



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

February 12th, 2017

SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

1 The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

The Lord is in His holy temple, The Lord is in His holy temple: Let all the earth keep silence, Let all the earth keep silence before Him Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

2 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

3 Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

4 The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace, The Lord make His face to shine upon you, And be gracious unto you, be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.



Prelude/Preparatory Hymn Sharon Poon/Claude Yiu

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn **HOP 3** O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:105-112

Hymn **HOP 178** The Church's One Foundation

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 14:33-40

Hymn **HOP 262** Teach me Thy Way, O Lord

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Order In the Church

*Hymn **HOP 179** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

*Congregation Standing

THEME FOR 2017:

"... STAND FAST IN ONE SPIRIT, WITH ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL" (Philippians 1:27)

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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear BPCWAians, This year, we began to sing “The Lord Is In His Holy Temple” at the start of every Worship Service. The words of this hymn are from Habakkuk 2:20 “But the LORD [is] in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.”

Why did we introduce this? Previously, the pianist used to play this after the preparatory hymn. Some might have thought it was a signal or invitation for the worship leader, interpreters and speaker to go on stage. However, this hymn is actually a call to worshippers to prepare our hearts to worship God. We are familiar with this idea even in our public events. Guests may arrive for a key event without announcement, but when the King or dignitary is about to arrive, the Trumpet Fanfare is often used to herald the entrance. When played, everyone stands to attention, all conversation ceases, and everyone keeps quiet.

Singing with understanding. In like manner, singing “The Lord Is In His Holy Temple” is not merely a ritual, but it serves to remind all worshippers of whom we are approaching. When sung, the very words of this Bible verse helps to focus our minds on the Almighty God that we are now approaching. Just as much as we must read the Scriptures with reverential fear, these words sung, being from the Bible, are the Inspired and Preserved Words of our God and we must sing it with understanding. Without the sung words giving meaning to the tune, we, as well as those new to our worship, may not even have realised the significance of what was being played. This is why we have started to sing it to the tune. Let us now understand more carefully what we are singing.

But the LORD. “But” contrasts God as the living and true God as opposed to all gods who are false. LORD (JEHOVAH) is the reminder of the Covenant God whom we come before in Worship. When He saved us, we entered into a covenant with Him. Genesis 17:7 “And I

will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.” We are His people. We are saved not merely to be delivered from the punishment of sin. As His people, we are saved for the purpose of glorifying Him and to enjoy Him forever. While we do that in our daily lives, what more fitting occasion to remember that than by our gathering together at our Sunday Worship Service to praise and exalt His Holy Name? In our covenant with our Lord, we are reminded by this call that we and our families must worship the God whom we serve.

In His Holy Temple. At the same time, while we remember the gracious Covenant of God to be our Lord, we do not approach with flippancy. He is the thrice Holy God. In the book of Habakkuk from where these words are taken, it is spoken to the Jews to remind them about the worship that He has instituted, as contrasted with the vain worship of idolaters. While unbelievers worship an imagination of their own hands, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob commands His people to gather in the worship of Him, and instructs them on what is the worship that they must offer. By means of application to us today, we gather in the church, as an assembly of His people, the “house of God.” (1 Tim 3:5). We are coming before His Throne in worship, and the offering that we bring before Him must be holy. We are reminded of the seraphims in Isaiah’s vision of the Lord in His temple. In the presence of the Lord on the throne, “one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isai 6:3). The creatures, covering their faces and feet with their wings, in the presence of the Infinite holiness their Creator.

If the unfallen seraphims serving God in heaven should so do, how should we then come before Him in worship? We follow Isaiah’s response “Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean

lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips” (Isai 6:5). We must deal with our sins in confession and repentance because our Lord is not merely an all-Powerful God, but He is an All Knowing and All Holy God.

