw the
star,
And rode away quickly to follow it far.

F is for **FRANKINCENSE**, with myrrh
and fine gold,
Brought by the Wise Men, as Matthew
has told.

G is for **GOD**, who from heaven above
Sent down to mankind the Son of His
love.

H is for **Herod**, whose murderous
schemes
Were told to the wise men and Joseph
in dreams.

I is for **INFANT**, taken by night
Down into Egypt, from the wicked
king's sight.

J is for **JOSEPH**, noble and just,
Obeying God's orders with absolute
trust.

K is for **King**, a true King was He,
Coming to rule in great majesty.

L is for **LOVE** Jesus brought down to
earth
That night in a stable in lowly birth.

M is for **MARY**, His mother, so brave
Counting God faithful and mighty to
save.

N is for **NIGHT**, when the Saviour was
born

For nations of earth and people
forlorn.

O is for **OMEGA**, meaning "the last;"
He's eternal; present, future, and past.

P is for **PROPHETS**, who foretold
Jesus' story
In visions of Bethlehem, Calvary and
glory.

Q is for **QUICKLY**, as shepherds who
heard
Hastened to act on that heavenly
word.

R is for **REJOICE**. The sorrow of sin
Is banished forever when Jesus comes
in.

S is for **SAVIOUR**. To be this He
came;
The angel of God assigned Him His
name.

T is for **TIDINGS** related to all,
Telling of Him who was born in a stall.

U is for **US**, to whom Jesus was given
To show us the way and take us to
heaven.

V is for **VIRGIN**, foretold by the sage,
God's revelation on prophecy's page.

W is for **WONDERFUL**. That is the
Lord's name;
With wonderful words and works he
came.

X is for **CHRIST**, when in Greek it's
read.
He's our Saviour and Lord, the angel
said.

Y is for **"YES"** to all of God's ways,
Like Mary, whose "yes" filled her spirit
with praise.

Z is for **ZEAL** that burned in God's
Son,
From His childhood years 'till His life's
work was done.

*-Adapted from the various sources
of Prairie Bible College and Graduate
School.*

All over the world, the year 2016 has been nothing short of eventful. Although there are several things that probably made our 'prayer items' list a little longer, I'm sure we have as many (if not more) things to be thankful for. Sometimes it's difficult to fill this 'thanksgiving' list. Many of us are so caught up in our lives - worrying about deadlines, meeting expectations, exams and their results, worrying about things that we think we will have to worry about in the future so that maybe we will have less to worry about when we get there. The list keeps going on and on.

Whether we are aware of it or not, these things tire us out - big time. It is because of our human weakness and bad habit of hoarding that we often hold on to these 'burdens'. We forget how our Heavenly Father wants so much for us to cast these concerns onto Him. This year has no doubt flown past fast, faster than we realize. Have we taken the time to really spend time giving thanks, casting our cares on and resting in Him?

How apt it is that the theme of this year's Youth Retreat is "REST". More specifically, "REST" on the Sabbath. I'm sure all of us are familiar with the Fourth Commandment - "*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy*" (Exodus 20:8). But what does the Sabbath *really* mean? What are we supposed to *do* on the Sabbath? How are we to *observe* the Sabbath? Does 'resting on the Sabbath' mean we're free from studying/work for a day? The theme verse for the retreat is taken from Mark 6:31b,

‘Jesus said to them, “Come with me by yourselves
to a quiet place and get some rest.”’

This year's retreat takes place from 18 - 22 December. The Youths will be venturing to the East of Singapore (aka Civil Service Club at Changi Village) to learn, explore and, through God's help, come back together refreshed with a greater and better understanding of what it means to observe the Sabbath.

Also coming up is the Children's Retreat on 20 December, with the theme "With Christ in the Vessel". During this one-day retreat, the children will be spending time by the beach learning what it means to have Jesus Christ in their lives.

