

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SUMMER PSALMS SERIES: COME & GO IN PSALM 23

God's Presence To Care, Provide and Restore

Scripture: Psalm 23:1-3a

We continue our practice to have January as a devotional month of sharing by our Lighthouse brethren.

This year, we will focus on Come & Go in Psalm 23.

This Psalm helps us see and understand God's presence in all our comings and goings in life: in times of quiet, rest, and restoration, in making right (and righteous) decisions, through troubles and difficulties, and in the face of opposition. The presence of God causes goodness and mercy to follow us in this life and forever in the one to come.

Our speakers will share how the transformative power of God's Word spoke to or helped them deal with a real-life situation.

This week, Belen De Ramos and Michael Lim will share their reflections on Psalm 23 verses 1 – 3a (NIV) and testify how they have personally experienced the mercy and grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in life-changing situations.

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King David's declaration of the LORD as his shepherd attested to his faith and trust in God; he had tasted the goodness of Adonai Ro'i (Jehovah Rohi) in his life.

In this beginning of a new year, as we look back on the year (s) before, should we not, like King David, declare that the Lord Jesus is our shepherd, the One who has sustained us and will continue to sustain us through the vagaries of life?

We are the sheep of His sheepfold, each personally known by Him. Jesus Christ is our Shepherd. We are to continually listen to His voice (in Scripture and in the prompting of the Holy Spirit) and to trust and follow Him in all our life situations.

Scriptures: John 10:14,27; 2 Corinthians 12:9a; Matthew 11:28

Our Vision
Isaiah 54:2-3 Kingdom Enlargement

Mission Statement
Influence people for Christ to enlarge God's Kingdom.

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“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”
 (2 Corinthians 9:8, NIV)

TODAY

Morning Prayer @ 8.00 am
 Celebrating Our Lord @ 9.00 am
 (live stream)
 Praise & Worship
 Holy Communion
 Welcome & Prayers
 The Word
 Ministry
 Notices & Birthdays
 Benediction
 Coffee & Tea

Birthdays

January 5 – Xiaoxue (Sherry) Zhang
 January 8 – Ava Leung
 January 8 – Tabitha Zeng
 January 10 – Adriel Padilla
 January 10 – Sunny Lun

**The Shepherd's
 Tender Care**

“He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.”
 (Isaiah 40:11, NIV)

“for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”
 (Psalm 95:7, NIV)

**Safe in His Arms:
 Trusting the Shepherd's Love**

When we face challenges or feel lost, we can trust that our Shepherd is always with us. He leads us gently, holding us close with love. His care is constant—never far, always near. As His flock, we are never alone; He watches over us, guiding us through every season of life.

Lighthouse, take comfort today, knowing that God's tender care surrounds you, and you can always find rest in His arms.

2024/2025 Church Theme

COME & GO

3/03 Introduction
 10/03 Through Jesus, In Jesus
 17/03 Come
 24/3 Go
 31/3 The Door
 4/7-26/5 PAP
 (Permission, Authority, Power)
 02-23/06 Come and See
 30/06-28/07 Go and Show
 04-25/08 Come! The Invitation
 08-29/09 Go in Grace
 06-27/10 Come and Ask
 03-24/11 Go Boldly
 01-29/12 Advent- Jesus Comes! Come, Lord Jesus!
 05-26/25 Summer Psalm

God's Presence to Care, Provide and Restore

No matter what you're facing today, know that God's presence is here to care for you, to provide for your needs, and to restore you when you're weary. Trust in the Lord as your Good Shepherd and allow His peace and restoration to guide you through each moment.

Themes for the past 9 years

2023/2024
 The Good Life
 2022/2023
 OUTSIDERS
 2021/2022
 complete **7** perfect
 2020/2021
 Contrast: Jesus Is The Difference
 2019/2020
 Who Am I? Jesus Is: Therefore, You Are
 2018/2019
 City On A Hill
 2017/2018
 Chosen Generation
 2016/2017
 Higher, Wider, Deeper
 2015/2016
 Forward

Hearts Together In Prayer

05/01 (Sun): Thank you, Jesus, for Your abundant provisions. You faithfully meet all our needs. May our lives overflow with thanksgiving to Your glory and honour. Amen.	
06/01 (Mon): Pray for comfort during moments of difficulty or fear. May the Good Shepherd remind us of His tender care and abiding presence, even in the dark valleys.	07/01 (Tue): Intercede for the safety of those facing persecution. Pray that the Good Shepherd will shield them from harm and intervene divinely in dangerous situations.
08/01 (Wed): The Good Shepherd reveals Himself to those who haven't heard the Gospel through dreams and visions. Divine encounters enable them to hear and recognize His voice.	09/01 (Thu): Intercede for the safety of missionaries working in dangerous places. Pray for courage and perseverance to share the Gospel despite rejection.
10/01 (Fri): Pray for strength to share God's love and to be a source of encouragement to those in need, reflecting His love and care.	11/01 (Sat): Pray for grace to persevere, trusting the Good Shepherd's care and provision. May He strengthen us to endure challenges with faith.

“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”
 (Jeremiah 29:12, NIV)