



# Worship Bulletin

GCF ORTIGAS • DECEMBER 2023



## Light of a New Dawn

### A New Year's Eve Service

**DECEMBER 30, 2023**  
Saturday • 5:30 PM

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**  
Sunday • 10:00 AM • 5:00 PM  
*\*No 3:00 pm Service*





## Light of a New Dawn

### JOHN 21:1-25

Preparing for 2024 brings times of looking forward with new goals and aspirations while also looking back on God's faithfulness in 2023. How should our relationship with Jesus affect our outlook on the new year? What does it truly mean to follow Jesus? In John 21, the gospel writer records a moment Jesus had with His disciples to help them remember what that means. In today's passage, we see how following Jesus should be active and intentional.

#### 1. Jesus Re-enacts the Disciples' Calling (John 21:1-14)

- What would this bring to the disciples' minds? The disciples found themselves in a similar situation as they did when Jesus first called them to be fishers of men (Luke 5:2-11). This would remind them of their original calling from Jesus to reach out to others with the Gospel message the way Jesus did.
  - ➔ This incident will also remind the disciples that they need to depend on Jesus' leading, much like how we have to also depend on God in all we do (Proverbs 3:5-6)

#### 2. Jesus Refocuses Peter's Passion (John 21:15-19)

- Where is Peter's passion focused? Jesus asks Peter about his love for Jesus, bringing to mind how, at the last supper, Peter claimed he would not fall away and was willing to go to prison and even die for Jesus (Luke 22:33, Matthew 26:33-35). Mirroring how Peter denied Jesus three times in the courtyard, Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him three times also. Through this, Jesus shows Peter that his love for Him should be refocused on how he loves and takes care of the Lord's flock. Ultimately, it is about following Jesus.
  - ➔ How are we to love? We are reminded that Jesus told them during the last supper that the way disciples are to love others is by loving them the same way Jesus loved us (John 13:34-35). We are to build others up the way Jesus did.
  - ➔ How are we to follow? Jesus told Peter that he would end up dying in a way that will glorify God as a martyr. Do we follow Jesus only if it is easy or do we follow Jesus because we can glorify Him?

#### 3. Jesus Reminds Peter to Focus on Following Him (John 21:20-25)

- What does it mean to follow Jesus? Following Jesus should not be dependent on what happens to us or what God's plan is for others. Like Joshua, our choice to follow God should not be influenced by others (Joshua 24:15).
- Was Peter the only one called to take care of God's sheep? We know that Jesus called all of His disciples to follow Him. We have to remember that we are one of many who are following God. We have to build up and reach out together.

#### FINAL THOUGHTS

This coming 2024, let us remember our calling from the Lord to follow Him. Like Peter, we are to follow Jesus actively and intentionally. This means we are to follow Jesus by loving God, loving others, and do so even if we are the only ones. ■



# The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor JP Kabuhat, DMG 2 Ministry Head

## Look Back to Look Forward

This 2023 has shown to be one of the most difficult but also, one of the most fruitful years of KidsLIFE, YouthLIVE, and YA (Young Adult) Ministries. Now that we have the privilege of looking back, we can see how God sovereignly took control of everything, and our church is standing strong, prepared to continue its mission after another year.

One must look back, to truly be able to look forward. The year began with KidsLIFE still fully online, YouthLIVE and YA as meeting hybrid (online and on-site), and the majority of ministry activities being performed from home. In the second quarter of 2023, everything returned to being entirely on-site. Thank God for this! However, for DMG 2, which has its own worship gatherings, discipleship, and outreach programs (all of which are in-line with the larger church leadership), the transition back to mostly face-to-face gatherings had its own set of challenges. We thank God for the resumption of our major events, such as the Youth camps, DVBS, and YA retreat. We can see God's faithfulness as we reflect on these wonderful events despite the personal and ministerial challenges the team members faced. These, combined with the regular weekly tasks of KidsLIFE Sunday School, YouthLIVE services and Frontline (campus outreach), Kapwa (inter-GCF fellowship), and YA Fridays – it can quickly become overwhelming. But here we are, the DMG 2 team is looking back at what God has already accomplished.

As multiple ministry events approaches, it is natural to fear that everything will fall apart as the challenges seem to never end. But God is good! With the benefit of hindsight, one can look forward to 2024 with confidence in God. It's not a pride-driven assurance, but rather one born of having seen God's faithfulness. As long as it is in His will and for His glory, God will ensure that everything falls into place. ■



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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAYS

10:00 AM – English\*  
3:00 PM – Filipino  
5:30 PM – English

### SATURDAYS

5:00 PM – YouthLIVE Worship  
5:30 PM – Traditional Worship

### WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM – Ortigas Community Worship

Join us in-person at GCF Ortigas

\*KidsLIFE Sunday School every Sunday 10:00 AM

## PRAYER GATHERING

### THURSDAYS

8:00 PM

GCF Family's Hour of Prayer  
Via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763  
Passcode: 984990

## BIBLE STUDY

### SUNDAYS

9:00 AM

Sunday Bible School  
Series: Basic Doctrines  
Live at GCF Chapel

## ON-SITE FELLOWSHIP

### FRIDAYS

7:30 PM

Young Adults (YA) Fridays  
Open to 20–40 year olds  
Fellowship Hall

## GROWTH GROUPS

Discipleship groups for all ages, all days of the week,  
throughout Metro Manila and online

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## TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

### THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! (Isaiah 6:3)

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. (Revelation 15:4)

### THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (Romans 1:18)

### THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

“Jesus said “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: “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.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

### WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

“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.”

# Church **UPDATES** **AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

## YouthLIVE and KidsLIFE

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

#### **Resumes on February 3**

Prayer Gatherings all Saturdays of January  
Saturdays • 5:00 PM  
Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas & online  
Open to high school and college aged youth

### **All-New KidsLIFE Sunday School**

(except Special Sundays)

#### **Resumes on January 14**

Sundays • 10:00 AM  
4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

- **KidsLIFE Play & Learn (ages 2–5)**  
Pre-register at [gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg](https://gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg)
- **KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12)**  
Pre-register at [gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite](https://gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite)

## REGULAR GATHERINGS SCHEDULE

### **Sunday Bible School (SBS)**

Sundays, 9:00 AM, GCF Chapel  
Resumes on January 7

### **Ortigas Community Worship (OCW)**

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Resumes on January 10

### **GCF Family's Hour of Prayer (FHoP)**

Thursdays, 8:00 PM, via Zoom  
Resumes on January 11

### **YA Fridays (Young Adults)**

Fridays, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Resumes on January 12

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## **PRAISE FACTORY AUDITIONS**

### **One day only!**

9:00 AM — 12:00 NN  
Room BM06, GCF Ortigas  
For kids aged 6 to 11

Prepare a song and come early  
with your accompaniment track!

## SAVE THE DATE

## January 2024 Sermon Series

### **CLEAR THE AIR: Burning Issues Confronting Christians Today**

Starting January 13 and 14

Topics include:

- Dangerous and Common Religious Fads
- Divorce, Annulment, and Remarriage
- Personal Financial Management

## SAVE THE DATE

## GCF'S 46TH ANNIVERSARY

**FEB  
10 & 11**

Discover what it means to  
"Build Up and Reach Out  
Together"! Across different  
generations and ministries,  
let us celebrate God's  
faithfulness for the past  
46 years!

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