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**SUNDAY 6 JAN 2019**  
First Sunday in Epiphany  
Holy Communion Sunday

**SERMON:**  
The Kingdom Of God  
In A City Of Refuge

**SCRIPTURE:**  
Exodus 13

**SPEAKER:**  
Rev Dr Jonathan Seet

We welcome all friends and visitors to our worship services. If you are here for the first time, please inform a greeter. We would love to connect with you. Do take some time to complete the response slip inside the welcome pack and hand it to a greeter. Please join us at our Visitor's Corner next to the Contact Point for a time of fellowship and light refreshments after the service.

## Ways To Pray

Please fill in the **prayer cards** available at the Sanctuary entrance and place it in the Prayer Box. You may forward confidential concerns to the Pastors directly.

You are welcome to use the **24/7 prayer room** in the Fellowship Hall from Monday to Saturday or the prayer room at the Sanctuary Block, Level 3 from 6.00 am to 7.00 pm, Monday to Saturday.

You may use the altar area after ministry time if you would like to pray quietly on your own.

## The Manger (Cry Room)

The Manger is located at Level 3 of the Sanctuary and is strictly reserved for families with children below the age of 3 years. Children 3 to 12 years old are strongly encouraged to attend Silver Boxes\*, our children's programme at Level 1 of the Sanctuary. We also have Shiny Tots ministry\* at 9.30am and at 12pm if your child is between the ages of 12 months to 30 months. If you or your child is unwell, please refrain from using The Manger as the germs can spread easily. \*Sessions not available on first Sunday of each month.



### TODAY, 6 JAN

#### 9am & 11.15am Combined Services

**Speaker:** Rev Dr Jonathan Seet

**Sermon Title:** The Kingdom Of God In A City Of Refuge

**Scripture Lesson:** Exodus 13

**Worship Leader:** Mr Glenn Seah (9am & 11.15am)

### SAT, 12 JAN

**4.00pm** - Peranakan Fellowship (Jerusalem Room)



### Holy Communion

**2nd offering** for the month of **JANUARY** will go towards **OUTREACH**.



### Bereavement

Our condolences to the family of the late:

- **Mdm Ong Geok Ho**



### Floral Offering

In loving memory of:

- **Mr Tan Eng Tin David**

## Cell Groups

If you wish to be involved in a vibrant community of believers - sharing life experiences, encouraging one another, developing deep fellowship with others, praying and being prayed for, worshipping and studying God's Word - join a cell group **TODAY!** For more information, email [cellministry@plmc.org](mailto:cellministry@plmc.org).

## PLMC Inner Healing Ministry

An inner healing and deliverance ministry (which uses Sozo tools) that helps you enhance your personal connection with God, empowering you to fulfil your God-given purpose. For appointments or enquiries, email [plihm@plmc.org](mailto:plihm@plmc.org) or call 8119 0555.

## Counselling Services

Are you feeling overwhelmed and stressed with struggles in your life and need someone to share with? You can contact our trained counsellors for an appointment at [pastoralcare@plmc.org](mailto:pastoralcare@plmc.org) or 6285 1234.

## Use of Photos or Video Recordings

Please be informed that by entering these premises and participating in the worship services and other activities, you are deemed to have given consent for the use of your image captured in any photo or video recording by PLMC for all communication purposes. Thank you.

## Welcome,

## Rev Dr Kow Shih Ming

We warmly welcome *Rev Dr Kow Shih Ming* to Paya Lebar Methodist Church. Ps Shih Ming joined our Pastoral Team on 2 Jan 19, and he has been a Methodist pastor for 26 years. He is passionate about preaching that changes lives, leadership that transforms organizations, and spiritual formation that nourishes the soul. He is married to Soh Wai and they have two daughters, Simone and Samantha, and a poodle, Butterscotch.

