



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

June 4th, 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/Deacon Joel Wong
The Lord Is in His Holy Temple **1**

Call to Worship Deacon Michael Lee/Sonny Lim
*Hymn **HOP 1** O Worship the King

*Invocation/Gloria Patri **2**
Responsive Reading Psalm 127:1-5

Holy Communion [Deacon Michael Lee, Deacon Adrian Cheng
Deacon Stephen Chia, Deacon Joel Wong, Robert Wong]
Hymn **HOP 96** Lead Me to Calvary
HOP 101 At the Cross

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.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
*Doxology **3**/Offertory Prayer 1 Corinthians 16:21-24
Scripture Reading **HOP 432** Thanks to God!
Hymn Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Pastoral Prayer/Message

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.

Do You Love the Lord Jesus Christ?

*Hymn **HOP 389** My Jesus, I Love Thee
*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

Dear BPCWAians, Later this year, BPCWA will be having our Triennial Elections. This is a time when communicant members will elect the leaders of the church for the next three years. This is an important matter concerning the church, hence all members should keep themselves available to attend the elections on the 17th of September. This is also why the date is published early to help you plan ahead.

In order to choose the right leaders for God's church, everyone must clearly understand what God teaches in the Bible concerning the qualifications and role of each of the church leaders. We will look at various aspects of this over the coming weeks. I hope that by covering this series, members can keep all this in view as the date of election nears. But some may wonder – what is the church election about? Is the election of the Session important to the church? What is the relationship between the church and her leaders?

What is the church election about? Church election is when members vote for the leaders to serve and lead BPCWA for the next 3 years. Hence, it is in effect choosing what BPCWA would be in time to come. Election is about members choosing the leaders whom they know will keep BPCWA on track - Biblically and Constitutionally. Election is really every member's responsibility and opportunity (by the election of the men they choose to vote for) to ensure that BPCWA will remain sound and safe in faith and practice. Thus, election impacts the spirituality and direction of the church for you and your children. This is because the persons elected will have the members' mandate

and authority to lead the church. So when you elect someone, you are making the choice, saying “I entrust the direction, running, and care of the church in a Biblical way to you on behalf of me, my family, and my fellow members in BPCWA”. It must be equally clear therefore to anyone who wishes to stand for election that the person fully understands the spiritual responsibility and is able to live up to the commitment for the task to which they are elected.

Is the Church election important? Our triennial election is not merely voting persons so that we have a Board and Session. The church election is very crucial because the leaders in the Session represent the congregation in the decisions and course of the church. Much good or much damage can be done in 3 years. Choosing the right persons will help ensure the church will do that which is right in God’s eyes, thus having God’s presence among us. The opposite can result when we elect wrong persons. So, one cannot vote someone merely because “he is willing to stand and serve, so let us vote him. After all I am not serving, at least he is willing.” The church who refuses to vote in a God-honouring Session cannot say that it was God’s Hand and out of their control. It is after all we who put in the vote. In other words, one cannot vote irresponsibly and then say, “I leave it to God to intervene”. Voting is a member’s duty and it must be taken seriously as each member is accountable before God for their vote as well. Every member, new or old, took a vow to obey the leaders of the church in matters consistent with the church’s doctrinal position and stand. Hence, the leaders you vote in must truly be convicted of and

personally promote and live the church's Biblical stand. After all, you chose to become a member based upon these values and therefore are willing to subject yourself to the leadership of those who have these convictions in life and practice, in private and in church.

Ultimately, during election, you are voting in people that will represent you in moving the church forward in a manner consistent with the church's doctrinal position. If a man must give an account of every idle word spoken in the day of judgement (Matt 12:36), what more of a vote of the Church's Officers? Though it is secret to man, it is known to God. It is therefore a member's responsibility to do so wisely and prudently. Hence it is not only important to the church, it is important to you before God.

Who to elect? Simply put, the church election is a time when – once in 3 years - members take a prayerful assessment of its leaders to vote into office “only those with the essential qualifications and who are in full agreement with the doctrinal stand of the Bible-Presbyterian Church, in particular with its Principle and Practice of Biblical Separation” (Article 13.3 of BPCWA's Constitution).

