



GCF ORTIGAS

Worship Bulletin

WORSHIP SERVICES
December 24–25, 2022

*For unto you is
born this day
in the city
of David a
Savior, who is
Christ the Lord.*

LUKE 2:11 (ESV)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE *

Saturday • 5:30 PM

- Call to Worship
- Worship Through Praise
- Community Prayer
- Worship Through Fellowship
- Worship Through Giving
- Scripture Reading

Pastor Larry Pabiona

Luke 2:1–7:

The Birth of Jesus Christ

- Response Song
- Benediction

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE *

Sunday • 10:00 AM ONLY

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

Pastor Larry Pabiona

Luke 2:8–20:

Our Glorification of Jesus Christ

- Response Song
- Benediction



SERMON SERIES ON LUKE: GOD THE SON, SON OF MAN
DECEMBER 24, 2022

The Birth of Jesus Christ

LUKE 2:1-7

Many incredible miracles and events happened around Christ's birth. But all of them relate to the Divine purpose of His coming. They show us that what God wills, God fulfills.

How did God bring about His purposes at the birth of Christ?

GOD USES THE PERFECT TIME (Luke 2:1-3)

- God came into our broken world at a time of peace, just before the population explosion of the first century, when innovations would hasten the spread of the Gospel, and the world's brokenness by sin had reached its height. Our God indeed makes everything beautiful in His time (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Galatians 4:4-5 "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

GOD RAISES THE RIGHT PEOPLE (Luke 2:4-5)

- God raises the right people and forges their destinies so they can serve Him. Though both were recipients of grace, and though the reasons for being hand-picked by God are unknown to us, Mary and Joseph were people of character. Matthew 1:19-20, 24 reveals the righteousness, compassion, and obedience of Joseph. Luke 1:38, 46-47 reveals the faith, humility, and salvation of Mary.
- God raised you up for a purpose. Are you ready to fulfill your calling?

GOD CAUSES THE BEST CIRCUMSTANCES (Luke 2:6-7)

- Jesus was not born in Nazareth, or He would have never fulfilled the prophecy. Jesus was not born in a palace, or He would have been followed for the wrong reasons. Instead, He was born in the humblest of circumstances to a faith-filled teenager, to be raised by a father who had decided to sacrifice everything in obedience to God.

The life of a Christian is never left to chance. If we cannot believe that God only wants our good in the midst of what He causes or allows, what chance of peace or hope do we have?

FINAL THOUGHTS

How God brought about His plan for Christ is no different from how He works in our lives as Christians. May the way that God came through to give us Jesus remind us that God accomplishes what is best for us in His perfect way and time. Always. ■



SERMON SERIES ON LUKE: GOD THE SON, SON OF MAN
DECEMBER 25, 2022

Our Glorification of Jesus Christ

LUKE 2:8-20

One of the greatest proofs that Christ is God, and is, therefore, our only Savior and Lord, is how He was glorified by angels from the heights of heaven, all the way to the least-regarded men on earth.

For “what is the chief end of man? To glorify God and enjoy Him forever” (Westminster Shorter Catechism).

Knowing that to glorify and enjoy God is our reason for existence – on this day in the year above all – how do we glorify our Lord Jesus Christ?

LIKE THE ANGELS, WE CAN PUBLICLY TESTIFY ABOUT CHRIST TO THE GLORY OF GOD

What is worth testifying about?

- The Great Joy that Jesus brings. “*Good news of great joy for all the people.*” (Luke 2:10)
- His Salvation and Lordship that give us Joy. “*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*” (Luke 2:11)
- The Peace with God that Jesus brings. “*Peace among those with whom He is pleased.*” (Luke 2:14)

LIKE THE SHEPHERDS, LET’S GATHER TO WORSHIP AND THEN GO OUT TO SERVE

- True worship means that we joyfully give what is costly to us: our presence, our effort, and our time, among others. That’s what it cost the shepherds. Let’s not give God what costs us nothing.
- After we have experienced the heights of worship, the time comes for us to return to our callings and serve God there. How? By glorifying and praising God “for all we have heard and seen” – God’s grace and mercy shown to us personally.
- What is the outcome of God-pleasing service?
“And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.” (Luke 2:18)
“But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.” (Luke 2:19)

FINAL THOUGHTS

From the highest heights of heaven to the least-regarded on earth, God is glorified in the worship of Christ. This Christmas Day, may your life be recommitted to the worship of the One who, while we were yet sinners, came on earth to die for us. ■

✧ *Merry Christmas!* ✧



The Shepherd's Voice

God's Way to Heaven

Dr. Larry P. Pabiona, Senior Pastor

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.

Merry Christmas! If you came here for our special Christmas Eve Service, you are in for a treat as our Worship team prepared some surprises for you. But if you came for our Christmas morning Worship, you are my heroes! Especially if you came after celebrating a Filipino tradition called *Noche Buena*, which means you are possibly groggy from lack of sleep.

Special New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Worship

This coming evening of December 31 at 5:30 PM, the last day of this year, we will be treated to a special family celebration live-streaming from the home of our beloved Pastor BJ Sebastian, who will also give the New Year's Eve message. Get your hearts ready to be blessed as the rest of the worship team join them in this rare, once-a-year, fully online New Year's Eve worship. Note that this is fully online on December 31 to let you worship with your families at home. Make sure you invite them and your friends to listen with you and celebrate with you.

Then on New Year's Day, January 1, 2023, we will have our First Sunday Worship and First Communion for the year at 10:00 AM onsite. There will be no afternoon worship on that day only. I know that many will be celebrating New Year at midnight. Still, I pray that you will worship with us on Sunday to celebrate the grace given to us in Christ Jesus as we participate in Communion.

Clear the Air Series for January

Throughout the year, I have gotten various requests for topics that need clarification from a Biblical standpoint. This has become our annual series called "CLEAR THE AIR: Burning Issues Confronting Christians Today."

For January 8 onward, here are the forthcoming topics as we resume all our on-site worship schedules:

January 8: The Occult/Ghosts/Demonic Activity

January 15: Persistent Questions on Prophecy and End Times

January 22: End of Life Issues/Euthanasia

January 29: The Elephant in Our Own Room: Why We Need One Another

Please don't miss them. These topics are huge, so we hope you understand that we will tackle only the most common questions relating to them. The last one is a build-up to our ONE ANOTHER sermon series to be launched on our 45TH Anniversary, February 12, 2023.

Once again, have a Blessed Christmas and a faith-filled New Year! ■



Worship Through Giving

"...God loves a cheerful giver."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



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Covid-19 Emergency Response Efforts

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

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Church Updates

WORSHIP WITH US ON-SITE

KidsLIFE Play and Learn (ages 2–5)

Resumes January 15
Sundays • 10:00 AM • 4th Floor

KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12)

Resumes January 15
Sundays • 10:00 AM • Auditorium A

LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Resumes January 7
Saturdays • 5:00 PM • Auditorium A

Reminders of God's Care and Faithfulness Devotionals

Resumes January 3
Tuesdays • 8:00 PM
GCF YouTube & Facebook

The GCF Family's Hour of Prayer

Resumes January 5
Thursdays • 8:00 PM • via Zoom

KidsLIFE Online Bible Videos

Resumes January 14
Saturdays • 10:00 AM
GCF YouTube & Facebook

KidsLIFE Online Small Groups

Resumes January 14
Saturdays • 3:30 PM • via Zoom

NEW YEAR SERVICES

New Year's Eve Worship Service

December 31 (Saturday) • 5:30 PM
Live online only

New Year's Day Worship Service

January 1 (Sunday) • 10:00 AM
Live on-site and online
*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**

ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

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

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