



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

September 17<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 Winnie Lim/Kenny Tan

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Michael Lee/Deacon Joel Wong

\*Hymn **HOP 8** Now Thank We All Our God

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 139:1-12

Hymn **HOP 158** There Is a Fountain

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 205** Blessed Assurance

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-3

Hymn **HOP 404** O Jesus, I Have Promised

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

### 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.

## Are You Living a Dead Man's Life?

\*Hymn **HOP 261** I Want a Principle Within

\*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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## Honouring our Head

Dear BPCWAIans, Last Sunday, we looked at how God has placed Christ to be the Head over all things to the church, and the relation of the church to our Head. This is a lofty topic that deserves our special attention. It is something that we should spend time to dwell on, and to let that thought thrill our minds and hearts time and time again.

**The Supremacy of our Head.** “Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come” (Eph 1:21). In schools, we study history and read of the great empires of the past. In Australia, we remember that we are a Commonwealth nation, a legacy of the British Empire that spanned across many countries. What influence the British Empire held, that changed the fabric of so many societies and nations that continues to pervade our lives today. We read of the Babylonian Empire, that stretched across much of the known earth during their time. So powerful in their time, that perhaps some thought that their domination over these lands would never end. No matter how great they were in their day, the days of those empires are now past. What power they had, ultimately, was only but an insignificant fraction of the power which Christ holds. The power Christ holds, He dispenses as and when, and to whom He wills, to fulfil His purposes in the history of mankind. We often only picture Christ as the lamb that was “was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer” (Acts 8:32) at His first coming. But let us remember that when He comes again to receive the Church, His bride, to Himself, He will come as the Victorious King, in His power and His majesty. When we read of Armageddon in the Book of Revelation, let us not miss out that amidst all the battles, it will be Christ that will overcome all the armies of the world that come out against Him. If that is in the future, why does God tell that

to us now? Simply so that we can know now by faith before we see with our eyes, the power of our Head. In His Hands, He holds the reigns of the powers of the whole world – past, present and future. This knowledge must rest firmly in our minds. When troubles arise in the church that may seem insurmountable, let His church cry out to Him. As Head of the church, we must always remember that He is in control of everything and everyone. Nothing happens without His permission, and even when that permission is given, He still remains very much in control. While the world trusts in “being in the right crowd”, “pulling strings” and business “guanxi”, the Head of the Church is He who manoeuvres the strings and the crowds. So great must be the confidence that we have in Christ. Without this sight of faith of who He is, we will not be able to honour Him as we ought. Our view, our reverence, our esteem of Him must be so high, so that we will know how we ought to rightly respond to Him. Let it be so real that it may be as sight before our eyes.

**The Honour we must give to our Head.** Why does God give us this clear vision of Christ’s Supremacy? **1) It means that we all must think of the church as His.** We must keep in mind that neither the Session nor the members own the church. So that we will act rightly as His church. As we serve in the church, let us ask our Head “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” (Acts 9:6), seeking God’s will in His word, and in prayer, that we may please Him. It is not what we like personally, but in everything, the question is always “how will this affect the fullness of the body of Christ?” Does it build up Christ’s body at BPCWA toward the glory of the Head? When God puts the Session in place, it is with the charter to execute what He desires for BPCWA. This is the biblical model. With the privilege of service also comes an accountability before God for that privilege (Heb 13:17). Hence, to everyone serving in any capacity in the church, we must fulfil God’s purpose with carefulness.

**2) No man must take glory for anything that he does.** We must give all glory to Christ, attributing to Him the highest honour. This is regardless how much a person may contribute to the church in giving time, resources, substance or labour. Even when he seems to be uniquely able to fill a critical need in God's work that none other is able to do at that point of time, it is not of himself. All these things that we have are only but what we have received from Him, so that we can do His work. When the company funds a project that the company wants accomplished and we have the power to sign off the funds for that project, we don't boast that we paid for it. We must simply thank God for putting in our hands the power to be able to contribute to His work. We must give glory to God that He has provided the time, resources, substance and labour that enables His work. It must fill our hearts with faith and with praise that the Head of the church always accomplishes what He wills, because He can always provide by putting in our hands to contribute accomplishing His will.

**3) And finally, we honour Him when we worship Him aright.** We must have the highest view of Worship Service. It is a time when collectively, as a church, we come together and pledge our allegiance and our praise that He is altogether glorious, He is altogether worthy. Our attitude toward the Worship Service speaks a thousand words of our honour for Him as a church. When we come before Him in worship, let us come with rejoicing, with anticipation, with praise from our hearts, and with a prayer in our hearts that He will speak to us through His Word that we may know, as a church, how to honour Him more in our midst.