## Silver Boxes

### Parents' Briefing

Calling all parents with Children in Silver Boxes: There is a *compulsory Parents' Briefing after the two services on Sunday, 20 Jan 19 at Jordan Hall, Level 1 Covenant Centre, at 10.30am and 1.00pm*. You only need to attend one of the sessions. Please pick up your child/children after the briefing. For more information, please contact Shiying at [shiying@plmc.org](mailto:shiying@plmc.org).

## First Local Conference 2019

The First Local Conference 2019 will be held on *Tuesday, 22 Jan 2018 at 7.30pm at the Conference Room*. Local Conference Members who have registered to receive a hard copy of the Book of Reports may collect their copy at the Contact Point on Sunday, 13 & 20 Jan 2018.

## Thank You!

The Pastors and Leaders of PLMC would like to thank all those who were involved in our Christmas and Watchnight programmes – the English Christmas Services, the Mandarin Evangelistic Service, the Filipino Service Celebration, the Outreach Christmas Events, the various Caroling Groups, the WSCS for the post-Watchnight Service Porridge Fellowship, and all those who have helped in one way or another in programmes not mentioned here. Your contribution has been a blessing to so many other people, and you have lived out our Church vision to be *A Family Blessed to Bless the Community and the Nations!*

## Thank You From New Charis Mission

New Charis Mission would like to thank all members and friends who have generously donated to their ministry over three Sundays in December. The total amount collected at PLMC crossed the \$100,000 mark.

## Sale Of Impact Magazine TODAY

Only for **TODAY**, IMPACT magazine will be sold at a booth in the Fellowship Hall. IMPACT magazine deals with contemporary life issues, giving the Christian perspective and challenge.

## PLMC Camp 2019 – Website

For the first time in PLMC history, Church Camp has its own microsite - [www.plmc-tkc.com](http://www.plmc-tkc.com). Please do note that Early Bird Online Registration begins on **14 Jan 19**, and a physical Registration Booth will be set up in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays starting 20 Jan 19. As availability of rooms is on a first-come-first-served basis, do register early to secure your room and also enjoy the Early Bird prices!

### Discipleship & Nurture Courses

## 1. Following Jesus in Public (John 1-12)

This is part 1 of a 3-part series on the Gospel of John, and in these sessions we will learn to follow Jesus in different domains of our lives as a disciple.

*John wrote, “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:30-31 ESV)*

Exploring the gospel of John will reveal to us more of who Jesus is, particularly, that He is the Christ and the Son of God. With this knowledge we will have *“real and eternal life in the way He personally revealed it”* (Message). Or as NLT translates it, we will *“have life by the power of His name.”* The life Jesus gives us is not meant only as a passport to heaven. It is life to be lived, here and

now, as well as in eternity. The approach in this study of John is to look at Him through the eyes of the disciple and seek to follow Him as today's disciples.

**Instructor:** Bishop Emeritus Dr Wee Boon Hup

**Dates:** Saturdays; 2, 9, 23 Feb; 2 Mar 2019

**Time:** 10.00am–11.30am

**Venue:** Covenant Chapel

**Cost:** \$10 per person

## 2. Divine Design (Discovering Your Gifts)

God has a dream for your life and has an assignment for you on earth. He created you in His image, He filled you with His Spirit, and He blessed you with spiritual gifts so that you could live a life of impact. In this study, we will learn how to discover, develop, and deploy the gifts God has given us.

**Dates:** 18, 25 Feb; 4, 11, 18, 25 Mar 2019 (Mondays)

**Time:** 9.30am-11.30am

**Venue:** Conference Room

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**Facilitator:** Mr Low Kwang Meng

## 3. Disciple 2 Course

(Into the Word Into the World)

This 32-week study offers a deeper examination of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts, emphasizing the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, approaching all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service.

