



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

April 1st, 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.

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, be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.



Prelude/Preparatory Hymn Sharon Poon/Kenny Tan

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong

*Hymn HOP 38 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Luke 24:33-44

Baptism Ignatius Law

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

Hymn HOP 99 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HOP 95 Wounded for Me

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings HOP 343 What a Wonderful Saviour!

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading John 20:15-21

Hymn HOP 108 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Christ Our Risen Lord

*Hymn HOP 110 I Serve a Risen Saviour

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

*Congregation Standing

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

The Resurrection and Discipleship

Dear BPCWAians, Today, Christians around the world rejoice at the remembrance of Christ's triumph over sin and death in His resurrection. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to proclaim to unbelievers the finished work of Christ on the cross for our salvation. The completion and the fulfilment of God's promised redemption for fallen man through His only begotten Son. We have heard many accounts of Christ's work, and we faithfully proclaim that salvation is all of Christ, and not through the smallest iota of good works on our part. But dear Christian, do you realise that when Christ finished the work that His Father sent Him to do, He left you with work to do?

The Unfinished Commission. Aptly so called by Rev Timothy Tow, this is a reminder that is based upon Christ's work, we now must go out to work for Him. As we enter BPCWA, there is a stone plaque that reminds us of why we were established - in obedience to Christ's Great Commission. About a week after His resurrection, Christ left his disciples with this Commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matt 28:19-20) As fully relevant as it was more than 2000 years ago to them, it continues to be relevant to us today. Until Christ's Return for His Church, this is an unfinished work for the Church to do. Because of Christ's life, death and resurrection for us, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Matt 28:18) And so, our victorious King, Who has been given all power and Who reigns in heaven and earth, sends us on a *heavenly*

mission to perform *on earth*. These Words of our Lord must be the thrust and heartbeat of every church. It must ring within the walls of BPCWA constantly. It must direct each one of our activities and be the focus of our efforts. Today, we celebrate a double commemoration – that of our Saviour’s Resurrection, and thanksgiving for preserving BPCWA since it was founded back in February 16th 1986 through the outreach efforts of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore. BPCWA does not exist for itself, nor even for its members. BPCWA exists for the Living Christ, the Head of our Church, our Risen, Triumphant, Saviour.

The Commission to Make Disciples. Yet, at the same time, the Great Commission, is also often greatly misunderstood as merely a call to missions and evangelism. It is often thought of that the church’s call is to save souls. It includes that, but it is more than that. In these 2 verses, the Greek text gives us key focus of the Great Commission, which is to “teach all nations”. This verb is actually *matheteuo*, which comes from the root word often translated as “disciple”. Put another way, what we are to do is to teach, such that the learner becomes a follower – a disciple – of Jesus Christ. So, what we set out to do is discipleship - to teach, such that the sinner becomes an obedient Christlike follower of Christ. That is why Eph 4:13 says that the work is “unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ”. That is why the Great Commission concludes with “to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” In order to make disciples, the church is thus commanded to “go”, “baptise” and “teach them to observe”. Why do we go out for evangelism? To tell them about the gospel so that their lives can be transformed into Christlikeness and they can live for Him after they are saved. We go out to bring them into sound churches where they can be well taught. What do we do in church? We teach them so that they may believe, and after believing, identify themselves as belonging to Christ in the Sacrament of baptism. We teach them

to observe all things that Christ has commanded. In BPCWA, let us remember that our efforts do not stop at salvation, but continue into discipleship. This is hard work. It is one thing going out to offer to someone the gospel that delivers them from eternal hellfire and that translates them into heavenly realms with no tears and with streets of gold. It is another thing to tell the person that salvation involves turning to Christ in repentance and thereafter following Him obediently on earth. But without this latter message, it is an incomplete gospel of salvation. This is the gospel that Christ preached: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Lk 9:23).

So as we celebrate Easter, and we think about His resurrection, let us consider if we are doing the work that He has left for us. When we thank Him for His cross, let us ask if we are bearing our cross daily, despising whatever shame that the cross may bring. If we choose to follow men or seek their praise instead of Christ, we cannot be considered good disciples of Christ. If we seek to turn man's eyes and praise upon ourselves instead of our Saviour, we are no followers of Christ. When we sing the hymns of praise of His resurrection, let us ask ourselves if we have indeed "risen with Christ, seek(ing) those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Col 3:1) May BPCWA and every worshipper that sits under the preaching of the Truth from God's Word not be found to be a betrayer of the work Christ has entrusted to us. Discipleship begins with ourselves before we can disciple others. May BPCWAians be true disciples of Christ, so that we may disciple others.

