



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

March 4<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 Sharon Poon/Jason Tay

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong

\*Hymn **HOP 11** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 3:26-35

Holy Communion [Deacon Adrian Cheng, Deacon Eugene Leong, Deacon Joel Wong]

Hymn **HOP 92** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

**HOP 185** According to Thy Gracious Word

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 383** Something for Thee

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:17-23

Hymn **HOP 138** Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord

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.

## Learning a New Walk

\*Hymn **HOP 265** Take Time to Be Holy

\*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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## Strangers, Hospitality and you

Dear BPCWAIans, Last week, we looked at the topic of our Christian duty in hospitality. It is important to answer the question now - So what can I do?

**What is hospitality?** Hospitality is one area of service where everyone can play a part, though in different areas. Some may have especially the gift of hospitality, and the Bible mentions exhortation (or consoling), giving, and mercy (Rom 12:8). But every Christian is expected to “Use hospitality one to another without grudging.” (1 Pet 4:9) The command is directed specifically to “the stranger that dwelleth with you” (Lev 19:34) – ie, to ones that joined themselves to the Israelites, and who would be subject to Israel’s civil laws and the LORD’s instituted sabbath days as these strangers dwelled in Israel. By way of application today, we should then extend hospitality to the “strangers” who will join us in worship of our Lord. It involves day to day things you do for the visitors that you see at church and that settle in to worship with us. In extending hospitality, we do it without expectation of anything in return. Inviting people, be they international students or general visitors, is just the beginning of hospitality opportunities. When visitors come into our midst, each of us should do our part to engage them and show hospitality with the ability God gives. Below are just some examples, but there are many more that you can do.

1. **Help them feel welcome.** Someone comes to a foreign land and away from family. Or they are new to a church where everyone seems to know everybody. They sit down, watching the people around them chatting like old friends. Imagine how they feel. If you see someone new, why not turn around and talk to them? Don’t run off after worship, but stay around to extend a welcome to the student or visitor. It makes a huge difference

to them. Remember how it was with some of you? This is not just the responsibility of the “Welcomers and Ushers”, but of every worshipper. Introduce them to other people in the church, get others to talk to them as well. Better still, invite them to join you if you’re about to pop out for lunch. Give them suggestions that can help them to settle into Perth and to BPCWA.

2. **Kitchen Ministry.** We thank God for those that serve tirelessly behind the scenes in this ministry. Through the efforts of these ones, the church as a whole can extend hospitality to many. Just like many of us host friends and relatives into our homes for meals, those in our kitchen ministry enable us to do it as a church which is the covenantal family in Christ. You can be part of this church hospitality team too. You can help cook, contribute a dish to our many events, or just simply help in the wash up.
3. **Personal Hospitality.** What many international students miss when they’re new is their home. And there’s something that’s a bit more personal about a home invitation, where they’re in a family environment. Consider inviting them to your homes for a home-cooked meal. Let them know that they have a family in Christ here, that cares for them. Or if you’re not able, then bring them out for a simple meal together. I am sure you would like others to treat your children or siblings this way if they are away alone in a foreign land.
4. **Giving.** “But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?” (1Jn 3:17). Till today, I remember and am thankful for the loan of a down filled jacket by a fellow student and Christian friend when I went away from home to study overseas. Remember the reason why God has liberally given to us our earthly possessions is so that we can help His children who are in need. This is part of being good stewards of what He has entrusted to us.

5. **Transport.** Never thought of this as part of the hospitality ministry? Think again. While it may seem very menial, this contributes directly to the spiritual growth of the student. It enables the student to come to learn God’s Word and to worship God together with us. This is especially needful on Sunday to/from Worship, and there is also often a need for Friday fellowships and for prayer meetings as well. You may feel that this is not an easy ministry to commit to, because you may have to take a diversion from your usual route. Or it may mean that you have to spend a bit more time on the road or forgo your usual schedule that you’re used to. If God has given you a car, endeavour to use it for His service. We hope that with more drivers, it is easier for this transport ministry to rotate the roster among more people. Without it, those who do not have a car cannot come to worship, be part of corporate prayer, learn more about God to grow spiritually, and go for outreaches with us. It is a very critical hospitality ministry that has significant spiritual impact on lives.

As we have been learning over the past few weeks, the church is our covenantal family. God puts everyone in the church so that the whole body will be “fitly joined together and compacted” with “every joint” in the body working towards this (Eph 4:16). When God brings someone to our midst to worship and learn with us, it is to help them come “unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ” (Eph 4:13). May every joint in BPCWA work for the edification of the body for the glory of our Head – Christ, our Lord!

