



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

May 6<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/Deacon Eugene Leong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship

Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

\*Hymn

**HOP 7** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading

Proverbs 6:20-26

Holy Communion

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

Hymn

**HOP 158** There Is a Fountain

**HOP 185** According to Thy Gracious Word

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**HOP 435** Come, Ye Thankful People

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:28

Hymn

**HOP 259** Be Thou My Vision

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

### 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.

## Put On Giving

\*Hymn

**HOP 397** I Gave My Life For Thee

\*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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## Discipleship: A Disciple's Vow

Dear BPCWAians, As part of the Great Commission, Christ commands “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matt 28:19). Understanding this context, when a new believer is baptised, they are required to take a solemn vow in the form of questions. In addition to the public assertion of their salvation and faith in Christ’s finished work, these are specific questions affirming their commitment to be a disciple of Christ. Today, we look at 3 aspects of the statements of this vow which many of us have taken.

**To give up sinful habits and live unto righteousness according to God’s Word.** Baptism is “a sign and seal of the covenant of grace, of his ingrafting into Christ, of regeneration, of remission of sins, and of his giving up unto God, through Jesus Christ, to walk in the newness of life.” (Westminster Confession of Faith 28:1). Being a disciple of Christ means taking the name of Christ, as His follower, and being a Christian. In the third commandment, we are told “not (to) take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” (Exod 20:7). Now that we publicly declare ourselves to be His follower, we must be like our Saviour, Who “is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5) We must bear the resemblance of our Heavenly father, “in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh” (Col 2:11). While this does not mean we are to be perfect without ever sinning henceforth, it does mean that we must give up our sinful habits. No habitual sin must continue in our lives without a genuine and earnest effort to repent and turn away from it. Too often, we are careless with sin and just glibly “repent” without actually

sincerely meaning it. We continue to allow sin to dominate our lives and behaviours without even trying to restrain the members of our body, let alone even consider a drastic action like to “cut it off, and cast it from thee” (Matt 5:30). It may be our lips, our eyes, our hands – whatever causes us to habitually sin. As the days pass, do we see ourselves sin less and less as our sanctification grows as God intends it to be in our lives? It is time to get serious with our offences. If after self-examination we find that we have not improved, then can we say that we really have been serious about giving up our sinful habits?

**To be regular in Bible reading and in prayer, in the worship service.**

This is firstly about our Quiet Time or daily devotions. It is our personal communion with our God. It is an easy thing to let drop, when the pressures of life increase. Bosses demand submission of your projects according to timelines and schedules. You know your performance evaluations will be affected if you don't do that. But your Quiet Time with God does not seem to have the same immediate impact on your physical life. So we tend to give ourselves excuses . . . later, or I'm too tired tonight, or tomorrow I'll do more. We cannot say that we are following Him if we do not make it a priority to spend time with Him. And a disciple must set aside time for the worship of the true God. If we cannot commit consistently “a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in His Word, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment binding all men in all ages” one day in seven for the Christian worship of our LORD, then we have failed our discipleship duty to accord Him the worship that is due to His Name. (WCF 21:7). Ultimately, a true disciple loves his Lord and Master and do not find following Him a chore. He does not see spending time in fellowship with his Lord and serving Him a burden.

**To be a member of this church and in the service and support of this church.** Baptism is a sacrament ordained “for the solemn admission of the

party baptized into the visible Church” (WCF 28:1). As we have seen in our study of Ephesians, God did not intend for His believers to be “lone wanderers”. The Bible teaches us about the body of Christ, being members of His body, and in the last book of the New Testament, it speaks of Christ walking “in the midst of the seven candlesticks” where He praises or rebukes them for their works. The visible church is part of Christ’s plan as local lights in that part of the world where He puts them. It is through the church that He fulfils His Great Commission. In order to do this, the church works through her members, and with the substance that she is entrusted with. For the church to do so, it needs hands and legs, and the resources to be able to support these works. Since what is truly His church are His redeemed among the body of worshippers, it is to these ones that He calls out to follow Him and to be disciples. Hence it is the mandate of the church to teach and to baptize, and to make disciples so that His Kingdom’s work progresses. We serve our King, albeit within a visible church. We pay tribute to our King, albeit within a visible church framework. Have you been faithful in serving Him and in giving to Him?

