

Sunday worship

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WELCOME

We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; when I fall, I will arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me.

Micah 7:8 (NKJV)

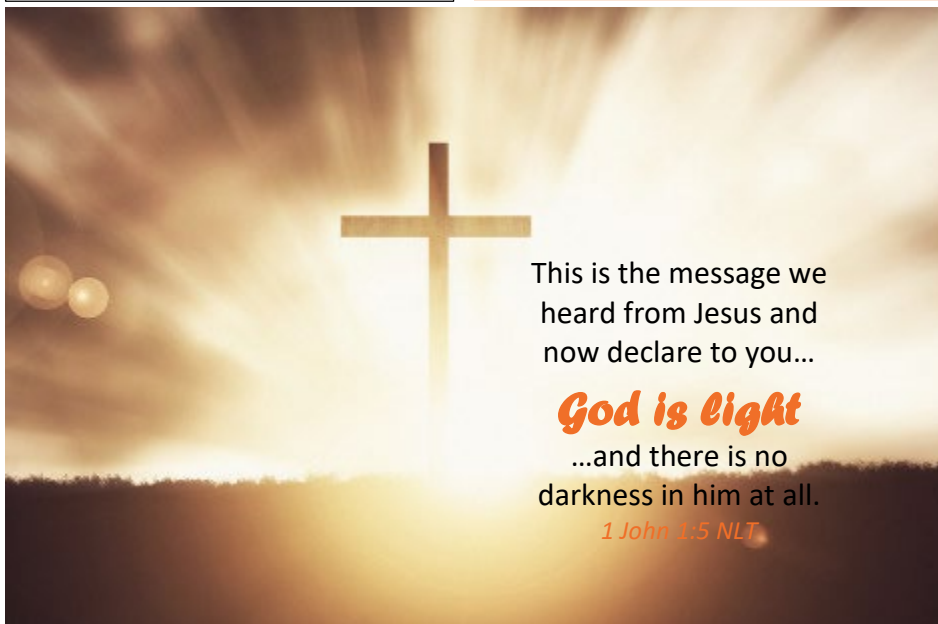
THEME FOR THE YEAR

Faith in action
(2 Thessalonians 1:11)

We're trusting God to enable us to do all the good things faith prompts in us in Jesus name (NLT).

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 13, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.



This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you...

God is light

...and there is no darkness in him at all.

1 John 1:5 NLT

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to attend services or for refreshing your recollection as an essential part of your private Bible study.

There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

So, why don't you set our homepage as one of your **startup page(s)** in your browser now? The following instructions for most of the common browsers may help.

Google Chrome

1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
2. Scroll down and click on **Advanced Settings**.
3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
4. Select **Set pages** and enter or add <http://rccgbethel.church/>.

Mozilla Firefox

1. Open Firefox. Press **Alt-T** on the keyboard and select **Options** from the drop-down menu or go to **Tools >> Options** from the main menu.
2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
3. Enter or paste the URL: <http://rccgbethel.church/> or click **Use Current Page** if you are already on our website.

Microsoft Edge

1. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar.
2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
3. Enter <http://rccgbethel.church/>. (Click the Plus sign to add more pages if required).
4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pure light

Text: 1 John 1:4-5

1 John 1:5 says "**God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.**" We know total darkness is impenetrable and difficult to see through (Psa 119:105). Some of us may need that sort of environment to be able of sleep, waking up when the light is switched on and it penetrates the darkness. In the Western World, true darkness is always difficult to find because there are various types of light sources everywhere we turn and dispelling darkness is one of the first problems God solved when he created the world (Gen 1:1-3).

God is light. If there's no light and without the spiritual light from God, we're in darkness and can't see (Matt 6:22-23). We sometimes assume everyone know what we know, but that's not a realistic expectation (2 Cor 4:3-4). How can we describe a God who is light and indescribable, whose voice shakes mountains (Ex 19:9-25; Heb 12:26-29)?

There are degrees of light or illumination (Eph 6:12), but God's light is purest form and at times, when he comes to us, he shields himself to limit the impact of his presence (Acts 9:3-5; Ex 33:18-22). He also speaks to us in a way we can understand (Joel 3:16) and his light cannot and should not be hidden (Matt 5:14-16; 4:12-16).

However, whether we realise it or not, before we knew Christ, we were in total darkness and can't see or comprehend his ways, until God shines his light into the darkness of our lives (Eph 2:8-10; Isa 55:8-9). That is the good news. When we go through challenging times and think there's no solution, a light can come into our mind from the word of God, penetrating the darkness (Ps 42:1-11). Then, we begin to see and solutions can come to us.

God is always working in our lives. However, when darkness is prevailing or present, we often can't see what God is doing. So, the good news for us today is that "**God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all**" (1 Jn 1:5). If there's darkness in our lives, we need to let God dispel it and trust that the present darkness around you, if any, is not able to stop his light from shining through. The challenges may persist, but our perspectives can change.

Bottom line:

We are God's masterpieces and created to do good works (Eph 2:10). He's removed the darkness in us and replaced it with illumination. A light so pure it swept the darkness away (2 Thes 2:8). So, ask yourself the question: Am I in God's light?

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