



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## 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/Allan Ang

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong

\*Hymn **HOP 5** The God of Abraham Praise

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 1:10-19

Hymn **HOP 255** I Need Thee Every Hour

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 289** God Will Take Care of You

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 10:12-17

Hymn **HOP 313** Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak

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.

## What Is the Fear of God?

\*Hymn **HOP 210** Trust and Obey

\*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 2018:

"...what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul," (Deuteronomy 10:12)

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## PASTORAL LETTER

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### Theme Choice for 2018 – Fear, Walk with, Love, and Serve My Lord with My All

“And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul” (Deut 10:12).

Dear BPCWAians, What is the point of a church theme? The key idea is to help the church and its worshippers have a specific area of emphasis for both the church and in our personal walk with God. While we do not typically preach on our church theme throughout the entire year, but mainly at family camp, it is still meant to provide a focus and rallying point as a church and also serves as a reminder for individuals to focus on the theme personally. So why was this theme selected for 2018? It is important for us to know the reasons so that we do not lose sight of it during the year.

**Have a Biblical view of your life on earth (Fear and walk with your God).** Christians often have a misguided view of their life on earth. Firstly, many think that they will be happy if they have what their heart desires of what the world offers, and if they can be living a life of luxury and pleasures without care. These may temporarily bring happiness but it will not give lasting joy. Emptiness often ensues and the heart will seek

greater thrills and pleasures. For the believer, only Christ brings true satisfaction and lasting joy. Secondly, as I have been preaching recently, many think that a consecrated life is optional for the believer. But it is not. I pray that from 2018 onwards, you will understand that God left you on earth after saving you for a reason. You are to live a Christlike life to point unbelievers to Him, to be an encouragement to believers, and to be engaged in building His church. Such a life is what God intended for you, to occupy you after salvation. This is the Biblical view of life on earth. So what has been occupying your life up till now? There is a place for recreation, holidays, and caring for our health. These can serve to rejuvenate us – for more zealous service, not for more earthly pleasures! Will you resolve to leave the trivial and hedonistic pursuits which will only burn up in an instant at the Bema seat judgement? Either you are not convinced that Christ saved us for His service, or you are aware but you are searing your conscience about it? Unless you come face to face with this fact in 2018, you will not resolve to leave the world behind and revamp our life on earth to be what God saved you for.

**Have a personal walk with God (Love and serve your LORD).** One of the key focus of our theme this year is to draw every worshipper to a personal walk with our Lord. We have covered themes surrounding building up the church, our royal priesthood and striving together for the faith of the Gospel. This year's theme is more about your personal fellowship with your LORD. You can be busy studying His Word and serving, which

are basic expectations of the Christian life, but it is easy to neglect your inner man's walk with God while doing all these. It is easy to hide behind being at activities without anyone knowing our true spiritual state. But God knows. And if we do not maintain a genuine and private fellowship with God, we will fall. It is just a matter of time. If you do not have and do not maintain a daily quiet time of meditating upon God's Word and being in prayerful fellowship with your LORD, you will backslide. And if and when God deals with particular sins and points out failures in your Christian walk, and you dismiss it and sweep it under the carpet, you are on a dangerous path. Let 2018 be the year that you deal with sin and return to a close personal walk with the LORD your God. It is time to be honest with ourselves and God about this matter. We can fool others. But what is the point of that?

**Have a God centred life from now on (With my all).** You cannot have one foot in the world and the other in heaven. You cannot serve God and mammon. As the saying goes, if Christ is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all in your life. Do you think that living solely for God, putting His kingdom first above all your ambitions and desires of life means a dreary life of drudgery? You will only know fulness of joy in the presence of God. Do you not believe that when we live a consecrated life, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Ps 16:11)? God cannot lie. The fun of this world is short lived. You will only know the true joy when you fear, walk with, love, and serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. The reason many Christians are not filled with joy

is because they are not having a genuine personal daily and close walk with their Lord, living constantly in His Presence. When we want the best of both worlds, we will only remain miserable. Let 2018 be the year of a sincere and intimate walk with your God. Begin today.

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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1. **Busy Bee (This Saturday, 20 January, 9:00 am):** Not sure what you can do to serve God? Come this Saturday and lend a hand in cleaning the Church and serving together. Lunch will be provided.
2. **Australia Day Outreach (Next Friday, 26 January, 3:00 pm):** For Australia Day this year, we will have a combined fellowship meeting at 3 pm with Pastor speaking. We will then go into the city to give out tracts and share the Gospel and end with fellowship together in the city. We welcome all in the church to consider joining Australia day this year with the church family. Please register your interest in the fellowship hall.
3. **Away Dates:** We appreciate your needed cooperation in updating your upcoming months' away dates if you already know them. It will greatly help in the duty roster planning. You can do so at [bpcwa.org.au/away](http://bpcwa.org.au/away) or inform your ministry's roster lead who is listed on the foyer's notice board.

#### **4. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for keeping BPCWA and giving us another year to worship and serve Him here.
- Thank God for the Audio Visual, Website, YouTube ministries that provide opportunities for many to continue to grow in God's truth even outside of church.
- Pray for many to come to help maintain the church at the Busy Bee this Saturday. Pray for safety and time of getting to know each other as we serve together.
- Pray for BPCWA and its BOE and Session to be united and faithful to God in our service.
- Pray for the Teens Q & A to be used to help everyone have a clearer understanding of God's Word and help them grow spiritually.
- Pray for preparations for University outreaches this year to be able to reach out to many students studying in Perth. Pray that God will draw His sheep to come to BPCWA to learn and grow together with us.
- Pray for the Friday night fellowships to be used to strengthen the faith of adults and youths and forge strong bonds between the attendees so that they will mutually encourage one another to live each day in faith and obedience to God.

SERVICE DUTY	14/1 COMBINED	21/1 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Allan Ang	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Mark Heath, *Terry Chong, Allan Ang Caleb Cheng, Eddie Foo, Kenny Tan	*Jason Tey, *Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew Colin Chng, Pei Shion Chai, Stephen Chia
Ushers	Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Lin, Mable Soon	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Yi Jye Chieng
Audio Visual	Kenny Chia	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, May Chee Tey Edward Teng, Joanne Teng	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Ilihoa Ramachandran, Lee Chin Yong
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

### Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Colin Tey (Hannah Th'ng)	Pastor Joseph Poon (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth	A: Caleb Cheng    B: Mark Heath	A: Allan Ang    B: Caleb Cheng
Berrington	Allan Ang (Hannah Th'ng)	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Caleb Cheng

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	14/1	12:30 pm	Teens Q & A
Tuesday	16/1	10:00 am	Chinese Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Eugene Leong, Ellainne Cheng
Wednesday	17/1	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Genesis
Friday	19/1	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Saturday	20/1	9:00 am	Busy Bee
Sunday	21/1	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	Chinese Adults 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 (7/1)

Attendance: 188 (Combined-155; CSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 75

Tithes and Offerings: \$5,382.23 (#4375: \$13.90; #4376: \$70.00; #4377: \$223.10)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What do we pray for in the fifth petition?** In the fifth petition, which is, *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*, we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; (Psalm 51:1-2, 7, 9; Daniel 9:17-19; 1 John 1:7) which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others. (Matthew 18:21-35; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13)