



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

April 8th, 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/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn **HOP 28** I sing the Mighty power of God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 5:15-23

Hymn **HOP 181** Faith of Our Fathers

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 314** Work, for the Night Is Coming

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.

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:26

Hymn **HOP 165** He Is Able to Deliver Thee

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

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.

*Hymn **HOP 251** O To Be Like Thee!

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

*Congregation Standing

Put off Sinful Anger!

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

A Look Back at a Blessed Weekend

Dear BPCWAians, Last weekend was a blessed time for all Christians. It began with the Good Friday Service, followed by the Easter Sunrise, and then our regular Sunday Worship Service. And many of us closed off this weekend with our 32nd Anniversary Dinner.

Good Friday. It has always been a special privilege to be able to gather as God's people and partake of the Holy Communion that night, and especially meaningful to commemorate our Lord's last supper in church with our covenantal family. At the Passover, children were present (Exod 12:26), and so it was a joy to see families bring their children with them to commemorate our Lord's last night at the Good Friday Service. God's Word from Lk 22:39-46 reminded us about our Saviour who was determined to suffer on our behalf for our salvation. For those who didn't manage to come, the message has been uploaded onto our church's website. May we never tire to hear of the old, old story, about the night He suffered to pay for our sins. It is my hope that for every Christian and every child growing up in BPCWA, attending a Good Friday service will be just as important for them as attending a Christmas Service. May God help us to take up our cross and endure difficulties for Him, as He has done infinitely much more in purchasing our redemption.

Easter Sunrise Service. With the impending demolition of the Melville Limestone Amphitheatre, we held our last Easter Sunrise service there last week. Though I arrived at the Amphitheatre early, the Audio Visual crew had already worked hard, like every other year, to transport and setup the equipment in time for the service. Ushers and the musician were already in their positions, and before long, drivers who had also woken especially early to pick students to church also arrived. Unseen by others, a team was also

working busily in the kitchen at church, working hard to have breakfast ready for the worshippers after the Sunrise Service. It was an especially early start for everyone, but all involved served their Lord with cheerful and thankful hearts. It was a poignant reminder of the kind of loving service which motivated the ladies to arise early to go to the tomb to embalm the body of their Lord. We thank God also for the worshippers, both elderlies and toddlers, who despite the rather chilly morning, braved the cold to join in the praise of our Risen Saviour. Many were familiar faces that I had seen in past years, ones that had made worshipping God at our Sunrise Service their regular habit and practice. Yet at the same time, some students joined us for the first time too, being their first experience at an Easter Sunrise Service thousands of miles from their own homes. We certainly ought to thank God for the precious memories of the many Sunrise Services He had given us. May everyone who is faltering in their Christian walk remember the tender reminder that our Saviour gave even to Peter... come back, come back, and return to do what I have suffered and saved you to do.

Worship Service. In fulfilment of the Great Commission, we rejoiced with the angels in heaven over a sinner that was saved and publicly confessed our Saviour in the Sacrament of baptism. As with every baptism and new member, it was a reminder that God saved us to be part of His church, His people, with obligations and duties for each other. The Lord's Supper again reminded believers of how great a desire we too should have to be able to eat it one day in heaven with our Saviour. Why is the resurrection important? One of the reasons was to imprint in our minds that Christ redeemed not only our souls, but our bodies. And how this body ought to be spent now in this life in His service. Knowing this, everyone who looks forward to that resurrected body must spend today and every day using this body to serve our Risen Saviour. What are you using your talents and your energies and your life for? May it be for the Ruler of heaven and earth – our Lord Jesus Christ, our victorious King.

Thanksgiving Anniversary Celebrations. It was doubly joyful as BPCWA chose to commemorate our 32nd anniversary also at the same time. The cake cutting was followed by a tea reception where all could mingle and rejoice together. In the evening, we celebrated with a dinner together with the church family – the elderlies, parents and children coming together for a meal. Once again, this was preceded by much work behind the scenes by many involved, in so many areas. It was especially blessed to have our covenantal family close off the weekend together at this meal. It was so wonderful to see young and old eating together and the children taking care and looking out for each other at their own table. And as they finished, some children went around the tables to talk to adults. It was truly a covenantal family woven together by spiritual bonds in Christ. While we smile at the children, we must be reminded that we must keep the church faithful for these ones to worship in when they grow up. That responsibility falls on us, the adults. From Psalms 43:4 we learned that the only way to approach God’s tabernacles was that we individually live holy lives in obedience to His truth. This is the only kind of church that God will accept, and every member in our covenantal family makes up the church. Midway during the dinner, we screened a video that recounted for us the ministries that God had enabled to bring in those He had purposed into our midst. We thank God for using these ministries that involved hours of painstaking planning and work to bring souls to the light of His Word.

