2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Lord, we pray, absolve your people from their offences; that through your bountiful goodness we may be set free from the chains of those sins which in our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Rejoice in God's Victory



For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5:4-5

Each human being in the world desires a victory in their lives. But what type of victory they are looking for? Remember, human beings with their own strength and ability are not able to gain the true victory in Jesus. The genuine victory is believe that ...

- (1) Jesus Christ is our Defence, the Righteous One (1 John 2:1)
- (2) Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2)
- (3) Jesus Christ laid down his life for us (1 John 3:16)
- (4) Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (1 John 4:2)
- (5) Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world (1 John 4:14)
- (6) Jesus Christ is the Son of God (1 John 4:15)
- (7) Jesus is the Christ born of God (1 John 5:1)
- (8) Jesus Christ came by water and blood (1 John 5:6); &
- (9) Jesus Christ has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true (1 John 5:20). Do you know Jesus Christ personally? If yes, praise the Lord, that you have eternal life (1 John 5:11-13). But, for those who do not have Jesus Christ, take this opportunity today open your heart and invite Him into your life (Rev 3:20). We are more than winners because Jesus is on our side. Hallelujah!! Amen!!

FAMILY MATTERS

Welcome to a gathering of God's people. We gather to worship Jesus. To sing praises to Him, to confess our sins to Him, to listen to His word, to pray to Him, to remember His death and to encourage one another to obey Him in our daily lives.

Diocesan Mission Month

- Let us respond to God's call by "Give Him A Hundred".
 Mission envelopes are available on the usher table or in the church office
- our short-term mission team from Taiwan is home safely. Next week, they will share their testimonies in all the services.
- our team to Nunukan (Indonesia) is preparing themselves for the BM Mission Conference. The activities include visits to different churches in the surrounding islands. Pray for Rev Timithy Jerry as he leads our team of 10 people.

Keenagers Monthly Fellowship

- o 20 Nov, Mon, 8:45 am, Barrett Hall.
- A group of 16 senior citizens from Sy En Methodist Church will join us.

Diocesan Children Conference

 27-30 Nov, Labuan - one family from our church will be joining over 400 others for the Chinese & English Children Worship Conference.

Baptism

 2 & 3 Dec at all the Services for those who have been properly prepared.

Sandakan Inter-church Christmas Celebration -

3 Dec, Sun, 7:00 pm. Town Padang

 organized by Sandakan

 Interchurch & collaboration with
 Adun N.44 Karamunting & MPS.

 Our church will present a nativity
 play followed by Christmas
 message shared by our Rector.

Keenagers Christmas Celebration.

- o 4 Dec, Mon, 9.30 am, Barrett Hall
- No breakfast will be served but lunch will be served instead, at 11:30 am.
- Exchange of gifts— please bring along a gift worth RM10.

Keenagers' Carolling

o 5 & 6 Dec, 9:00 am—12:00 nn.

BM Carolling

∘ 4−8 Dec

Ch & Eng children celebration.

 9 Dec, Sat, 2.00 p.m, Barrett Hall. Programmes include carols, dance presentations and a message by Pastor Margaret Chong. Over 480 tickets are sold. Please bring the children in.

Ch & Eng Church Carolling

o 11-13 Dec

17 Dec, Sun

• BM Christmas celebration 9.30 am, Barrett Hall; and also a farewell to our Rector. After the

celebration, many of our BM

- members will leave for their homes in the *kampungs* for Christmas:
- Youth celebration: Ms S-White
 - 7.00 pm, Church a Taiwanese lady drummer will be performing. Tickets at RM20 each are on sale.

We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. [Colossians 1:28]

REJOICE IN GOD'S VICTORY.

Introduction

The Victory Lap.

1. Believe that Jesus is Christ. (1) Obey His command. 2. (2) Love God Mt 22: 37—38 Love your neighbour Mt 22: 59 Love your enemy Lk 6: 27 Rejoice in God's victory. 3. (4--5)Victory is won on the cross It is finished. In 19:30 0

Conclusion

Jesus is the Son of God.

Questions for discussion.

- 1. Describe / share your feelings of victory in an achievement in school / work place / home.
- 2. Reflect on the pain and suffering Jesus had to go through in order to be the Saviour of the world.
- 3. Read vs 4 & 5, be an over-comer of the world. Discuss.

FAMILY MATTERS

Over 300 tickets are sold. Bring in our young people.

• **LOGOS Zone** annual Christmas Dinner, 7.00 pm,

23 Dec, Sat - NO Evening Service;

24 Dec, Sun -

- 7:00 a.m. Chinese Service
- 9:30 a.m. Eng & BM combined Service
- 2:30 p.m. NO Service
- 9:00 p.m., Church Christmas Eve Concert; presenting a vibrant & modern nativity play, dance presentations, carols & launching of COGS website.

25 Dec, Mon -

- 9:00 a.m. Trilingual. Combined Christmas Day Holy Communion Service, at Vision Hall;
- from 5:30 pm onwards "bring a dish" Christmas dinner, venue now changed to Barrett Hall.
- also a farewell to our Rector.