Let all the earth keep silence before him. Our Lord is Ruler of the entire earth. Once the judge enters the courtroom, a hush falls upon all present. What more the Judge of all the earth? God is the Ruler of the entire earth. We were never worthy to be called His people. We can only come before Him because we come in and through the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is our great privilege, and every soul on earth must bow in humble obeisance to the King of kings.

Furthermore, the finite in the presence of the Infinite must remind us to be silent. It signifies a submission to His Authority, and a readiness to receive His Word in worship and to obey them with the ready diligence that He requires as our Sovereign King. Unlike the noisy and disorderly worship that characterises many churches’ worship today, this is a respectful silence that is based on the fear of the Living God whom we worship. May we be more prepared to worship and reverence the Almighty each week, because the LORD is in His Holy Temple!

Yours in our Lord’s service,
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Husbands' and Fathers' Fellowship** will be held today in church at 3:30 pm. We encourage husbands and fathers to come and learn the biblical perspective of being a husband and a father.
2. **Mandarin Care Group** will be held on Saturday, 18th February, in church. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am followed by lunch. We will continue on the series on "The Christian Armour" (Ephesians 6:10-18). Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.
3. **Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship** will be held on Sunday 19th February starting at 6 pm with a combined dinner. Come and learn together how you can live a more God glorifying life as a man or woman.
4. **University Orientation Day (O'Day) Outreach:** This year, we are going to The University of Western Australia on Friday, 24th February, and to Murdoch University on Thursday, 2nd March. Our church has secured a stall at both universities to reach out to students with the Gospel. If you would like to help with any of the O'Day activities, please speak with brother Kenny Chia.
5. **Church Family Camp 2017 Advance Notice:** The Church Family Camp will take place on the 2nd to 6th July (Sunday to Thursday) at Orchard Glory Farm Resort. Rev Prabhudas Koshy from Gethsemane BP Church in Singapore will be speaking on the church theme "... stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27). Do book your leave now and join the church in camp as one spiritual family.

6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for keeping those who had returned to their home countries and for their safe return back into our midst.
- Thank God for granting us the approval for booths to be setup during UWA and Murdoch's O'Day.
- Pray for the unity and steadfastness of BPCWA to strive together for the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the building up of the saints and a blessed time of fellowship at the upcoming Mandarin Care Group, Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship meetings.
- Pray for the Sunday School ministry to be used of God to build up His children.
- Pray for BPCWA to be used by God to draw many students to Himself during their periods of study in Perth.
- Pray that God will call a full time resident Chinese Minister to BPCWA according to His will and timing.

SERVICE DUTY	12/2 COMBINED	19/2 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Michael Lee/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Ruth Wong
Welcomers (Foyer)	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Yi San Chieng	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Claude Yiu, *Kenny Tan, Alex Luu Terry Chong, Dn Michael Lee Dn Stephen Chia	*Yi Choong Liew, *Jonathan Woo Caleb Cheng, Pei Shion Chai Allan Ang, Dn Adrian Cheng
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Ruth Wong	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Lilian Cheo
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Victoria Lew, Mable Soon, Lilian Cheo Lily Liow	Yung Tsing Mew, Valerie Wan, Julia Chia Christine Chia
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Ben Kan)	Kenny Tan (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Elder James Wong	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Mark Heath
Berrington	Mark Heath (Ben Kan)	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)
Bull Creek	Elder James Wong	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	14/2	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Dn Joel Wong, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	15/2	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Systematic Theology (Anthropology)
Friday	17/2	10:00 am	Mother's Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	18/2	10:30 am	Mandarin Care Group: The Christian Armour (Ephesians 6:10-18)
Sunday	19/2	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Choir
		12:15 pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont Bull Creek – RAAFA Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek WA 6149
6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (5/2)

Attendance: 181 (Combined-150; JSS-31); Prayer Meeting: 49

Offerings in Total: \$6139.50; General Fund: \$6139.50 (#4182-\$155.00; #4183-\$76.55; #4184-\$226.50; \$100-Myanmar Mission)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Which is the fourth commandment? The fourth commandment is, *Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.* (Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15)