We thank God for the opportunities to feed on His Word. As we move on now to yet another year ahead of us, may every BPCWAian resolve to use this body and this life to serve Him in this church, in holiness. We serve, work, and labour, not for BPCWA’s glory, not so that other churches will look up to us, not so that others will say how much we have laboured and toiled. This is Christ’s church, for He has redeemed us. We want Him to resurrect us again one day after we die, but will we rise up to serve Him now today while we live?

Yours in our Lord’s service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Husbands and Fathers Fellowship (Today, 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.
2. **Church Combined Fellowship (This Friday, 13 April, 7:30 pm):** The topic is on the "Inspiration and Preservation of Scriptures". How should we view the Modern English Versions, our Chinese Bible and translations of the Bible into other languages? Is it true that "As long as we use KJV, that is all that is important"? Why are there divisions on the doctrine of VPP? Come and learn, and attend this final session regarding this critical subject of the Holy Scriptures. There will be Mandarin translation.
3. **Busy Bee (This Saturday, 14 April, 9:00 am):** We encourage as many as possible to come and clean the church and serve God together this Saturday. Lunch will be provided.
4. **Church Family Camp 2018 (Registration starts 15 April):** Registration for full time campers will begin next Sunday. Family camp is a good opportunity for the church family to come together to renew our walk with our Lord and our fellowship with each other. All worshipers are strongly encouraged to join it. Please register early and book your place in the camp.
5. **Adelphe Bible Study (Next Sunday, 15 April, 3:30 pm):** In this meeting, we will be learning about the Punitive and Chastitive Will of God, and discussing the example of God's Will for Balaam in Numbers 22:20-22. All ladies are encouraged to attend this Bible study to learn and grow together spiritually.

6. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the opportunity to worship our Risen Saviour at last Sunday's Easter Services. Pray that the Word preached will draw His people back to live holy lives for Him.
- Thank God for the commemoration of BPCWA's 32nd Anniversary with a tea reception and dinner, and the time of rejoicing together as a church family.
- Pray for the Church Combined Fellowship this Friday to be used to strengthen the faith and conviction of believers regarding the Bible. Pray for preparation of messages and that many will come to clarify their understanding of this topic.
- Pray that many BPCWA worshipers will join the Family Camp fulltime to learn God's Word together and to get to know each other better.
- Pray for workers that will serve God with humble and honest hearts in BPCWA, for the advancement of His work, edification of souls and for the glory of God.
- Pray for God to direct each step and decision in the church redevelopment, that it will enable us to do God's work here.

SERVICE DUTY	8/4 COMBINED	15/4 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon / Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon / Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng / Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Joel Wong / Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Edward Ee, *Colin Chng, Pei Shion Chai, Stephen Chia, Wei Yan, Jonathan Woo	*Kenny Chia, *Alex Luu, Yi Choong Liew, Jason Tey, Michael Lee, Mark Heath
Ushers	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Liew, Yi Jye Chieng	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Jay-Son Lim
Audio Visual	Soo Jin Kang	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun, Valerie Wan Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia, Illhoa Ramachandran, Lee Chin Yong
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth	A: Allan Ang B: Caleb Cheng	A: Kenny Tan B: Mark Heath
Berrington	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)
Bull Creek	Allan Ang	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	8/4	12:30 pm	Teens Q & A
		3:30 pm	Husbands & Fathers Fellowship
Tuesday	10/4	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/ Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Eugene Leong, Ellainne Liew
Friday	13/4	7:30 pm	Church Combined Fellowship Series: Inspiration and Preservation of Scriptures
Saturday	14/4	9:00 am	Busy Bee
Sunday	15/4	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
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hammersley 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 Adelphe Bible Study

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances – Sunday Worship: 220 (Combined: 184; CSS: 36); Prayer Meeting: 82; Easter Sunrise: 116; Combined Fellowship: 105
 Tithes and Offerings – Sunday Worship: \$4,584.45 (#4418: \$398.80)

