



**GCF ORTIGAS**

# Worship Bulletin

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
December 17–18, 2022

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE

**Saturday • 5:30 PM**

Call to Worship  
Worship Through Praise  
Community Prayer  
Worship Through Fellowship  
Worship Through Giving  
Doxology  
Scripture Reading  
Preparatory Hymn  
Worship in the Word

**Pastor Larry Pabiona**  
**Luke 1:57–80:**  
**The Birth and Ministry**  
**of Christ's Forerunner**

Response Hymn  
Benediction

## ENGLISH & SUNSET SERVICE \*

**Sunday • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM**

Call to Worship  
Worship Through Praise  
Community Prayer  
Worship Through Fellowship  
Worship Through Giving  
Scripture Reading  
Worship in the Word

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**Luke 1:57–80:**  
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**of Christ's Forerunner**

Response Song  
Benediction

## FILIPINO SERVICE \*

**Sunday • 3:00 PM**

Tawag sa Pagsamba  
Pagsamba sa Pag-awit  
Panalanging Pangkapulungan  
Pakikipag-ugnayan  
Paghahandog  
Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan  
Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos

**Pastor BJ Sebastian**  
**Luke 1:57–80:**  
**Ang Pagsilang at Ministeryo**  
**ng Tagapanguna ni Kristo**

Tugon na Awit  
Basbas



SERMON SERIES ON LUKE: GOD THE SON, SON OF MAN  
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## The Birth and Ministry of Christ's Forerunner

LUKE 1:57-80

God doesn't write off those who serve Him even when they fail. Because when God has a purpose, He always fulfills it, and even the failures of His servants and their subsequent restoration are taken into account by God's sovereign purpose. See how this all plays out in the birth of John ("the Baptist") and the fearless prophecy of a joyfully restored priest named Zechariah:

### **JOHN'S BIRTH AND ZECHARIAH'S RESTORATION (Luke 1:57-66, 80)**

Praise God for being a God of second chances. Let those who falter in faith like Zechariah be reminded of the blessing of Zechariah's restoration. Blessing upon blessing happens as the childless becomes a father, and the faithless priest becomes a fearless prophet.

### **ZECHARIAH'S PROPHECY AND CHRIST'S EXALTATION (Luke 1:67-79)**

This great hymn of praise is called the "Benedictus" and is about one great truth: God has at last visited His people! It is a song of exaltation and thanksgiving to God that is filled with deep theology and practical truths:

#### **a. God is exalted in the revelations of Zechariah (Luke 1:67-75).**

- God is Redeemer and Savior, just as He promised.
- God's salvation is complete:
  - God delivers His people from their enemies.
  - God saves His people to fulfill the highest calling in the universe – serving Him without fear in holiness and righteousness forever!

#### **b. Christ is exalted in the ministry of John (Luke 1:76-79).**

- Christ is exalted because John's message of Repentance is to prepare people for Christ's message of Grace.
- Christ is exalted because His ministry is highlighted over John's ministry:
  - His ministry is anchored on the tender mercy of God.
  - His ministry will save those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death and need guidance toward peace.

### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

We worship our God who in His faithfulness, never forgets His people. This is true whether it is a supposed servant of God who fails in faith, or an oppressed people who have almost given up on hope. Christmas always reminds us that because we could never reach God, He made the way to reach us through Jesus Christ, to give us salvation and hope.

Praise God for the gift of His Son! ■



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## Ang Pagsilang at Ministeryo ng Tagapanguna ni Kristo

LUKE 1:57-80

Hindi pinababayaan ng Diyos ang mga naglilingkod sa Kanya kahit sila ay nabigo. Sapagkat kapag ang Diyos ay may layunin, lagi Niyang tinutupad ito, at maging ang mga kabiguan ng Kanyang mga lingkod at ang kanilang kasunod na panunumbalik ay isinasaalang-alang sa pinakamataas na layunin ng Diyos. Tingnan natin kung paano naganap ang lahat ng ito sa kapanganakan ni Juan Bautista at ang walang takot na propesiya ng isang pinanumbalik na pari na nagngangalang Zacarias:

### 1. ANG PAGSILANG NI JUAN AT ANG PAGPAPANUMBALIK NI ZACARIAS (Luke 1:57-66, 80)

### 2. ANG PROPESIYA NI ZACARIAS AT ANG PAGDAKILA KAY KRISTO (Luke 1:67-79)

a. Ang Diyos ay dinakila sa mga pahayag ni Zacarias (Luke 1:67-75).

- Ang Diyos ay Manunubos at Tagapagligtas, tulad ng Kanyang ipinangako.
- Ang pagliligtas ng Diyos ay ganap:
  - Iniligtas ng Diyos ang Kanyang bayan mula sa kanilang mga kaaway.
  - Iniligtas ng Diyos ang Kanyang mga hinirang upang tuparin ang pinakamataas na pagtawag sa sansinukob – ang paglilingkod sa Kanya nang walang takot at may kabanalan at katuwiran magpakailanman!

b. Si Kristo ay dinakila sa ministeryo ni Juan (Luke 1:76-79).

- Si Kristo ay dinakila dahil ang mensahe ng pagsisisi ni Juan ay upang ihanda ang mga tao para sa mensahe ng grasya ni Kristo.
- Si Kristo ay dinakila dahil ang Kanyang ministeryo ay binigyang-diin sa ministeryo ni Juan:
  - Ang Kanyang ministeryo ay nakaangkla sa awa ng Diyos.
  - Ang Kanyang ministeryo ay magliligtas sa mga nasa kadiliman at sa anino ng kamatayan at nangangailangan ng patnubay tungo sa kapayapaan.