30 & 31 Dec - Services as usual.

Flowers are donated by a family as their thanksgiving.

Services Attendar	Attendance/Communicants			
Hakka I [Sat] - 7:30 p.m.	201	165		
Hakka II - 7:00 a.m.	202	186		
English - 9:30 a.m.	161	146		
BM - 9:30 a.m.	263	222		
Hakka III - 2:30 p.m.	84	71		
Mawar Children	40			
Labuk Children (Ch)	94			
Labuk Children (En)	41			
BM Children	72			
Total	1158	790		

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

- ★ For Our World MARTINIQUE a group of islands in the Caribbean.
 Population 410,000 people.
 - Economy— which depends on tourism, sugar and bananas plantation, and in a small way petroleum and rum.
 - Politics—still very much under the control of France since 1635.
 - For peace— Martinique can be considered a dangerous place to live as it periodically suffers major volcanic eruption.

※ For Malaysia - Road Safety.

- The major cause of death in the nation is road accident.
- For safe driving on all nation highways.
- o For good road warning signs in potential dangerous roads.

※ For Our Diocese - Gereja Kristus Gunung Batu Korpri.

- Revd Clarence Chin Yun Fah & Revd Jakobus Chong.
- All members to regularly attend Sunday services.
- All their existing ministries, from children to adults.

※ For Our Parish - COGS Sibuga & Mawar Zones.

- Revd Chong Fen Chung and his team of leaders.
- The children's ministry around that area.
- Their mid-week care groups meeting.

★ For the sick: Mrs Monita Lim, Mr Chin Tshun Leong, Mdm Teo Joo Lian, Ps Soo Nyuk Fong, Mdm Lee Soi Chin, Mr Eng Fook Kit, Mdm Chang Suk Heng, Mdm Emily Lau, Miss Vivian Chin, Mdm Mary Lai Nyuk Jin, Mr Chong Hyun Vui, Mdm Chia Soon Yin, Mr Leong Kam Lun, Mdm Tay Phui Teen.

Order of Service	This Sunday	Next Sunday (26/11/17)	WEEKLY SERVICES
Introit Hymn	Rejoice, the Lord is King! (HfTC 180)	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (HfTC 219)	Saturday 7:30 p.m Chinese
Greetings	Stephanie Chin	Jus Ng	Sunday
Praise & Worship	Evelyn Poon	Ang Pian Ming	7:00 a.m. Chinese
Collect for Today			9:30 a.m. English
Bible Reading	1 John 5: 1 - 5 Margaret Chu	Ezekiel 34: 11-16; 20-24 Margaret Chu	9:30 a.m. Bahasa M'sia
Nicene Creed		2:30 p.m.	
Gospel Reading	Matthew 25: 14 - 30 Stephanie Chin	Matthew 25: 31—46 Jus Ng	Chinese CHAPEL PRAYERS
Message	Rejoice in God's Victory	Sharing by Taiwan Mission	Wed - 7:00 a.m.
U	by Revd K J Chin	Team (Ms Lim Chiew Yee)	Thur - 6:30 a.m.
Response Hymn			Sat - 4:30 a.m.
Intercession	Dr Robert Ong	Betty Kwan	CONTACTS:
Confession		Ad Moses Chin	
Offertory Hymn	Saviour, like a Shepherd lead us (HOP 290)	I Gave My Life For Thee (HOP 397)	089-213332 (H) 019-823-2124
Holy Communic	Revd K J Chin 089-667698		
Thanksgiving Hymn	Jesus Loves Even Me (HOP 390)	There Is Sunshine In My Soul (HOP 345)	Revd F C Chong 019-813-3152
	Revd Timithy Jerry		
	016-692-9031		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 2 (Dr Robert Ong)	LOGOS 3 (Ho Sui Loon)	Ps Yock Len 019-807-0781
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs David Ngui Stephen Ho, Emily Ng	Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr & Mrs Kenneth Fong	Ps Hyen Tze 013-883-7782
	Jimmy Kho, Melissa Wong	Mr & Mrs Voon Thau Fen	Ps Nyuk Fong 016-834-7236
Sidesmen Emily Ng, Stephen Ho		Mr & Mrs Choo Peng Yeang	Dr T M Thian 089-213418
Server	Foo Chee Hiong	Eddie Wong	Yong Fook Choi
Prayer Ministry	Frankie & Ales Poon	Ho Sui Loon, Annie Liu	016-822-0995
Offertory Count	Rosie Chia (C) Yee Chee Hong, Betty Kwan	Ngu Ngok Yoon (C) Mr & Mrs Yuen Kat Min	Steven Chung 017-817-7871
	Melissa Ong, Cindy Liew Alvin Wong	Emily Ng, Lena Wong Mark Mak	Patrus Tamuai 011-298-3381

Washing up

Jonathon & Amanda Ong

Maggie Yap, Lily Ho