



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

April 2<sup>nd</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 Sharon Poon/Claude Yiu  
 The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1  
 Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Sonny Lim  
 \*Hymn **HOP 22** Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
 \*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2  
 Responsive Reading Psalm 119:161-168  
 Holy Communion [Deacon Michael Lee, Deacon Adrian Cheng  
 Robert Wong, Mark Heath]  
 Hymn **HOP 94** Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed  
**HOP 95** Wounded for Me  
 Presentation of Tithes & Offerings  
 \*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer  
 Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 16:1-4  
 Hymn **HOP 263** Thou My Everlasting Portion  
 Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## Love Gifts For the Saints

\*Hymn **HOP 383** Something for Thee  
 \*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, With the variety of fellowship groups and Bible Studies in the church, there is at least one whereby every worshipper in church can participate in. We have fellowship groups for everyone, from Teens to Working Adults to Seniors, Chinese and English speaking, Men and Ladies. Why do we take the trouble to organise such groups? What is the purpose for fellowship groups in church? We answered these questions in last week's Pastoral. But some may still wonder – I regularly attend Worship every Sunday. Isn't that enough?

**Why should I be interested in attending these?** The answer is simply because you are part of the body of Christ. In a day and age of modern technology, some may be tempted to think “why travel to church when I can download the message later and listen to the recording in my own time at home?” Such thinking is contrary to what the Bible teaches. Because of such erroneous thoughts, some may think that there is simply no need to come to church for fellowship meetings or even on Sundays. The Bible expressly prohibits such thought “Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” God's purpose in saving you is for you to be part of a church. God created us and knows what is best for us. We need to be part of fellowships in church. This is God's design and intent. It is part of our responsibility to minister to others, and, when we are weak, to be ministered unto by others. It also means you should not run off after fellowship meetings. Believers should get to know each other so that we can help each other spiritually and physically too. So, fellowships should not be seen as “optional”. Instead, fellowships should be an integral part of a Christian's life. It is every Christian's duty toward God and toward our fellow brethren.

**What is my role in fellowship groups?** As discussed earlier, Bible studies and fellowship groups have a dual purpose, ie, 1) sharing mutual encouragement and genuine help while 2) having the central basis of the teaching of the Word. Bible studies are always built into the fellowship programs. But the objective of mutual encouragement, help and building godly friendships is where you come in. These gatherings are organised with the intent to allow more interactions between fellow worshippers, a time to catch up and help others. Don't be in a rush to pack up and leave. In a sense, this is where you can minister to others. "Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Christ often went out of His way to seek out those that needed spiritual encouragement. There may be some who are new to church or even just new to a fellowship group, and may feel left out, being hesitant to approach a group to get to know them. Try as I might, I cannot reach out to everyone at the same time. Neither can the meeting organisers do it themselves. This is where especially those that are regulars in our midst can help. Besides growing spiritually yourself through the teaching, engaging others is also your role too. You can encourage the weak, call up new visitors to come for the meetings, sit with the person during the Fellowship meeting, and invite and include the person to join the conversation with your group of friends afterwards. Perhaps you may say "but I'm a quiet kind of person." Then just look out for other "quiet people" that may be like you – after all, you know how they are probably feeling. Is there someone that you've seen around church but really don't know much about besides his or her name? Use this as an opportunity to get to know them better. After all, he is likely to be a fellow citizen of heaven that you'll spend eternity with! We often think of service as "doing something physically". But in fellowships, your role in encouraging others is really to do what all Christian service ought

to be – to build up Christians in the faith. Is this not a worthy cause? There is an opportunity for everyone to minister at Bible Studies and fellowships, and this is one of them. “Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”

**What about interaction between fellowship groups?** While fellowship groups are intended to foster closer bonds between like-minded brethren, we must be careful not to end up getting too isolated from each other, nor should fellowship groups end up being inward looking. That is also why we have combined fellowships, and also why we encourage everyone to stay back and join us for the monthly lunch fellowships. As a family, these are our opportunities to get to know and mingle with others in the church. Children in families at home are not strangers to each other, and as children of God, we should also not be strangers to each other in church either. We must all realise that we exist within God’s appointed “unit” of being part of a local church.

So, this is why the church has organised many opportunities for us to gather together outside of the Worship Service. A verse that is often used in the context of marriage is equally relevant in the context of God’s purpose for you to be part of a church and its assembly: Ecclesiastes 4:9, “Two [are] better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him [that is] alone when he falleth; for [he hath] not another to help him up”. Do you have a Biblical view of the purpose of Fellowship and Bible Study groups? If so, are you a regular part of at least one of the many Fellowship and Bible Study groups we have at church? And for those who feel left out in church, Prov 18:24 reminds us that, “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly. . .”

