



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

April 9<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.

Prelude/Preparatory Hymn Karen Ee/Kenny Tan

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

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

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:169-176

**HOP 205** Blessed Assurance

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 16:5-9

Hymn **HOP 251** O To Be Like Thee!

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

### 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.

## How To Know God's Will?

\*Hymn **HOP 285** He Leadeth Me

\*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

\*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

\*Congregation Standing

### 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.



### 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, It is one week before Easter, and the start of what is often called the Passion Week. It is a week of stark contrasts. Within this week, there would be the darkest day the world has ever known – the day God, our Saviour, was mocked and crucified on the cross... by those He came to save, and for those He came to save. Within this week would also be the brightest day the world has ever known. A day when through the resurrection of Christ, Christians can echo the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor 15:55 “O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory?” The day when the Creator, our Saviour, who from the heights of glory, should descend to earth to suffer the very torments of sin on behalf of the created, sinners doomed for hell. As Christians, it would be careless ingratitude to pass this week without deep contemplation of the depths of God’s love that wrought man’s salvation plan. Yes, every day ought to be holy unto the Lord. But surely, as Christians, should we not *particularly* spend this week remembering our Saviour’s Passion?

**Remember the immensity of God’s Grace.** This is the time we must sit at the foot of the cross and contemplate Christ’s sufferings. At the same time, we also spend time in awesome wonder at the perfection of God in His Holiness. To think that Jesus Christ, who created all things in heaven and in earth (Col 1:16), and even as He made Adam in His own image, knew that one day He would take on that very weakness of flesh in obedience to the Father’s plan of salvation for mankind. Despite the years of man’s repeated rebellion against God in mankind’s history, the Father’s unwavering promise to send His Son was never withdrawn. Man, who lives everyday receiving the common benefits of God, continues to consciously and carelessly disregard Him, never thanks Him, and rebelliously flouts His laws. A lesser being than the true and living God would have cursed the whole race of mankind without any hope of redemption. Had God

erased the plan of salvation forever, He would have been perfectly justified to do so. That the Thrice Holy God should come and live in a world among sinful man is a marvel. Our Saviour, fully knowing the treacherous thoughts of Judas, still offered the sop to the chief hypocrite at the Last Supper (Jn 13:26) – an offer to the end for Judas to come to the Saviour. An offer which Judas callously walked away from and betrayed the Lord instead. The God, who numbers the stars, sends forth lightning, gives life, and feeds even the ravens, hung on that cross meekly – but never helplessly. What gross ingratitude it is for man to think that to obey Him is an infringement of our “rights” and our “liberty” and “unreasonable”. Only God the very God could work out so marvellous a plan of salvation. One salvation plan, interwoven with the threads of God’s Infinite Love, Unwavering Justice and Perfect Holiness. My Lord and my God - on the cross because of my sin.

**Remember our unworthiness.** We learn about those at the foot of the cross who mocked our Saviour in His humility and meekness. We gasp at the soldiers who cruelly parted His garments. We are warned not to be like Judas, who betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of silver and a hypocritical kiss. We must also remember that, without the grace of God, we are no better than them. We would have done the same as the Jews and the soldiers were we there at the foot of that cross some 2000 years ago. We would, just like those we meet at City Evangelism, have demanded “If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself” (Lu 23:37). My sin. Your sin. Personally. The very terrifying horrors of hell that meet the unsaved as he enters into a hopeless eternity of death would have been ours, if not for God’s grace bestowed upon us. Without the irresistible grace of God that drew us to Him, we too would have scorned Him. The fact that we are saved is not of ourselves. It is certainly not because we live in a

more “civilised” society than they did in those days. It is not because of our goodness. It is not because we are more reasonable people. It is totally the working of God that “whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” (Romans 8:30) Is it not a great debt that we owe to Him?

