



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

May 21st, 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, And 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/Sonny Lim

*Hymn **HOP 2** To God Be the Glory

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 125:1-5

HOP 219 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 16:15-18

Hymn **HOP 355** Jesus Is All the World to Me

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

A Holy Addiction

*Hymn **HOP 315** Must I Go and Empty Handed?

*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,

Last week, we looked at the church's role to promote godly worship. In order to promote godly worship, our public corporate worship on Sundays must be biblical. This is a primary role that God requires for His church because of John 4:23. We cannot undermine the importance of this role of God's church.

Simply because it is a church and it is called a *Worship Service* does not mean that God accepts the worship, or is present. To the Samaritan woman at the well, Christ drew an important line distinguishing between true and false worship. "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him (John 4:23)." Attending worship is not simply to soothe one's conscience that one has obeyed the fourth commandment by "attending" a Worship Service on Sunday, even if it is false worship. Attending false worship is futile and wrong. Remember, God *seeks* true worshippers. It means that there are false worshippers.

So what is true worship for the true worshipper? God Himself sets the criteria, because He determines what He will or will not accept in the worship. **Firstly, true worship is in spirit.** This means that true worship can only be offered to God from redeemed children aided by the Holy Spirit. It is not "tongues speaking in the Spirit". True worshippers offer worship not mindlessly, in form only, but with understanding and from the heart. While worship should be solemn and reverential, this does not mean that it is merely just "keeping up with appearances", outward and ritualistic. One can be present, sing the hymns, and read the Scriptures. But inwardly, in the heart, you could be rejecting it, or just waiting for the time to pass. Such false worship is hypocrisy and hated by God. Worshipping in the spirit hence means that one must

worship God sincerely. **Secondly, true worship is in truth.** Sincerity alone is not enough. Unbiblical practices, “another” gospel, unbiblical doctrines, and ungodly music fail this criteria and make such worship false worship, even if it is done under a Christian banner. True worship promotes the source of truth, which is the Bible. This means that true worship promotes the faithful preaching of the Word, not the promotion of music and performances. Unlike modern Christianity’s thinking, spirit and truth are not enemies, as if when you slide “up” the truth scale, you slide down on the “spirit” scale. Instead, Christ sets them both on par. You cannot have truth without spirit, and you cannot have true spirit without truth. Everything in worship must have a biblical basis, not to please men, nor to “work up” emotions to get an emotional “high”. Biblical truth gives rise to spirited worship. And a true spirit gives rise to the yearning for biblical truth.

What must BPCWA be like? Why did God set up a light here in BPCWA 31 years ago? So that He when He seeks, He will find true worshippers in it. When BPCWA is obedient to what God requires of His church, we must all rejoice and work in together to fulfil it, because that is what the Head of the Church wants. To do so, recapitulating, (1) BPCWA must have an earnest interest in and reaching out for the salvation of souls. (2) BPCWA must build up Christians through the teaching of God’s Word. (3) BPCWA must be ready and active in the defence of the true faith. (4) BPCWA must have and promote godly worship. And you make up BPCWA. The activities and outreaches of BPCWA must support and be guided by these purposes. They are God’s purposes and we cannot dispense with it as we wish. It must follow the Head’s direction and instructions, not our own zeal or sincerity. Every fellowship group and ministry must know this, and strive for it. Every activity must keep these purposes in mind, when it is being planned for. Every ministry outreach

has to consider these purposes as it decides whether to do or not to do something. If we lose track of all these spiritual purposes that God has set, we can be very busy with many social activities, but we may not be fulfilling God's purposes for a church. Ultimately, the church is for God's elect, His chosen people, His children, His redeemed. The church is not to be seeker sensitive. It must be a safe haven for the sheep to graze, with green pastures, and still waters. For individuals, families and their children, old and young, BPCWA should be our haven in this earthly pilgrimage, until we reach heaven's shores. What is selected and allowed in church must always have this in view – is it going to be something that will prepare them to meet God well, to help them be more heavenly focussed and more holy, and finally to hear Him say "Well done, good and faithful servant"?

Will BPCWA continue to be God's faithful witness in our children's generation? It first depends on whether we are true to our watch in our generation. Each year, BPCWA must do a self-assessment. May we, for many generations to come, be found faithful "for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:9). But to do that, we must be faithful in our generation. It only takes 1 generation to fail, and the slide can be irreversible. The impact may be in our generation, or it may be in future generations. It will need all fronts to be guarded, and no backdoor left ajar. It may mean that difficult, unpopular decisions may need to be made at times. It will need the watch to be conscientiously consistent. Will you watch together with us in all fronts?