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. The Session wishes all worshippers a blessed Easter. May every believer return to Christ the life He has purchased with His Body and Blood, as we remember His death and resurrection this weekend.
2. **BPCWA 32nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebrations (Today, after worship):**
There will be a cake reception after Worship Service to celebrate our church anniversary. All are welcome.
3. **BPCWA 32nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner (Tonight, 6:00 pm):**
Anniversary Dinner to celebrate and remember God's goodness to BPCWA for the past 32 years will be held at Pinn's Palace (1481 Albany Hwy, Beckenham) this evening. Map printouts of the restaurant are available at the foyer.
4. **Church Combined Fellowship (This Friday, 6 April, 7:30 pm):** The topic is on the "Inspiration and Preservation of Scriptures". Why do we only use the King James Bible? What is preservation of Scriptures? Why are there divisions over these issues? Must we take a stand on this? Come, learn, and ask questions regarding this critical subject regarding the Holy Scriptures.
5. **Husbands and Fathers Fellowship (Next Sunday, 8 April, 3:30 pm):** Pastor will continue to teach on how a husband should love his wife based on biblical principles found in Ephesians 5:30-33. Husbands and Fathers are encouraged to attend and learn God's Word together.
6. **Church Family Camp 2018 (1 to 5 July, Orchard Glory Farm Resort):**
Registration opening soon! An important reminder to book your leave now and come together as one spiritual family to learn. 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).

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the privilege of worshipping God at the Good Friday and Easter Services. Thank God for visitors and unbelievers who joined us in learning about and remembering Christ's finished work on the cross. Thank God for many who laboured for these Services.
- Thank God for keeping and watching over BPCWA through 32 years of witness here. Thank God for keeping the church as a beacon of truth for Him.
- Pray for Church Combined Fellowship this Friday to be used to strengthen the faith and conviction of believers regarding the Word of God. Pray for preparation of messages and that many will come to clarify their understanding of this topic.
- Pray for God's keeping and protection of BPCWA until He returns, that we will be faithful to Christ's commission to teach and make disciples of Christ. Pray that every worshipper will be a light of God's holiness wherever He puts them.
- Pray for every worshipper to be built up in strong convictions based upon God's Truth as they learn at the various fellowships and Bible study groups. Pray for continued freedom to teach the faith.
- Pray for God to raise and equip faithful and honest workers for every work that He has planned for BPCWA, and that those He prepares will rise up to serve Him.

SERVICE DUTY		1/4 COMBINED - Holy Communion Easter	8/4 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter		Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter		Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn		Kenny Tan	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)		Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers		Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Colin Chng	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering		*Eddie Foo, *Colin Chng, Allan Ang Kenny Tan, Mark Heath, Terry Chong	*Edward Ee, *Colin Chng, Pei Shion Chai Stephen Chia, Wei Yan, Jonathan Woo
Ushers		Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Lin Mable Soon	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Liew Yi Jye Chieng
Audio Visual		Caleb Cheng	Soo Jin Kang
Kitchen Duties		Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan
Transport		Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	
Nursing Home Ministry			
Subiaco		Colin Tey (Benjamin Kan)	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth		A: Caleb Cheng B: Kenny Tan	A: Allan Ang B: Caleb Cheng
Berrington		Kenny Tan (Benjamin Kan)	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)
Bull Creek		Caleb Cheng	Allan Ang
APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK			
Sunday	1/4	6:00 pm	BPCWA 32 nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebrations – Pinn’s Palace (1481 Albany Hwy, Beckenham)
Tuesday	3/4	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Hannah Th'ng
Wednesday	4/4	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Genesis
Friday	6/4	10:00 am	Mothers Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Church Combined Fellowship Series: Inspiration and Preservation of Scriptures
Sunday	8/4	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
		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
LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS			

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 209 (Combined: 178; CSS: 31); Prayer Meetng: 88; Good Friday: 161
 Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$5,796.80 (#4413: \$51.00; #4414: \$42.00; #4415: \$158.30); Good Friday: \$2,573.00

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