



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 Karen Ee/Jason Tey

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Michael Lee/Deacon Joel Wong

\*Hymn **HOP 14** Come, Thou Almighty King

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:129-136

Holy Communion [Deacon Michael, Deacon Adrian Deacon Stephen, Deacon Joel, Robert]

Hymn **HOP 185** According to Thy Gracious Word

**HOP 101** At the Cross

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-34

Hymn **HOP 237** It Is Well with My Soul

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## Awake, Because There Is Resurrection!

\*Hymn **HOP 115** When Jesus Comes to Reward His Servants

\*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

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Dear BPCWAians, Rededication Sunday is in 2 weeks' time. We have this every year, but do you understand what it is all about? Why do we do so? What is your part in this? It is important for us to understand it and therefore have the right response to it.

**What is Rededication Sunday about?** It is a time when those who are serving in any area in church rededicate themselves by renewing their commitment to serve the Lord. It is also a time for those who have not been serving in any area to ask themselves why they have not been doing so. This year, we are giving out the Rededication forms 2 weeks in advance. Those who are currently serving will fill up the vow on page 1 of the form. This is a conscious reconsecration of yourselves as to (1) how you will live in your personal walk, and (2) how you will serve the Lord. But what if you are not involved in any areas of service in church? Then, page 2 is for you. We give it out early, so that you can start thinking about starting to serve in church. Perhaps you are not sure what a particular ministry entails, or what you can do there, or if you are suitable. Page 2 allows you to find out more about particular areas you are considering. In this respect, page 2 is also for those who are currently serving and wish to find out more about other additional areas. Even if there is no need for help in a particular area of service now, the need may arise at a later point of time. Another thing that you could do in considering an area of service or ministry, is to talk to the respective fellowship or ministry leads. There is a list of their contacts on the notice board outside.

**What is its purpose?** Having spent time in prayer and re-evaluation before filling the form, you promise the Lord to serve Him with

greater carefulness and devotion, by His help. This is your promise to God. The purpose of having this yearly is because we may easily have slackened, taken things for granted, and eventually served out of forced routine. This is not acceptable service to our Lord. Rededication Sunday seeks to re-awaken us. It causes each of us to re-examine our motives and our diligence. It is also a timely reminder that we must be clean vessels fit for our Master's use (2 Tim 2:21). Ultimately, it helps us to realise that in whatever area we serve, all service to God is spiritual service, and we cannot look upon it lightly.

**Why do you take a vow?** It is a time of serious renewal of our dedication both in our personal walk and our service. That is why those who are serving stand up to take a vow. It is to tell the Lord that you want to be faithful in your personal walk with Him, and in your service to Him. The vow of consecration and service is but your reasonable service (Rom 12:1-11). You promise the Lord to consecrate yourself to serve Him (v1), to live a sanctified life instead of a worldly life (v2), to serve with humility and unity with others (vv3-7), to serve cheerfully and not grudgingly (v8), to serve in love for others, and not in competition (vv9,10), and not to be lazy by doing the minimum, but to serve with fervency - doing it all unto the Lord Himself. No one is forced to make vows to the Lord. Neither do we make anyone take sinful or rash vows. But if you choose to take up the privilege of serving in any capacity in any ministry, the Lord requires nothing less than what He states in Rom 12:1-11. Any less denigrates service to the Holy and Glorious God. So, in fact, the time you stand is a moving moment of taking on the badge of consecration to serve Him in holy fear and reverence, by His grace. For those who have realised that

they are not serving and wish to make a fresh commitment to begin, you may fill the form and stand to make your vow to the Lord too. But let those who vow be not slack in fulfilling it (Ex 20:7).

**What should you do?** For you who have been serving, it is a serious time of reconsecration to serve Him with clean hands and a pure heart (Ps 24:4). Are we living “double lives” and indulging in sin which we know is displeasing to the Lord? Do you serve the Lord with zeal in church but are negligent in your personal duties outside of church? Are you slothful and careless in the Lord’s work? It is time to repent as you recommit yourself. For you who have been slumbering, it is time to awaken and prayerfully consider your walk and service with the Lord. It does not need to be in grand, prominent, and major roles. The list ranges from the many small tasks that need to be done around church, to acts of mercy, to teaching ministries (vv7,8). So, do not be discouraged if you cannot do what you aspire to do (vv4-9), but instead be glad to do anything put in your hands by the Lord – whether big or small. On the other hand, also do not be too quick to turn down serving the Lord if you are approached.