Yours in our Lord’s service  
Pastor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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- 1. Church 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner Registration closes today:** All worshippers are encouraged to come and give thanks together to God for His goodness and mercies towards BPCWA. Please register at the Fellowship Hall.
- 2. Offering for Myanmar Mission (Today and 9<sup>th</sup> April):** Worshippers who wish to give additional offerings to the mission work in Myanmar can do so by designating a love gift to “Myanmar Mission” and dropping it into the offering bag today and next Sunday.
- 3. Tables in Fellowship Hall:** Worshippers who wish to have the old tables can see brother Mark Heath. The old tables must be removed from church by Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.
- 4. Mandarin Care Group (Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30 am):** The meeting will be held in church and will be followed by lunch after the message. We will continue with the series on “The Christian Armour” (Ephesians 6:10-18). Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.
- 5. Husbands’ and Fathers’ Fellowship (Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 3:30 pm):** This meeting will be held at church next Sunday and Pastor will continue to share on the Biblical perspective of being a husband and father from Ephesians 5:25. Husbands and fathers are encouraged to join.
- 6. Easter Sunrise Worship Service (Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30 am):** Will be held at the Melville Limestone Amphitheatre, 10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon. Map printouts are available at the foyer. Invitation flyers for the Good Friday, Easter Sunrise and Easter Worship Services are available at the foyer. This is a good opportunity to invite both Christian and unsaved family members and friends to remember the Lord’s death and resurrection, as well as to hear the good news of salvation.

7. **Church Family Camp 2017 Registration (starts 16<sup>th</sup> April):** The Church Family Camp will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July (Sunday to Thursday) at Orchard Glory Farm Resort. Rev Prabhudas Koshy from Gethsame 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). Registration for Full Time Campers will commence on Easter Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> April). Register early to avoid disappointment.

8. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for privilege to go out to sow the gospel seed last Sunday during City Evangelism. Thank God for those received the tracts. Pray that the gospel will take fruit in their hearts according to God’s will.
- Thank God for the privilege to serve Him, and for the many who labour for His work in many ways at BPCWA.
- Pray for the unity of hearts and steadfastness of BPCWA to strive together for the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Mandarin Care Group meeting to prepare saints to stand fast in the spiritual battle.
- Pray for the Bible Study and Fellowship groups in church to fulfil their purpose of edifying the saints and mutual spiritual encouragement of believers in the church.
- Pray for the preparation of messages for Pastor and the children’s program teachers (Alex, Sharon, Valerie, and Angeline) at the Myanmar Mission Trip next month. May saints be strengthened and unbelievers be brought to hear the gospel. Pray for Rev Biak and his team as they plan for the camp in Yangon.
- Pray for the planning of the April activities, including Good Friday, Easter, Membership Transfers and our 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner. Pray for saints to be built up during these events and for opportunity to mutually encourage each other as we gather together for these activities.

SERVICE DUTY	2/4 COMBINED - Holy Communion	9/4 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Sonny Lim	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Claude Yiu	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Karen Ee
Welcomers (Foyer)	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo Yi Choong Liew	Alex Luu, Grace Luu Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Edward Ee, *Caleb Cheng Jonathan Woo, Yan Wei, Allan Ang Eugene Leong	*Alex Luu, *Yi Choong Liew Pei Shion Chai, Mark Heath, Eddie Foo Deacon Adrian Cheng
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Yi Jye Chieng	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Albert Ho
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 (Ben Kan)	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth	A: Pastor Joseph Poon    B: Allan Ang	A: Allan Ang    B: Caleb Cheng
Berrington	Mark Heath (Ben Kan)	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)
Bull Creek	Pastor Joseph Poon	Caleb Cheng

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	4/4	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Allan Ang, Yung Tsing Mew
Wednesday	5/4	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Systematic Theology (Anthropology)
Friday	7/4	10:00 am	Mothers' and Wives' Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	8/4	10:30 am	Mandarin Care Group
Sunday	9/4	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
		12:30 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 (26/3)

Attendance: 211 (Combined-179; JSS-32); Prayer Meeting: 71  
Offerings in Total: \$6900.85; General Fund: \$6900.85 (#4205-\$90.00; #4206-Anniversary Dinner-\$900.00; #4207-\$608.20; #4208-Library-\$10.00; #4209-\$143.55)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required in the fifth commandment?** The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honour, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals. (Romans 13:1, 7; Ephesians 5:21-22, 24; Ephesians 6:1, 4-5, 9; 1 Peter 2:17)