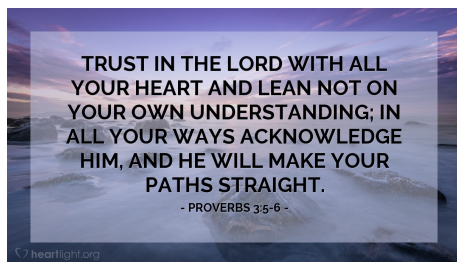




We're here to see lives changed by Jesus ...
meeting Him and becoming like Him.

Happy New Year!



We extend a warm welcome to all who join us in worship today. May the Lord our God bless you as you hear His Word and join in prayer and praise.

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TODAY'S SERVICE

- Welcome & prayer
- Songs
Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
- Offering
- Communion
- Reading
- Message
- Song
How Great is Our God
- Prayer & blessing

- ❖ If you would like prayer after the service today, ask the people around you or come to the front and someone will pray for you.
- ❖ A crèche is available for parents with little children. The service is relayed into the room so you are able to listen to it. Please ensure the room is left tidy.
- ❖ Please join us for a cuppa after the service.

PASTORAL NOTE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Recently I read a nice little story in which a robin said to a sparrow, "There is one thing I would really like to know: Why do humans have to rush and worry all the time?" In reply the sparrow said to the robin, "My dear friend, they probably do not know the Father in heaven, who is so kind to you and me."

I am well aware that life, especially in our days, is not so easy. There is a great deal of anxiety and suffering, even here in our nation. Nevertheless, let us not lose confidence in the Lord. We can count on Him.

With all my heart I wish you rich blessings and all the best for the New Year. May you experience the Lord in many different ways.

Yours in Christ's service
Deo

SOME OF GOD'S PROMISES TO US

1. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

2. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

3. "But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill." (Psalm 3:3-4)

4. "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38–39)
5. "Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?'" (Hebrews 13:5–6)
6. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." (James 4:7–8a)
7. "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)
8. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." (Matthew 7:7–8)
9. "For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams." (Isaiah 44:3–4)
10. "In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit." (Ephesians 1:13)
11. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." (Psalm 32:8)

12. "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." (Romans 8:16)
13. "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)
14. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)
15. "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)
16. "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:6)
17. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27–28)

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NOTICES

1. The Tue 10am home group at 90 Lindens Road will resume on 14 January. All welcome!
2. Tea@10 on Fri 24 Jan at 10am at the Marina Cove (Upper Lounge). All welcome.
3. Elders meeting this Thu 9 Jan at 1pm here at Church

SERVING AT PBC*

Cleaning

4 Jan	John & Judith
11 Jan	Graham & Gwenda
18 Jan	Kirsty
25 Jan	Deo & Guan

Hosting

5 Jan	John & Judith
12 Jan	Lloyd
19 Jan	Daniel & Allison
26 Jan	Ana & Linda

Music & Sound

5 Jan: Guan (leading), Jonathan (guitar), Bronwyn (keyboard), Kirsty (singer), Gyllian (projector), Andy (sound)

12 Jan: Allison (leading), Minette (singer), Bill (projector), Gerald (sound)

19 Jan: Guan (leading), Judith (singer), Gyllian (projector), Gerald (sound)

26 Jan: Garry (leading), Kirsty (singer), Lynette (projector), (sound)

*If the date doesn't suit please arrange a swap with others on the roster.

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