<i>Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love,</i>	<i>Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,</i>
<i>Tell of His pow’r to forgive;</i>	<i>Out of my life may Jesus shine;</i>
<i>Others will trust Him if only you prove</i>	<i>Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,</i>
<i>True, every moment you live.</i>	<i>Make me a blessing to someone today.</i>

Yours in our Lord’s service  
Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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- 1. Church Anniversary Dinner Registration (Today, after worship):** Register today and join us to celebrate God's goodness to BPCWA for the past 32 years. Details of the Anniversary Dinner are:
  - Venue: Pinn's Palace, 1481 Albany Hwy, Beckenham WA 6107
  - Date and Time: Sunday 1 April 2018 at 6 pm.
  - Cost: \$25 (Adult), \$10 for children under 10 years old.
  - Menu: Available at the registration table.
- 2. Beach Games (Saturday, 10 March, 4 pm):** Will be held at Floreat Beach. The beach games will finish with a home-cooked dinner at 6 pm. Come and be part of this outreach by getting to know the newcomers, telling them about Christ, and helping them to be a part of BPCWA. Please contact Allan Ang 0433 032 709 to confirm attendance for catering purposes.
- 3. Husbands and Fathers Fellowship (Next Sunday, 11 March, 3:30 pm):** Pastor will continue to teach from Ephesians 5:25-26 and all Husbands and Fathers are encouraged to attend and learn God's Word together.
- 4. Chinese Care Group (Saturday, 17 March, 10:30 am):** This will be the first meeting of 2018 for the Chinese Care Group and will be held in Church. Pastor will continue to speak on "The Christian Armour" (Ephesians 6:10-18) series. As there will be lunch after the message, please kindly bring a dish to share. All are welcome to attend and learn God's Word together.
- 5. Baptisms, Affirmation of faith and Membership Transfers:** Completed forms, together with their testimonies, must be submitted to Deacon Joel by today.

6. **Church Family Camp 2018 (1 to 5 July):** This year's Church Family Camp will take place at Orchard Glory Farm Resort and Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew from Calvary Pandan BP Church in Singapore will be speaking on the church theme "The Christian Requirement" (Deuteronomy 10:12). Do book your leave now and come together as one spiritual family to learn. Registration will open in April.

7. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the Children Sunday School Promotion held today, and the children the Lord has entrusted parents and the church to train up for Him.
- Thank God for the Murdoch University Outreach and Welcome Dinner last week, for bringing students into our midst and all who laboured in many areas to support the University outreaches.
- Pray for God to guide in the decisions needed to be made at the Session Meeting this Saturday, and for unity of hearts as we serve together for God's Work for BPCWA.
- Pray that the new students and visitors in our midst will keep coming to BPCWA to come to the saving knowledge of God and to grow spiritually.
- Pray for the building up of the younger generation to be rooted and grounded in strong biblical convictions that will live, stand and fight for the truth and serve God faithfully in their time.
- Pray for like-minded Ministers and Bible-Presbyterian Churches to continue serving God with zeal and to stand faithfully upon God's Truth.

SERVICE DUTY	4/3 COMBINED - Holy Communion	11/3 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Jason Tey	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Yi San Chieng	Colin Chng, Fiona Chng, Lee Lian Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Kenny Tan, Yi Choong Liew Claude Yiu, Alex Luu, Benjamin Kan	*Alex Luu, *Jonathan Woo, Wei Yan Stephen Chia, Kenny Chia, Pei Shion Chai
Ushers	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Yi Jye Chieng	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Jay-Son Lim
Audio Visual	Kenny Chia	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, May Chee Tey Edward Teng, Joanne Teng
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

### Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Colin Tey (Hannah Th'ng)	Allan Ang (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth	A: Mark Heath B: Kenny Tan	A: Kenny Tan B: Alex Luu
Berrington	Colin Tey (Hannah Th'ng)	Allan Ang (Hannah Th'ng)
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Kenny Tan

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	4/3	8:45 am	Children Sunday School Promotion
Tuesday	6/3	10:00 am	Chinese Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Eugene Leong, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	7/3	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Genesis
Friday	9/3	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	11/3	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:30 pm	Teens Q & 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 Husbands and Fathers Fellowship

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (25/2)

Attendance: 194 (Combined-161; CSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 75; Welcome Dinner: 95

Tithes and Offerings: \$6,767.55 (#4397: \$125.20; #4398: \$701.10; #4399: \$85.00; #4400: \$183.00)