*Have we been true to the trust He left us?*

*Do we seek to do our best?*

*If in our hearts there is naught condemns us,*

*We shall have a glorious rest.*

Yours in our Lord’s service,  
Pastor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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1. **O-Day Beach Games (Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March):** Will be held at Floreat Beach from 4 pm. The beach games will finish with a home cooked dinner at 6 pm. Do join us for this outreach to get to know the new students and to share the gospel with them individually. If you can help, please contact brother Kenny Chia 0425 568 918 for further details and transport needs for this activity.
2. **Seniors' Fellowship (Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30 am)** is for the purpose of building up the Christian faith of the seniors through God's Word and mutual encouragement in fellowship. It is also an opportunity for the young and old to mingle and fellowship. Other details will follow next week. All are warmly welcome.
3. **Rededication Sunday (Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March):** From now till then, it is our opportunity to reflect on our own service and renew our commitment to the Lord. All who are involved in any of the church ministries should fill in the form inserted in today's weekly, and participate in the rededication vows during that Sunday service. Your completed forms can be placed in the box provided in the foyer. If you are interested to know more about any ministry, or have questions for the Church, please fill out the Service Survey on the back.
4. **Baptisms and Membership Transfers (16<sup>th</sup> April)** will be conducted during the Easter Sunday Worship Service. Those who have completed the Basic Bible Knowledge course and who would like to be baptised or have their memberships transferred may get an application form from the Church Office (see brother Mark Heath). Please submit your completed forms to Pastor by 19<sup>th</sup> March.
5. **Church 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner (Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April):** Registration for this thanksgiving dinner will commence next week and further details will be available then.

6. **Church Family Camp 2017 Advance Notice:** The Church Family Camp will take place on from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

7. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the children's Sunday School Promotion held today, the teachers and the children that God has blessed us with. May this ministry be used to augment parents in bringing up their children in the knowledge and fear of God.
- Thank God for His help and for many who came together to labour together in the Campus Outreach activities, and for the students that we had the opportunity to reach out to at the recent Murdoch O'Day outreach and the Welcome Dinner.
- Pray for the unity and steadfastness of BPCWA to strive together for the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for God's wisdom to lead and guide in all decisions made for BPCWA at the Session meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March.
- Pray for BPCWA to be used by God to draw many students to Himself during their periods of study in Perth. Pray for the seed of the Gospel to be sown in their hearts at the Gospel Meeting, and for students to keep coming to BPCWA to learn God's Word with us. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel during the upcoming Beach Games.
- Pray for preparation of hearts for Rededication Sunday, and for workers to labour together for God in the various ministries of the church.

SERVICE DUTY	5/3 COMBINED - Holy Communion	12/3 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Michael Lee/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Jason Tey	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Kenny Tan	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Yi Choong Liew, *Kenny Chia Jason Tey, Allan Ang, Mark Heath Yan Wei	*Jonathan Woo, *Eugene Leong Pei Shion Chai, Eddie Foo, Edward Ee Deacon Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Li Xin Cheo, Lily Liow May Chee Mak, Valerie Wan	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng Yi San Chieng
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

### Nursing Home Ministry

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

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	7/3	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Hannah Th'ng
Wednesday	8/3	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Systematic Theology (Anthropology)
Friday	10/3	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	12/3	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
		12:30 pm	Teens Q & A
		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 Husbands' & Fathers' Fellowship

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (26/2)

Attendance: 210 (Combined-182; JSS-28); Prayer Meeting: 71

Offerings in Total: \$7037.65; General Fund: \$7037.65 (#4192-\$339.00; #4193-\$94.00; #4194-\$103.00)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?** The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; (Exodus 20:10; Nehemiah 13:15-22; Isaiah 58:13-14) and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, (Exodus 20:8; Leviticus 23:3; Luke 4:16; Acts 20:7) except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy. (Matthew 12:1-13)