

Mount Horeb Bible- Presbyterian Church

14 December 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)

From Happiness To Joy: Living Out Advent Joy

In everyday language, **happiness** and **joy** are often used interchangeably, but Scripture shows us they are not the same. Happiness is usually tied to circumstances - when things go well, when life feels smooth, or when expectations are met. It rises and falls with our situations. Joy, however, runs deeper.

Biblical joy is not dependent on comfort or ease; it is rooted in who God is and what He has done. The Bible Project helps us understand this through the biblical word *chara* - Joy. **Joy in the Bible is a response to God's saving work** - a kind of joy that chooses hope even in suffering. This is why joy so often appears alongside hardship in Scripture. God's people rejoice not because life is easy, but because **God is faithful and His Promises are sure.**

Advent invites us into this kind of joy. As we remember the long waiting for the Messiah, we see that Israel's joy was not found in immediate relief, but in trusting God's faithfulness. When Christ came, He entered a broken world in humility, bringing **"good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10). His Coming assures us that God is with us in our waiting and struggles today.**

Living out Advent joy in daily life means **choosing trust over despair, gratitude over grumbling, and prayer over anxiety.** It looks like faithful obedience, quiet service, and patient hope, even when circumstances remain unresolved. As Scripture exhorts us, **"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"** (Romans 12:12).

This Advent, may we move beyond fleeting happiness and learn to live in the deep, steady joy found in God's Presence - **"for in your presence there is fullness of joy"** (Psalm 16:11).

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

14 Dec 2025, Sunday, 2pm

Prelude

Lighting of Advent Candles

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14, 17

Opening Song

Rejoice The Lord Is King

Opening Prayer

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

Songs of Praise

What Child Is This?

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Joy To The World

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

Confession of Faith

The Beatitudes

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-35

Preaching of God's Word

What Are You Longing For?

Personal Reflection

Closing Song

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Family Update

Pastoral Prayer & Benediction

3-Fold Amen

Messenger: Rev Joseph Tee

Guitar: Wen Hao

Worship Leader: Raymond

Piano: Bernard

Praise Leader: Juliana

AV Team: Kate and Choo Ha

Prayer Leader: Jeanie

Ushers: CG2 & CG4

Scripture Reader: William

Sermon Outline

What Are You Longing For?

Luke 2:22-35

1. The Longing of Joseph and Mary (vv 22-24)

2. The Longing of Simeon (vv 25-28)

3. The Longing of All People (vv 29-35)

4. The One We Are Longing For

Reflection Questions

1. *Reflect on your 2025. How would you describe it?*

2. *What are you longing for this Christmas?*

3. *In what specific ways would Jesus meet your deepest longing?*

Horeb Highlights

Your Daily
Advent
Reflection



Joy

ADVENT 2025: WEEK 3



DAY	VERSE	REFLECTION QUESTION
Sunday Dec. 14	Psalm 105:43	The ancient Israelites experienced inexpressible joy when God brought them out of slavery in Egypt. When in your life have you experienced moments of inexpressible joy?
Monday Dec. 15	Isaiah 51:3	What would it be like for all of the broken-down, desolate places in your community to be made new, like a flourishing garden?
Tuesday Dec. 16	Luke 2:10-11	How do you think you would feel if your people had been suffering under foreign rule for centuries and you saw an angel appear, announcing that your long-awaited king had finally come?
Wednesday Dec. 17	John 15:10-11	What's the difference between commanding people with a motivation to control them and commanding people with a motivation to bless them and fill their lives with joy? How do Jesus' commands bring joy?
Thursday Dec. 18	Matthew 5:11-12	What's your first impulse when you're insulted or persecuted? Why do you think Jesus tells us to rejoice when people mistreat us for following his ways?
Friday Dec. 19	2 Corinthians 6:10	When we face difficult circumstances, how can we hold both joy and grief together?
Saturday Dec. 20	Romans 15:13	As God fills us with hope, that hope spills out onto others. What words or actions could you offer in order to give hope to others?

Watch the Joy Video





The Impact of Prayer

In the recent prayer meeting, the team was meditating on and praying through a devotional taken from Matthew 7:7-11. Jesus invites us to **ask**, **seek**, and **knock** - a simple yet powerful reminder that God delights in hearing the prayers of His children. Prayer is not just a duty; it is a **privilege** that draws us nearer to our heavenly Father. When we pray, we **participate** in His kingdom work, trusting that the God who rules the universe listens and responds.

Just as earthly parents gladly give good gifts, our perfect Father gives even more generously to those who come to Him. However, what is “good” is defined by God. Through prayer, **our faith grows as we witness God’s faithfulness** - because He cannot deny His own character (2 Tim. 2:13). As we make time daily to listen to and speak with Him, we learn firsthand that He is trustworthy, loving, and actively working in and through His people. Such **daily rhythms of prayer** help us experience God personally and consistently.

Reflections:

- Where in your life do you need to “ask, seek, and knock” with renewed faith this week?
- How can you build a daily rhythm of prayer that helps you listen to God and participate in His kingdom work?



Horeb Highlights


GENTLE REMINDER FROM OUR TREASURER

2025 Claims Submission

by: **21 Dec 2025**

to who: email to horeb.claim@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us close the year well!



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 tell Sister Hwee Ping by today as she has begun
preparing the 2026 roster
"Serve the Lord with gladness." — Psalm 100:2

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

COMBINED CHURCH CAMP 2026

“Worshipping as a Family, Worship in the Family”.

Date : 12-15 June 2026

Venue : HARRIS RESORT BARELANG BATAM

Price : Vary by room type.

Register early for early bird price!

SG60 Promotion !

1st 60 Registrant : \$410 **\$350**

2nd 60 Registrant : \$410 **\$370**

REGISTRATION OPENS ON 14 DECEMBER 2025!



Get information and sign up here

Gifts of Gratitude

How to Give through Bank App

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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

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Giving Through GIRO

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

Last Week's Offering

5-11 December

\$ 8,440.00



“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
Wed, Dec 17, 9.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Zoom

Serving Together Ahead	Dec 21, 2025	Dec 28, 2025	Jan 4, 2026
Theme	1 John 4:9-11	Luke 2:29-32	Not There Yet Nehemiah 5:15-16; 13:10-18; 23-24
Messenger	Pastor Daniel Tan	Pastor Vernon Quek	Rev Dr David Wong
Worship Leader	Ian	Cheryl	Ian
Praise Leader	Bernard	Ian	Jeanie
Prayer Leader	Ian	Erin	Sharon
Scripture Reader	Juliana	Geraldine	Geraldine
Pianist	Yi Ting	Yi Ting	Bernard
AV Team	Choo Ha & Juliana	Juliana & Kong Beng	Choo Ha & Kate
Ushers	CG3	CG2 and CG4	CG1



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