Unlike the world, the church election is not a competition, nor is it a seniority based promotion. Each candidate is assessed based on their own walk with God, convictions, willingness and ability to fulfil the biblical criteria and roles God has set for each church leader. What the Bible says must be a “go-no go” filtering gauge for whether you decide to vote for the person. It is not based on friendships. It is not dependent on whether you will personally stand to benefit or

lose out from this person being in that church office. It is not how sociable, vocal or how quiet the person is. Also, seniority in age alone or how long the person has served in that office is also not the key criteria for determining suitability. We should not simply vote or promote someone into an office in church because he fits our personal preferences or self devised criteria, even if he does not meet the Bible's spiritual qualifications. God willing, we will visit these in detail in the weeks to come.

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Sunday School Family Day (5th June, 9:30 am):** Will be at Piney Lakes Reserve, Winthrop, on Monday (which is a public holiday). There will be lunch after the event. Invitations for parents, Sunday School teachers and children are available in the foyer.
2. **Mandarin Care Group (17th June, 10:30 am):** The meeting will be held in Church. Yew Jinn will speak on "The Christian Armour" (Ephesians 6:10-18) series. All are welcome to attend and learn God's Word together.
3. **Away:** Pastor and Mrs Poon will be away for 2 weeks to minister at Gethsemane's Missionary Conference and Truth B-P Church's Family Camp. Pastor can be contacted through email and Whatsapp while he is away, whenever Wifi is available.

4. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the opportunity to preach the gospel at last Sunday's City Evangelism. Thank God for those who went out to sow the Word.
- Thank God for His help and guidance at the Session Meeting yesterday.
- Pray for BPCWA to be united in truth and genuine love, serving the Lord fervently in the ministry of the saints. Pray for protection from the wiles of the devil.
- Pray for Pastor as he speaks at the Gethsemane Missionary Conference and Truth BP Family Camp over the next 2 weeks. Pray for Sharon as she teaches the children program at the family camp too. Pray for brother Yew Jinn as he ministers the Word in Pastor's absence.
- Pray for the Sunday School Family Day and ministry to build the children up in the most holy faith and forge strong bonds with one another in the church family.
- Pray for Rev Koshy, Pastor and Mrs Koshy as they prepare for the messages and children program at our Family Camp. May the camp forge a common purpose and bond in God's work at BPCWA. Pray for wisdom for the final stages of the planning for the camp.
- Pray for the sick to know God's grace and strength in times of trial. May their faith grow and their testimonies glorify God during this time.

SERVICE DUTY	4/6 COMBINED - Holy Communion	11/6 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Yew Jinn Chieng/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Michael Lee/Sonny Lim	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Lee Lian Yong	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Yi Choong Liew
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Edward Ee Yi Choong Liew, Pei Shion Chai Kenny Chia, Colin Chng	*Claude Yiu, *Eugene Leong, Allan Ang Ben Kan, Jason Tey, Deacon Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Shie Tian Wong	Edward Ee, Nancy Chai, Vincent Naing
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Kenny Chia
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	Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)	Mark Heath (Ben Kan)
South Perth	A: Allan Ang B: Mark Heath	A: Yew Jinn Chieng B: Kenny Tan
Berrington	Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)	Mark Heath (Ben Kan)
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Yew Jinn Chieng

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Monday	5/6	9:30 am	Sunday School Family Day
Tuesday	6/6	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Joel Wong, Hannah Th'ng
Friday	9/6	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	11/6	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

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (28/5)

Attendance: 200 (Combined-172; JSS-28); Prayer Meeting: 69
Offerings in Total: \$6831.75; General Fund: \$6831.75
(#4238-\$178.85; #4239-Library-\$40.00; #4240-\$174.70; #4241-\$84.90)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Which is the eighth commandment? The eighth commandment is, *Thou shalt not steal.* (Exodus 20:15; Deuteronomy 5:19)