



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

May 14th, 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 Sharon Poon/Kenny Tan

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn **HOP 360** We Praise Thee, O God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 124:1-8

HOP 226 He Hideth My Soul

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Hymn **HOP 241** Nothing Between

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.

Christian's Battle Orders Pt2

*Hymn **HOP 306** Onward, Christian Soldiers

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

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*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

Dear BPCWAians, Continuing from the last 3 weeks, we will look yet at another fundamental purpose for the local church.

(4) The Promotion of Godly Worship. These days, people often decide to attend or stay on in a church based upon the church's worship style. Some leave because they're "not used" to our worship style, being used to another back in their home countries. To many, consciously or unconsciously, the worship style of a church characterises the church they look for. Without needing to read a church's Confession of Faith and Constitution, its worship service speaks a lot about its view of God, faith, and practices. Worship is faith in practice. It reflects our view of God, because it is about how we approach our LORD in the most official representation of assemblies gathered under His Name. Sadly, the promotion of godly worship is an obvious but often overlooked purpose for the church. The Bible does give instructions about congregations, assemblies, and fellowships of God's people in the visible local church. We gather every Lord's Day for the Worship Service. This is God's visible witness which unbelievers can see when they come into our midst. And how we worship tells others about the character of the LORD that we worship.

Man-centred worship: In today's Christendom, some under the "Christian" umbrella teach Church leaders how to "transform" the church to be seeker-sensitive. Focussing only on 1 aspect of the church's purpose, the seeker-sensitive movement (which Rick Warren's "The Purpose Driven Church" promotes) focuses predominantly on salvation of souls and bringing in the "unchurched". To do this, churches are taught to replace the traditional Sunday worship service with a service style to suit what unsaved people seek after. Since most people dress up for work all week and want to dress

casually on weekends, the church is told to “dress down” and invite everyone to dress informally and casually for worship. Contemporary jazz, rock, pop, sentimental ballads, and folk music is introduced because that is what the flesh of both believers and unbelievers seeks after. Moreover, the message of the seeker-sensitive church is only positive, avoiding mention of sin and repentance. It often mixes human psychology with an inspiring Bible verse which is often taken out of context. Such philosophies and teachings are syncretistic and are man-centred. Many churches exist today for the people, and to bring people in. In catering to man’s likes and dislikes, the church merely becomes a social club to pander to and to entertain man, not for the worship of God. This is the worship of man, music, and self.

God-centred worship: Worship is about man bowing down with deep humility before an Almighty God. Isaiah 42:8 “I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images”. Hence, God alone must be the focus of the whole Worship Service, and none other. Biblically, the purpose of the church’s worship service is not to please man, but to please God. Every item of the Worship Service, and all who lead and participate in it must have only one focus in mind, and that is to be able to give all glory and praise to God alone. Satan has invented worship styles that “steal the limelight” from God. None must share in the glory which belongs alone to God. The Minister, the Worship Leader, the Interpreters, the Pre-worship Song-leader and the pianist must minimise distractions that may draw the congregation’s attention away from God to themselves. Rather, positively, all that they do, say and play must aid and point the congregation toward God. This applies to the choice and style of music too. Christian worship must speak of and reflect the character of the only true and living God

Who is Creator of Heaven and earth, Who is set apart from all others, and Whose glory can never be shared.

Because worship is all about God, everything about our worship must be reverential. The dignity and regard that we give to Him in worship must show how exceedingly great He is above that of any man that we may approach.

This honour is reflected not merely in the church's order of worship. In worship, we come not as individuals, but collectively as an assembly, a congregation, a people of God. One must not try to "outshine" others with fashion, loud worldly attire, attention grabbing hairdos and the like. Conversely, it is also not for us to come attired carelessly before Him. We must dress as people grateful and reflective of the great redemptive work of Christ. This means dressing chastely, decently and modestly. It also includes dressing appropriately for worship. In Australia, many may slip into slippers and shorts to buy a thing or two from the supermarket. But in worship, we come to offer our thanksgiving and praise to the Creator of Heaven and earth. Having understood all these, let us dress befitting such a worship. Every Sunday, let us give our attention, our energies, our focus to the worship of the Immortal, Invisible, Thrice Holy God. How we worship ultimately reflects our view of God.

