



Mount Horeb Bible- Presbyterian Church

30 November 2025

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.”

- 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (ESV)

Advent Hope: *Waiting for the God Who Comes Near*

This week is the first week of Advent. We are invited to slow down and remember the kind of Hope that Christmas brings – not wishful thinking, but a deep trust in the God who enters our darkness with light.

John Piper's poem "*The Innkeeper*" imagines the unseen cost behind Christmas night. It pictures an innkeeper who opened his stable to Joseph and Mary, yet later faced danger and grief when Herod's soldiers swept through Bethlehem. The poem reminds us that **the birth of Jesus did not happen in comfort but in the midst of real suffering**. Into such a world - a world like ours - God came near. **Christ stepped into sorrow so that He might bring redemption and lasting Hope.**

The Bible Project's Advent theme of Hope (Yakhal) shows us that biblical Hope is not mere optimism. It is **waiting with expectation** because God is faithful. Many in Scripture waited through storms, exile, and silence - yet they held fast because they trusted His character. **Hope rests in the unchanging Lord**, not in changing circumstances.

As Horebians, may we enter this season with that same posture: **waiting on God, trusting His promises**, and remembering that **Jesus is our sure and steady hope**. Is there also someone you know in need of this Hope?

For your personal devotion this week, you may also look at The Bible Project's Advent Calendar inserted in the Tidings. It offers a short Scripture verse and a reflection question for each day – a simple, meaningful way to prepare your heart for Christmas.

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope. – Psalm 130:5*

THE HOREB COVENANT

Honour God
Obey God's Word
Reach God's Lost People
Equip God's Church
Build God's Love and Unity

Bible Focus 2025

1, 2, 3 John and
1 Corinthians

THE TEAM

Church Council
2024-2026

Dn Ian Li
Dn Raymond Chew
Dns Cheryl Sim
Dns Erin Koh
Dns Kate Ang
Dns Sharon Ang

Advisory Pastor
Rev Daniel Tan

Church Administrator
Sis Sim Hwee Ping

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Sunday
2pm

Holy Communion
Every 3rd Sunday

PRAYER MEETING

Every Wednesday
9pm
Click [HERE](#) to join online

Order of Service

30 Nov 2025, Sunday, 2pm

Prelude

Lighting of Advent Candle

Call to Worship

Romans 13:11-12

Opening Song

Speak O Lord

Opening Prayer

**We Welcome One Another with
God's Love**

Songs of Praise

O Little Town of Bethlehem

All The Earth

How Can I Keep From Singing

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

Confession of Faith

The Great Commandment

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Preaching of God's Word

An Open Door

Personal Reflection

Closing Song

O Church Arise

Family Update

Pastoral Prayer & Benediction

3-Fold Amen

Messenger: Rev Dr. David Wong

Worship Leader: Sharon

Praise Leader: Fui Gan

Prayer Leader: Raymond

Scripture Reader: Sharon

Cajon: Ian

Guitar: Wen Hao

Piano: Bernard

AV Team: Kate & Choo Ha

Ushers: Council

Sermon Outline

An Open Door

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

INTRODUCTION

Ordinary People dealing with Ordinary Things

“... for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.” 1 Corinthians 16:9 ESV

1. DOOR OPEN TO GIVING (1 Cor 16:2)

2. DOOR OPEN TO GOING (1 Cor 16:5-6; 1 Cor 16:10-11)

3. DOOR OPEN TO GROWING (1 Cor 16:15,18)

4. ADVERSARIES: Within, Outside & Beyond (Acts 20:29-30; Acts 19:28-29, Eph 6:12)

SUMMING UP

- Opportunities come with obstacles
- Obstacles test our Faith
- Opportunities grow our Faith

Reflection Questions

1. Which of the Open Doors speaks to you personally: Giving, Going or Growing?

2. What obstacles are you facing as you see Opportunities opening to you - in your personal life, and in the life of the Church?

3. What is one takeaway from today's sermon that will help you to test your faith and grow your faith?



BPCIS Update

CROWNING THE YEAR

“You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.”

Psalm 65.11 NIV

As we complete the 14th year of BPCIS, we have much for which to thank and praise God. In 14 years, BPCIS has **ordained 15 men for the ministry** of teaching God’s Word and shepherding God’s people, including 3 ordained this year.

This year, we have a record **99 pastors and leaders at the annual Leaders Retreat**, including a delegation from Perth, Australia. For the first time, **a dozen of us met for an Envisioning Exercise**, seeking God and His will for the decade ahead, 2025-35. (August 2035 will mark the 100th Anniversary of John Sung Revival in Singapore.)

Though still a work in progress, an **Endowment Fund** was mooted and later fleshed out. When in place, its investment returns will go to help smaller churches engage pastoral and admin staff. This year, we witness the **“twinning” of 3 pairs of BPCIS churches**. In the sharing of resources, we work together in the revitalising of weaker churches.

LOOKING AHEAD

“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far the Lord has helped us.’” I Sam 7.12 NIV

The message of Ebenezer takes us back to the past, but does not stay there. It points us to the future. As **the Lord has helped us in the past, He will continue to do so into the future**.

After two years of centralised Good Friday Services, next year will see **combined English services decentralised in 3 locations: West, Central and East (3 April)**. They will be hosted by Mount Carmel, Zion Bishan and Shalom respectively. The Chinese services will be decentralised to their individual churches. With the favour of the authorities, we will meet again at McRitchie Reservoir for our **Easter Sunrise Service (5 April)**. Our **Leaders Retreat (7-8 July)** will be special as we will have our own speakers, three of them, each from a different generation.