It is our prayer that the children attending will always remember that with Christ in their vessel, they can smile at the storm.☺

Attendance Offerings			Our Weekly Activities		
<u>Service</u>	<u>Attd.</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>19 Dec Monday</u>		
Morning	265	\$ 13,150.30	Start of ZMS YF Camp in church & ZES YF Retreat in CSC Changi Chalet		
2MS	97	\$ 2,266.70	<u>20 Dec Tuesday</u>		
Evening	88	\$ 4,585.55	9.00 am Church Staff Devotions & Meeting; LKH Devotions		
Total		\$ 20,002.55	<u>21 Dec Wednesday</u>		
ZS60 Fund: (Target \$600,000.00)			8.00 pm Prayer Fellowship		
(189)\$ 60 (190)\$ 200 (191)\$ 500			Elder Chua Hung Choo (In charge)		
Total:	\$	760.00	<u>22 Dec Thursday</u>		
Total to date:	\$	120,603.80	End of ZES YF Retreat		
*Contribution by Cheque to be crossed and made payable to 'ZS60 Fund' or a bank transfer can be made.			<u>23 Dec Friday</u>		
Church Planner 2017			End of ZMS YF Camp		
Collect @ Info Desk <i>Today!</i>			9.00 am LKH Devotions		
Tea Fellowship & Flowers Contribution List 2017			7.30 pm <i>Carol Night Service</i>		
Sign up on the board @ Info Desk or book through the Church website.			 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Carol Night Service @ Sanctuary 2</i> "Emmanuel, God With Us" 23 December 7.30 pm ▪ <i>Combined Christmas Service @ Sanctuary 1</i> "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" 25 December 8.45 am (Brunch served after service) ▪ <i>Watchnight Service (HC) @ Sanctuary 1</i> "How to Begin a New Year" 31 December Testimony, 7.30 pm Service, 8.30 pm 		
2017 Dedication List					
To all ministry & fellowship leaders, please submit the names of those serving in your committees by 22 December to hazel@zionserangoon.org.sg					
This is the final call.					
Volunteers & Helpers Needed!					
For ZMS Sunday School & AWANA Children's Ministries					
If you feel called to help, contact June Goh 97547112, Timothy Soh 91801819 or Elder Oswald Goh 97543094					
Watchnight Service					
Guidelines for Sharing Testimony					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give God the glory and magnify His Holy Name • Praise and thank God for spiritual blessings (e.g. joy, peace, comfort, guidance, understanding, direction, wisdom, patience, love, mercy, etc.) • Praise and thank Him for physical or material blessings (You may request your written testimony to be read out if you do not wish to speak before the congregation. Write clearly and include your name and submit to any of the Pastors).					

Weekly Prayer Guide

ZMS Youth Fellowship Camp 2016 - "Back to Basics"

- Pray for the planning committee (**Shaun, Lindsay, Kerwin, Jamie, Henry, Roysius, Leonard**) for wisdom to plan the programmes and activities. Pray also for the committee, to serve joyfully and faithfully.
- Pray for the speaker, **Pastor Eddy**. Pray that the truth of God's Word will be communicated faithfully to the campers through the messages. Also, pray for guest speakers at the camp as well.
- Pray for the campers, for the youth in our church to come together to learn and build one another up.

Foreign Missions - Philippines

Pray for:

- Political stability throughout the country.
- Peaceful resolutions to the anti-government insurgent movements.
- Righteousness and justice to prevail at all levels of the government.
- Churches to work together in unity and be effective in transforming the society.
- A continued spiritual openness and a real hunger for the Truth throughout the nation.
- More churches to be established in the thousands of unreached Catholic communities.
- The on-going training and equipping of evangelists, church planters, pastors, and theological educators to better serve the national church.

Remember our Missions Partners in Cebu:

Grace Doctrinal Christian Fellowship

- Uphold the youth ministry of the church led by **Rev Jerome Yap**. May the Lord grant him spiritual wisdom, strength and grace as he shepherds the youths and mentors the leaders.
- Pray for much fruitfulness in the outreach to college and university students through evangelistic Bible study and social gatherings at the Youth Centre.

House of Hope (a Christian Halfway House for the Rehabilitation of Ex-drug Addicts)

- May the Lord sustain this ministry and use it to help many drug abusers to kick the habit.
- Pray for effectiveness of the programme to help residents to find meaning and purpose in life through a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Uphold the staff led by Executive Director, **Ginno Amodia**, in prayer. May the Lord grant them genuine love, care and compassion of Jesus to minister to the residents.