Malachi 1:8 "And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts". We show respect to our companies, bosses, and officials on earth by how we present ourselves and our attitude when we approach them. How much more should we be in our approach to God?

Yours in our Lord's service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Mother's Day Tea Reception (Today):** There will be a tea reception after worship service. All are welcome to join and celebrate this occasion together.
2. **Husbands' and Fathers' Fellowship (Today, 3:30 pm):** Fathers and Husbands are leaders at home. How are you leading your wife and children? Pastor will be teaching from Eph 5:25 and all husbands and fathers are encouraged to come and learn God's Word together.
3. **Myanmar Mission Trip Presentation (Next Sunday, 21st May, 11:45 am):** Please stay back for a brief presentation of the Myanmar mission trip after Service next Sunday in the main sanctuary. The aim is to provide a summary of the Myanmar church's work, and a recap of our mission trip there.
4. **Adelphé Bible Study (Sunday, 21st May, 3:30 pm):** Will be held next Sunday at Church. In this coming meeting, we will look at how a woman of grace should approach and help oneself and a fellow Christian who is often troubled, grumpy or easily upset. Pastor Joseph will lead us in this study and discussion. All ladies in church are welcome and encouraged to come and learn together.
5. **Seniors' Fellowship (Saturday, 27th May, 10:30 am):** This will be held in church for our Seniors to study God's Word together. It is also a good opportunity for the young to mingle with the elderly in church and fellowship so all are warmly welcome to join. Pastor will be speaking on the topic "The Reason for Labour".

6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for His help at the Combined Fellowships on Worship Music, and for those that came to learn together. Pray that BPCWA and other doctrinally sound churches will be kept from the influences of Contemporary Christian Music.
- Thank God for the English and Chinese speaking brethren who came to fellowship and learn God's Word together at last week's Men's and Ladies' Fellowship.
- Mother's Day reminds us to thank God for godly mothers who faithfully fulfil their calling of Christian motherhood in the home. Also, pray that mothers will be godly wives to their husbands, and shining testimonies of holy living and prayerfulness to their children in their homes.
- Pray for the Husbands' & Fathers' Fellowship to be used to build up godly leaders in the home that will fulfil their Christian duties at home and at church.
- Pray for the preparation for the Myanmar Mission trip presentation to encourage worshippers here to better understand and pray for First, Bethel and Ngalti Bible-Presbyterian Church in Myanmar.
- Pray for worshippers in BPCWA to grow spiritually in their personal walk through the study of the Word and mutual encouragement through the fellowships. Pray for individuals to maintain daily devotions and to live according to God's Word.
- Pray for God's leading and His Truth to guide in the planning for the Church's growth and programs.

SERVICE DUTY	14/5 COMBINED	21/5 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Michael Lee/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Karen Ee
Welcomers (Foyer)	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Lily Liow	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lian Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Eddie Foo, Caleb Cheng Mark Heath, Claude Yiu Deacon Stephen Chia	*Terry Chong, *Kenny Chia Jason Tey, Claude Yiu, Deacon Joel Wong Yan Wei
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Edward Ee	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho Lee Fung Fong, Ming Ming Th'ng Xuan Rui Yong	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew Christine Chia, Julia Chia Illhoa Ramachandran, Mable Soon
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Nursing Home Ministry

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

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	14/5	12:45 pm	Teens Q & A
		3:30 pm	Husbands' and Fathers' Fellowship
Tuesday	16/5	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Kenny Tan, Ellainne Cheng
Friday	19/5	10:00 am	Mothers' and Wives' Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	21/5	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
		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 Adelphie Bible Study

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (7/5)

Attendance: 211 (Combined-179; JSS-32); Prayer Meeting: 68; Church Combined Fellowship: 102
Offerings in Total: \$7536.05; General Fund: \$7536.05
(#4229-Combined Fellowship-\$757.10; #4231-Family Camp-\$1605.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Which is the seventh commandment? The seventh commandment is, *Thou shalt not commit adultery.* (Exodus 20:14)