I hope that this series of Pastorals have helped every believer to truly assess their walk as a disciple of Christ. For some of us, we may have taken those discipleship vows some time back, and then backslided. But we are also warned “When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.” (Ecc 5:4) Whatever is our lot that God has ordained for us, let us not look at others and wonder why we are working so hard while others do not bother. Just remember that service is a privilege. And Heb 6:10 encourages us, “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister”.

Yours in our Lord’s service

Pastor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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- 1. Church Family Camp 2018 Registration (Today in Fellowship Hall):**  
Thank God that more than 100 people are coming to camp. Today is the last day to register and there are still a few more beds available so it is not too late to join! Spend your leave meaningfully on renewing your walk with God together with the church family. For catering and logistic purposes, May we request all Day Visitors to register as well.
- 2. Chinese Basic Bible Knowledge Class (Sunday, 20 May, 12:45 pm):**  
A new series conducted in Mandarin by Yew Jinn will begin in May. It will be held from 12:45-1:30 pm. Chinese speaking worshippers who are interested in attending the Chinese Basic Bible Knowledge Class can see Pastor or Deacon Joel Wong. Full attendance at the BBK classes are required for worshippers who are considering baptism, affirmation or transfer of membership. All who would like to know more about the Faith are also welcome to attend.
- 3. Mothers Day (Next Sunday, 13 May, after Worship):** There will be a tea fellowship after worship service. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. All are welcome.
- 4. Chinese Care Group (Saturday, 19 May, 10:30 am):** The meeting will be held in Church. Yew Jinn will continue to speak on “The Christian Armour” (Ephesians 6:10-18) series. Kindly bring a dish to share over lunch after the meeting. All are welcome to attend and learn God’s Word together.
- 5. Away:** Pastor will be flying to Singapore in the middle of this week to preach at the wedding of Benjamin Kan and Cheryl Lin. He will also be preaching at True Life BP Church’s Worship Service next Sunday, and will return on 25 May.

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

- Thank God for helping Yew Jinn through his Far Eastern Bible College studies as he graduates from Far Eastern Bible College today. Thank God for seeing Far Eastern Bible College through another semester of training workers for His vineyard.
- Thank God for the many who labour cheerfully in the many behind the scenes ministries to support His work and His children at BPCWA.
- Pray for BPCWA to continue to uphold God's Truth and to stay united and fervent in the service that He has prepared for us. Pray for personal revival in every worshipper's heart that we may depart from sin and be sanctified vessels for His use.
- Pray for strong families in BPCWA that will obey God's marriage model, will walk in His ways, and will fulfil God's purpose by bringing up godly seed for Him.
- Pray for the Myanmar publication ministry to strengthen believers in the faith and to send out the light to those who are outside of Christ. Pray for Rev Paul as he conducts the first Youth Camp for the Myanmar mission churches.
- Pray for many BPCWA worshippers to join us at the family camp, and that God will use the camp to stir and challenge our hearts afresh to live for Him every day in our personal lives and in the church He has placed us in. Pray for the preparation of the messages by Rev Quek and Pastor.

SERVICE DUTY	6/5 COMBINED - Holy Communion	13/5 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Eugene Leong	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Kenny Tan	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Yi San Chieng
Offering Stewards	Jonathan Woo, Wei Yan, Kenny Chia Eddie Foo, Jason Tey, Michael Lee	Mark Heath, Terry Chong, Allan Ang Caleb Cheng, Eddie Foo, Jonathan Woo
Ushers	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu Vincent Naing	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong
Audio Visual	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Illhoa Ramachandran, Lee Chin Yong	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, Mable Soon Edward Teng, Joanne Teng
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

### Nursing Home Ministry

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

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	8/5	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Sharon Poon
Friday	11/5	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	13/5	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

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 211 (Combined: 177; CSS: 34); Prayer Meeting: 76

Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$7,595.60 (#4426: \$60.00; #4427: \$160.05; #4428: \$868.55; #4429: \$20.00; #4432: \$236.00)