Finally, our **Annual Presbytery Meeting (19 September)** will be a **Thanksgiving Service for our 15th Anniversary**. We have **commissioned a video** to be done of how BPCIS began in 2011, some two decades after the BP Synod was dissolved in 1988.

“Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!” Psalm 90.17 ESV

Pastor David Wong, General Secretary, BPCIS, 30 November 2025

Postscript: Visit our BPCIS website (bpcis.org.sg) where our churches are taking turn to share testimonies, updates and stories from their leaders and members.

Hermon-Horeb Happenings

JOHN 1:5
Light
IN THE DARKNESS

Mount Hermon Bible Presbyterian Church
25 December 2025, Thursday, 11.00 am
Thanksgiving lunch is provided
Come and celebrate with us!

Scan to invite
someone

Block 219 Henderson Road | #09-03 | Singapore 159556 | www.hermon.org.sg



Christmas Service, 25 Dec 2025, 11am, Thursday

Pray and bring a friend or your loved ones to celebrate together
at this evangelistic Christmas Service

Speaker: Rev Peter Warren

Lunch Provided
after the Service

You are invited | See you there in both events!

MT HERMON YA-YOUTH CAMP 2025

26 DECEMBER (FRIDAY) TO 28 DECEMBER 2025 (SUNDAY)

KAMPUNG SIGLAP RETREAT CENTRE

SPEAKER: MR LIM CHIEN CHONG

CAMP FEES: \$80



**Pursuing
Holiness**

1 PETER 1:16

YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.

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REGISTER NOW



Hermon-Horeb Happenings

Camp at Batam 12-15 June 2026



Scan this QR Code for
the latest video about
this Camp!



Horeb Highlights

Your Daily
Advent
Reflection



DAY	VERSE	REFLECTION QUESTION
Sunday Nov. 30	Isaiah 8:17	As you look at your life or the world around you, where does it seem like God is hiding his face? How do you hold onto hope in those situations?
Monday Dec. 1	Psalms 39:7	What are you looking or hoping for in this Advent season? Consider bringing those things to God.
Tuesday Dec. 2	Psalms 130:7	How have you experienced God's consistent, dependable love in the past? How does that ground your hope for the future?
Wednesday Dec. 3	Isaiah 40:31	Consider the parts of life that feel most exhausting right now. What could it look like to put your hope in God for strength and direction?
Thursday Dec. 4	1 Peter 1:3	How does Jesus' resurrection from death shape your hope for both the future and life today?
Friday Dec. 5	Romans 8:20-21	What will life be like in God's fully liberated and healed world? What will be the best part of that world?
Saturday Dec. 6	Romans 8:24-25	What does it look like for you to actively but patiently wait for God right now?



Horeb Highlights

SERVE WITH JOY!

God has blessed Horeb with many faithful servers — yet some juggle multiple roles or travel for work.

Let us **GROW** our serving family so all can serve joyfully!

We welcome **more hands and hearts** in

*praise leading,
music leading,
prayer leading,
AV team, and
Scripture reading*

Please **drop Sister Hwee Ping a text this week** as she has begun preparing the 2026 roster - So, **sign up early!**

"Serve the Lord with gladness." – Psalm 100:2

It's Mount Horeb's turn to share a story for the BPCIS website!

If you have a short story to share — a simple moment, a journey of faith, or something that can encourage others — we would love to hear from you.

A few photos to go with the story will be lovely too.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Let Ian or Hwee Ping know by 7th December if you would like to contribute.

Story & photo(s) to come in by 5th January 2026

Don't worry about perfect English; the BPCIS editorial team will edit it.

Gifts of Gratitude

How to Give through Bank App

1. **LAUNCH** your Bank App to select “Scan to Pay” or “QR Pay” option (depending on your Bank App)

2. **SCAN** this QR Code

3. **VERIFY** the payee is “Mount Horeb Bible-Presbyterian Church”

4. **ENTER** the amount

5. **CONFIRM** the details and click on “Pay Now”

Giving through PayNow

UEN: T05SS0204K

Giving Through GIRO

**DBS Account:
020-900735-9**

Last Week's Offering

21 - 27 November

\$ 2,360.00



“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7



Horeb Happenings

This Week at Horeb	Event	Location
Today, after service	CG2 and CG4 (Study of 1 Cor 15:35-58)	Hermon BPC
Wed, Dec 03, 9.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Zoom
Sun, Dec 07, after service	Monthly Songs Practice	Hermon BPC

Serving Together Ahead	Dec 7, 2025	Dec 14, 2025	Dec 21, 2025
Theme	Responding to Gabriel Luke 1:5-38	Luke 2:22-35	Isaiah 9:1-7
Messenger	Rev Peter Warren	Pastor Joseph Tee	Pastor Daniel Tan
Worship Leader	Sharon	Raymond	Ian
Praise Leader	Fui Gan	Juliana	Bernard
Prayer Leader	William	Jeanie	Ian
Scripture Reader	Kate	William	Juliana
Pianist	Ian	Bernard	Yi Ting
AV Team	Kong Beng & Kate	Kate & Choo Ha	Choo Ha & Juliana
Ushers	CG1	CG2 and CG4	CG3



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