Having considered all these, there is only one fitting response to those who have truly tasted of this amazing grace - “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” (Acts 9:6) Let us, who have been delivered from the bondage of spiritual blindness and now behold the wonders of His grace, no more live for ourselves, our pleasures, our ambitions. Let us renew our zeal for Him.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Yours in our Lord’s service  
Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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1. **Husbands' and Fathers' Fellowship (Today, 3:30 pm):** The meeting will be held in church this afternoon and Pastor will continue to share on the biblical perspective of being a husband and father from Eph 5:25. Husbands and fathers are encouraged to join.
2. **Good Friday Service (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30 pm):** Let us come and commemorate our Lord's suffering and crucifixion in our place this Friday. There will be Holy Communion during the Service. Do use the invitation flyers at the foyer to invite family and friends to come and hear the gospel during the period of Good Friday and Easter.
3. **Easter Sunrise Worship Service (Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30 am):** Join us to celebrate Christ's resurrection and triumph over death. This Sunrise Service will be held in the unique environment of Melville Limestone Amphitheatre, 10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon. Map printouts are available at the foyer. Following this Sunrise Service, worshippers are invited to a time of warm fellowship over breakfast at church before the 10am Worship Service. In view of this, Bible Studies and BBK classes will be cancelled next week.
4. **Church Family Camp 2017 (Registration starts 16<sup>th</sup> April):** Registration for full time campers will begin next Sunday during breakfast after the Sunrise Service. Family camp is a good opportunity for the church family to come together to renew our walk with Him and with each other. All worshippers are strongly encouraged to join. Please register early.
5. **BPCWA 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebrations:** We will commemorate BPCWA's 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary beginning with a cake reception after Worship Service next week. Please bring a plate of finger foods to share. As a church, we will close off the day of thanksgiving and celebration with a dinner at 6 pm at North Lake BBQ Restaurant (406 North Lake Rd, Bibra Lake 6163). Those who have not registered for the dinner but are interested in going can see brother Alex Luu today.

6. **Myanmar Mission Trip (25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April):** We are continuing to collect warm clothing for our Ngaltian brethen living in the cold mountainous regions of Myanmar. We thank God for the opportunity to be part of this support work. Collections will close next week on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
7. **Nursing area for mothers:** An area at the back of the church office has been partitioned off for mothers to use to nurse their babies. Mothers needing to nurse their babies in church should use this area. After use, please help prepare the room for the next mother to use and remove any waste/personal items.
8. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
- Thank God for a blessed time of fellowship at the Mandarin Care Group meeting yesterday.
  - Thank God for His provision of tables for use at Bible Studies and fellowships.
  - Pray for God's continued preservation of BPCWA as a faithful witness for Him as we give thanks for another year's service for Him. Pray that we will continue to strive together in unity and steadfastness for the extension of His kingdom where He has placed us.
  - Pray for the anniversary activities to revive our fervour for Him and fellowship one with another.
  - Pray for this week's Good Friday and Easter services to praise and glorify His Name. Pray for the messages to cause believers to worship and serve our Lord in greater faithfulness and consecration. Pray that unbelievers will be drawn to trust in the finished work of Christ.
  - Pray for those preparing to take their Membership Transfer Vows to grow spiritually and serve zealously together in unity with us for God's work as part of the BPCWA covenant family.
  - Pray for the preparation of messages for Pastor and the children's program teachers (Alex, Sharon, Valerie, and Angeline) at the Myanmar Mission Trip. 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.

<b>SERVICE DUTY</b>	<b>9/4 COMBINED</b>	<b>16/4 COMBINED - Easter</b>
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Michael Lee/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Lily Liow	Eddie Foo, Carol Foo, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Yi Choong Liew Pei Shion Chai, Mark Heath, Eddie Foo Deacon Adrian Cheng	*Jason Tey, *Eddie Foo Deacon Adrian Cheng, Eugene Leong Yi Choong Liew, Kenny Tan
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng Yi San Chieng	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho Lee Fung Fong, Ming Ming Th'ng Xuan Rui Yong
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	
<b>Nursing Home Ministry</b>		
Subiaco	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth	A: Allan Ang B: Caleb Cheng	A: Caleb Cheng B: Mark Heath
Berrington	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)	Edward Ee (Ben Kan)
Bull Creek	Caleb Cheng	Mark Heath

<b>SERVICE DUTY</b>	<b>14/4 GOOD FRIDAY - Holy Communion 7:30pm</b>	<b>16/4 EASTER SUNRISE - Amphitheatre, City of Melville 7:30am</b>
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Robert Wong/Deacon Joel Wong	Mark Heath/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Allan Ang	-
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Holy Communion Helpers	Deacon Michael Lee, Deacon Adrian Cheng Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Stephen Chia Robert Wong	-
Welcomers (Foyer)	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong Lee Lian Yong	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Lee Lee Yong Shie Tian Wong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allan Ang, *Kenny Chia, Mark Heath Claude Yiu, Terry Chong, Albert Ho	-
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Rowena Cheng	-
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Yi Min Chieng	Breakfast in church after Sunrise Service Lee Lian Yong and team