Colossians 1:18 "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."

Yours in our Lord's service  
Pastor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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1. **Annual Congregational Meeting & Triennial Election (Today, after Worship):** All members are required to attend the Triennial Elections and ACM which will be held after the Worship Service. Members will be required to vote for the Session and for the special resolutions to amend the Constitution. Lunch will be served after the ACM.
2. **Adelphie Fellowship (Today, 3:30 pm):** Want to know more about God's Decrees, Providence and Will, or have questions on these topics? Come join us at this Bible study to build your understanding on Theism - Knowing God. Pastor will continue to lead us through a detailed study on these topics and answer any questions you may have.
3. **Church Combined Fellowship (This Friday, 22 September, 7:30 pm):** The series of messages will conclude this Friday with the topic of "Counter Reformation and Return". With the emphasis on teaching from the Bible, how did the Roman Catholic Church respond? As we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, how do Protestants today view the ethos of the Reformation? All are welcome to come and learn together. Mandarin interpretation and notes will be provided.
4. **Seniors Fellowship (This Saturday, 23 September, 10:30 am):** will be at church with Pastor speaking on the topic "The Reason for Earthly Possessions". Since there is lunch fellowship after, please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome to join.
5. **Fellowship Lunch (Next Sunday, 24 September, after worship):** Please bring a dish to share. Do stay back to get to know each other, visitors and new students in our midst. All are welcome.

6. **Baptisms, Affirmation of faith and Membership Transfers** will be conducted during Sunday Service on Reformation Sunday, 29 October. Those who have completed the full course of Basic Bible Knowledge and wish to be baptised, affirm their faith, or have their memberships transferred to BPCWA can collect a copy of the necessary forms from Deacon Joel Wong. Completed forms, together with their testimonies, must be submitted to Deacon Joel by next Sunday, 24 September.
7. **Busy Bee (Saturday, 30 September, 9:00 am):** We encourage as many as possible to come to clean the church and serve God together in this area. Lunch will be provided.
8. **Car Park:** Where possible, worshippers are requested to park their cars in the main car parks. This will enable the elderly and families with infants to park at the more accessible car park lots directly in front of church.
9. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
  - Thank God for the Annual Congregational Meeting and Elections. May God continue to lead and protect BPCWA for His Kingdom's work.
  - Thank God for the Husbands and Fathers Fellowship last Sunday, and for the opportunity to build closer bonds of understanding amongst the husbands and fathers.
  - Pray that BPCWA will continue to strive together with unity of hearts and faith for the sake of the Gospel. Pray for protection from Satan's wiles.
  - Pray for the Combined Church Fellowship this Friday. May God strengthen BPCWA's resolve to stand firmly upon God's truth and contend against falsehood and ecumenism. Pray for preparation and hearing of the message.
  - Pray for each week's Nursing Home outreaches to save and strengthen souls for God.
  - Pray for Adelphe to continue to build up the sisters to a good understanding of how to discern God's will in all areas of their lives.
  - Pray for the Seniors' Fellowship to be used to build up the faith of the elderly and that they will learn to live for God every day of their lives.
  - Pray for continued zeal and opportunities to sow the Gospel seed to those around us every day of our lives.

SERVICE DUTY	17/9 COMBINED - ACM & Triennial Elections	24/9 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Michael Lee/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Kenny Tan	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lee Lian Yong	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Allan Ang, Edward Ee, Deacon Stephen Chia Deacon Adrian Cheng, Colin Chng	*Eddie Foo, *Mark Heath, Yan Wei Caleb Cheng, Eugene Leong Alex Luu
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Chia, Ellainne Cheng, Yi Jye Chieng	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew Christine 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	Recess due to Annual Congregational Meeting and Triennial Election Of Session	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth		A: Mark Heath      B: Alex Luu
Berrington		Edward Ee (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek		Mark Heath

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	17/9	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
Tuesday	19/9	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	20/9	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Deuteronomy
Friday	22/9	7:30 pm	Combined Fellowship: The Spirit and Men of the 1517 Protestant Reformation
Saturday	23/9	10:30 am	Seniors Fellowship
Sunday	24/9	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 and 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

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (10/9)

Attendance: 214 (Combined-183; JSS-31); Prayer Meeting: 78  
 Offerings in Total: \$7,538.40; General Fund: \$7,538.40 (#4307-Library-\$20.00; #4309-Thanksgiving-\$300.00;  
 For Gospel Tracts-\$500.00; Bibles-Sanctury use-\$150.00; Combined Fellowship-\$431.70)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communiceth to us the benefits of redemption?** The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communiceth to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-42)