1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Yours in our Lord's service
Pastor

Email from Rev Biak after Myanmar Mission Trip.

Dear Rev Joseph,

Greetings in our Lord's blessed name.

We prayed and hope that you all arrived back to your place safely.

We give praise to God and are very thankful to all of you and BPCWA for all your love and faithful ministering of God's Word to us, your financial supports, love gifts, and clothings. Truly, you have been great blessings to us. All praise be to Him. Our people here, both young and old, have learned many pertinent biblical truths. We continue to pray that the seed sown will yield good fruits.

On behalf of the three missions churches, I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to the Pastor, Session, missions team, and the congregation of BPCWA for all that you have done for the Lord and His people in Myanmar. We continue to pray that the Lord will bless you all bountifully from on high and continue to use you mightily for His glory and the increase of His kingdom.

Thankfully in the Lord,
Biak

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Myanmar Mission Trip Presentation (Today, 11:45 am):** There will be a brief presentation of the Myanmar mission trip after Service in the main sanctuary today. The aim is to provide a summary of the Myanmar church's work and recap of our mission trip there so that you can continue to pray for the work.
2. **Adelphé Bible Study (Today, 3:30 pm):** Will be held this afternoon at Church. 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. There will also be Q & A on "Must married couples have children?" All ladies in church are welcome and encouraged to come and learn together.

3. **Seniors Fellowship (Saturday, 27th May, 10:30 am):** Will be held this Saturday at church. Pastor will be speaking on the topic “The Reason for Labour”. As there is lunch fellowship after the meeting, please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome to join.
4. **City Evangelism (Sunday, 28th May, 2 pm):** Do join us in sharing the Gospel in Perth City area. Please ensure that you are on the registration form in the foyer. We will meet in Church at 2 pm for a briefing and prayer. City Evangelism will end with testimonies in Church at 5 pm.
5. **Lunch Fellowship (Next Sunday, 28th May):** Please bring a dish to share. Do stay back to get to know each other and visitors in our midst. All are welcome.
6. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for the practical study of His Word at husbands’ and fathers’ fellowship last week. Thank God for godly mothers in our midst who are an example of faith in their homes.
 - Thank God for seeing brother Yew Jinn through another year of study at Far Eastern Bible College. Pray for him as he labors in our midst as he returns to Perth this week for his holidays, and for his upcoming marriage.
 - Thank God for helping with the Myanmar Mission Trip presentation. Pray for First, Bethel and Ngalti Bible-Presbyterian Church in Myanmar to continue to stand strong for the truth and be a witness for God in the land.
 - Pray for the Seniors’ Fellowship message to build up the elderly spiritually in this phase of their lives. Pray also for this fellowship to forge closer bonds between the seniors and with one another.
 - Pray for the City Evangelism outreach to be used to preach the gospel to the unsaved in Perth, and to draw God’s sheep to safe pastures at BPCWA.
 - Pray for every worshipper in BPCWA to be careful in spiritual matters, build deep biblical convictions, be courageous, constant in their spiritual walk and to do all things in charity. May every day of our lives be used for Christ.

SERVICE DUTY	21/5 COMBINED	28/5 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Michael Lee/Sonny Lim	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Jason Tey	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lian Yong	Eddie Foo, Carol Foo, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Kenny Chia Jason Tey, Claude Yiu, Deacon Joel Wong Kenny Tan	*Pei Shion Chai, *Kenny Tan Deacon Michael Lee, Eddie Foo Edward Ee, Deacon Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Lee Lee Yong	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Kenny Tan
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew Christine Chia, Julia Chia Illhoa Ramachandran, Mable Soon	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, May Chee Tey Edward Teng, Joanne Teng
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	A: Mark Heath B: Allan Ang	A: Yew Jinn Chieng B: Caleb Cheng
Berrington	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Yew Jinn Chieng

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	21/5	3:30 pm	Adelpe Bible Study
Tuesday	23/5	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Yew Jinn Chieng, Angeline Yong
Friday	26/5	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	27/5	10:30 am	Seniors' Fellowship
Sunday	28/5	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
		12:45 pm	Teens Q & A
		2:00 pm	City Evangelism
			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		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (14/5)

Attendance: 208 (Combined-177; JSS-31); Prayer Meeting: 62

Offerings in Total: \$6069.55; General Fund: \$6069.55 (#4232-Men's and Ladies' Fellowship-\$158.20)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required in the seventh commandment? The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbour's chastity, in heart, speech, and behaviour. (1 Corinthians 7:2-3, 5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)