**Dates:** 20 Feb-20 Nov 2019 (Wednesdays)

**Time:** 7.30pm–10.00pm

**Venue:** Haven • **Cost:** \$25 per person

(Limited spaces available)

**Facilitator:** Mr Low Kwang Meng

Register for the above courses with payment at Contact Point on Sundays by 27 Jan 2019. For further information, contact Mr Low Kwang Meng at 6285 1234 or email to [nurture@plmc.org](mailto:nurture@plmc.org).

## Adult/Youth Baptism & Confirmation

For those who desire to be baptized, confirmed &/or transferred as PLMC members, kindly:

1. Obtain registration form at the Contact Point and submit completed form by 20 Jan 2019 (latest).
2. Attend all the BMC Sessions and an assigned Ministry Weekend.

### **BMC Sessions:**

Saturdays; 26 Jan, 9 Feb, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Mar 2019/2.30pm-5.30pm

**Ministry Weekends:** Saturdays; 16 Feb & 2 Mar 2019/9am-2.30pm

**Combined Baptism Service:** Saturday, 6 Apr 2019/3.00pm

**Confirmation Service:** Sunday, 14 Apr 2019 (During Worship Services)

For enquiries on English BMC, please email [andy@plmc.org](mailto:andy@plmc.org); for Mandarin BMC, please email [livingstones@plmc.org](mailto:livingstones@plmc.org).

## PLMC Marriage Preparation Course

This course will help you and your partner understand your relationship and be better equipped for marriage. More details are available nearer the date. Email Andy at [andy@plmc.org](mailto:andy@plmc.org) for more enquiries.

**Who Should Attend:** You are encouraged to attend the course at least one year before your wedding date. Kindly note that this course is held once a year.

**Prepare-Enrich Assessment:** Couples need to set aside a day to meet with their counsellor to review the results.

**Group Sharing:** There will be a small group sharing facilitated by a couple throughout the sessions.

**Dates:** Wednesdays; 3, 10, 17 & 24 Apr, 8, 15, 22 & 29 May 2019

**Time:** 7.30pm-9.30pm

**Cost:** \$100 per couple

## D6 Conference 2019

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. – Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

The goal of the D6 movement is to pass on a spiritual legacy for future generations. We meet to understand how we can best apply the principles of Deuteronomy 6 in

our ministries... in our context... in our homes.

*Dr. Tim Kimmel*, the Keynote Speaker for the Conference, is the founder and Executive Director of Family Matters, whose goal is to see families transformed by God's grace into instruments of reformation and restoration. Tim and Family Matters conduct marriage and parenting conferences across the country and the world on the unique pressures that confront members of today's families.

**Dates/Time:** Friday-Saturday, 26-27 Jul 2019/9.00am-5.30pm Daily

**Venue:** Faith Methodist Church, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Singapore 149604

**Registration:** <https://d6family.sg/>

## Glowing Years Ministry (GYM)

### 1. GYM Senior Connect & Outreach

**Date:** Thursday, 10 Jan 2019

**Time:** 9.30am-12.00pm

**Venue:** PLMC Fellowship Hall

### 2. GYM 10th Anniversary Celebration

**Date:** Saturday, 12 Jan 2019

**Time:** 5.00pm-8.00pm

**Venue:** PLMC Haven

**(Attire:** GYM T-shirt issued to you at point of sale)

For more details, refer to the GYM Notice Board opposite the breakfast counter in the Fellowship Hall or contact Patrick Teo at 9696 0355 or Evelyn Chua at 9112 2091.

## PrayerFocus

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

1. We give thanks and praise to God for a fruitful 2018, and may His presence continue to be upon the children and leaders in the new year, 2019. May God's will be done in the lives of our children and leaders. Pray that both our leaders and children will have fresh anointing and encounter with our Lord and Saviour.

2. May the Lord watch over our children as they begin their new school term. Help them to transit and assimilate into the new classes, especially the Pre-nursery and Primary One children who are new to their schools.

3. Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. - Psalm 27:1. We pray for humility, unity and a Shepherd's heart for all leaders as we love and serve God and the children.