Sinasamba natin ang ating Diyos na sa Kanyang katapatan ay hindi nakakalimutan ang Kanyang mga hinirang. Ito ay totoo maging ito man ay isang lingkod ng Diyos na nabigo sa pananampalataya, o isang taong inapi at halos mawalan na ng pag-asa. Palaging ipinapaalala sa atin ng Pasko na dahil hindi natin maaabot ang Diyos, gumawa Siya ng paraan upang maabot tayo sa pamamagitan ni Hesu Kristo, upang bigyan tayo ng kaligtasan at pag-asa. Purihin ang Diyos para sa regalo ng Kanyang Anak! ■



# The Shepherd's Voice

## God's Way to Heaven

### THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

### THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

**God is holy and righteous:** "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3).  
**He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

### THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

**Christ is the expression of God's love for us:** "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God (1 Peter 3:18).  
**Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them (2 Corinthians 5:18).

### WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

**Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior:** If you confess, "With your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

### PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, be merciful to me, a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen.*

Pastor BJ Sebastian, Director of Disciple-Making Ministry Group

## Year-End Family Conference

As 2022 comes to a close, let's wrap things up at the Year-End Family Conference. After the 10:00 AM Sunday Service, we invite all affirmed GCF members to attend the Family Conference live at Auditorium B and via Zoom. This is a good avenue for our church family to get a recap of 2022, to fellowship with each other, and to learn more about the plans and initiatives for 2023.

## Newly-Elected Church Leaders

By God's grace, our 2022 Church Leaders Election was a success! Thank you to all GCFers who participated. We praise God for the affirmation of our newly-elected Elders and Deacons:

- **Board of Elders:** July Agpaoa, Jon Bischocho, Levi Fabellar, Tani Holgado, Rod Villarica
- **Council of Deacons:** JS Bagasbas, JR Buenazedacruz, Orly Fernandez, Joey Magtibay

Please continue to pray for these men who responded to God's call to serve God and our church. Pray for their walk with the Lord, their personal and professional well-being, their families, and ultimately, their obedience to God in fulfilling the responsibilities of a church leader.

## What's in store for 2023

As we go over our plans for next year, we would like to strengthen two ministries that are very important to the church. First, is the **Family Ministry**. God created families so that we may be able to experience and express His love to those who are closest to us. It is the members of our family who we should be first ministering and witnessing to. Our family is our first and primary Growth Group and "oikos."

Second, is the **Men's Ministry**. We started to rebuild this year through the very successful Men's Conference, which we held last October. We would like to invite more men from the congregation to participate and to be more involved in 2023. God gave us, men, the responsibility to lead our families and the church closer to Him (Ephesians 5:25-27). We ought to step up and do all that we can to equip ourselves in the Lord for this task.

## Ending the Year Right

In these final weeks of 2022, let us remember God's faithfulness and praise Him for sustaining us for the past year. It is only by His grace that we are here, together, able to worship Him and live for Him. We have much to be thankful for amidst the many uncertainties and challenges that we faced, for our God is good and his steadfast love endures forever (Psalm 118:1)! ■



# Worship Through Giving

*"...God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



Send a copy of your transaction document to [finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto:finance@gcf.org.ph) so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.



## Covid-19 Emergency Response Efforts

You may also give to support the church family's COVID relief efforts. Just indicate

**"For COVID-19 Fund"** when you email your transaction document.



## Missions Support

By God's grace, GCF continues to support missionaries and missionary organizations.

If you are being led by the Holy Spirit to designate your giving to our Missions Support Fund, please indicate **"FOR MISSIONS"** when you email your transaction document to [finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto:finance@gcf.org.ph)

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

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# Church Updates

## WORSHIP WITH US ON-SITE

### **KidsLIFE Play and Learn (ages 2–5)**

Sundays • 10:00 AM • 4th Floor  
Last day on December 18  
Resumes January 15

### **KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12)**

Sundays • 10:00 AM • Auditorium A  
Last day on December 18  
Resumes January 15

### **LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)**

Saturdays • 5:00 PM • Auditorium A  
Last day on December 17  
Resumes January 7

### **Reminders of God's Care and Faithfulness Devotionals**

Tuesdays • 8:00 PM  
GCF YouTube & Facebook  
Last day on December 13  
Resumes January 3

### **The GCF Family's Hour of Prayer**

Thursdays • 8:00 PM • via Zoom  
Last day on December 22  
Resumes January 5

### **KidsLIFE Online Bible Videos**

Saturdays • 10:00 AM  
GCF YouTube & Facebook  
Last day on December 17  
Resumes January 14

### **KidsLIFE Online Small Groups**

Saturdays • 3:30 PM • via Zoom  
Last day on December 17  
Resumes January 14

## BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

### **Christmas Eve Worship Service**

December 24 (Saturday) • 5:30 PM  
Live on-site and online

### **Christmas Day Worship Service**

December 25 (Sunday) • 10:00 AM  
Live on-site and online  
\*No 3:00 PM or 5:30 PM Services

### **New Year's Eve Worship Service**

December 31 (Saturday) • 5:30 PM

### **New Year's Day Worship Service**

January 1 (Sunday) • 10:00 AM  
\*No 3:00 PM or 5:30 PM Services

## DEPRESSED? ANXIOUS? LOST A LOVED ONE?

If you need someone to talk to,  
we are here to listen. Contact us at  
**GCF ERCC Hotline: 0917 532 7794**

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your prayer requests at:  
Facebook: **Greenhills Christian Fellowship**  
E-mail: [pray@gcf.org.ph](mailto:pray@gcf.org.ph)

## ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

Is it your first time today?  
We would like to meet you via Zoom  
after each Worship Service.

Zoom Room: [gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF](https://gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF)  
Welcome Form: [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)



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