4. We thank God for our faithful leaders, and may more leaders be called to serve in the Children's Ministry.

#### SHINY TOTS

1. Pray for the new toddlers and parents who will be joining the ministry this year, that they may be engaged and accustomed to the new environment and the new faces.

#### SILVER BOXES

1. We give glory to God for a fun-filled yet meaningful Christmas Celebration

the kids had on 23 December 2018. During the Junior evangelistic Christmas programme, entitled "*Not By Chance*", the Junior children learnt that the birth of Jesus was not by chance, but really God's saving grace for all mankind.

The Kindy children also celebrated Christmas with a Christmas party that involved a skit and a video where they learnt that Christmas is not about receiving gifts but really a time to share the love we have received from our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We pray that our children will continue to share God's love in their homes and schools.

2. Pray for the children who will be moving into their new cell groups, especially the younger ones. May they open up to their friends and leaders and be bold to share their love of God with one another.

#### SONSHINE KIDS

1. We thank the Lord for the Youth Overnight Camp on 8 & 9 December 2018 held at PLMC. The 16 youths from Sunshine Kids who attended encountered God's protection and love as they bonded through games and a kayaking session. We pray for their faith to be sealed and for God to use them mightily for His glory, and may they find PLMC a welcoming and safe space for them to belong to.

2. Thank God for the opportunity for our leaders to visit the homes of the Sunshine Kids on 8 December 2018. Indeed, every

leader brought the presence and love of God into their homes, as the families received us with kindness and gratitude. May God's love continue to touch the families and may they continue to remain receptive and open to Him.

### MANDARIN SERVICE

We thank God for guiding us on the Christmas carolling events as well as the Evangelistic service on 25 Dec 2018. Praise God for the souls that had been saved and the seeds that had been sown through these events. We pray that in 2019, we will continue to walk closely with Him, follow His plan and His will for us.

### YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

The theme of YA over the next two years, 2019-2020, will be based on Matthew 6:10b *"Thy will be done,"* as a response to the theme of the biennial Church Camp for this season, *"Thy Kingdom come"*, which builds on our theme over the last two years of *"doing life together"*. This theme of the Young Adults proceeds from our understanding that our life, which encompasses every aspect of our being, proceeds from our intimacy with God. Pray therefore, that the YA ministry would be able to develop even stronger bonds among the members, create a welcoming and accepting community to newcomers and that we will grow socially and spiritually as a community of faith.

## Receive the Weekly Bulletin via Whatsapp Broadcast

Get the weekly bulletin sent to you in PDF format via PLMC Updates and help to save the Earth and love God's creation!

### Here's how:

1. Install **Whatsapp** on your mobile phone
2. Save **8752 9954** in your mobile phone address book as *"PLMC Updates"*
3. Send a Whatsapp message to *"PLMC Updates"* with your **FULL NAME & MOBILE NUMBER** (e.g *Pamela Lee Ming Choo 9285 1234*)

Please look for Amy at the Visitors' Corner if you need assistance.

## Scan the QR Code for the Weekly Bulletin



The QR Code for the Weekly Bulletin is on the poster at the entrance to the Sanctuary and on cards in the pew pockets. We hope to reduce the number of paper bulletins printed this way.



## pastoralHELP

For pastoral help during office hours, please call our church office at **62851234**, or after office hours, call our HOTLINE at **6100PLMC (61007562)**.

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## worshipSERVICES

7.30 am	Peranakan Service (Jordan Hall)
9.00 am	Sanctuary Service (Sanctuary)
9.00 am	Mandarin Service (Covenant Chapel)
9.00 am*	Youth Worship Service (PLMGSS, Concert Hall)
11.15 am	Celebration Service (Sanctuary)
11.15 am	Mandarin Service (Covenant Chapel)
1.30 pm*	Filipino Service (Covenant Chapel)

*\*The Youths & Filipino congregation join the main services for Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.*