



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

June 3<sup>rd</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/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Yew Jinn Chieng

\*Hymn **HOP 17** All Creatures of Our God and King

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 7:13-27

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

Hymn **HOP 99** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**HOP 158** There Is a Fountain

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 206** We Have an Anchor

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:29

Hymn **HOP 239** Would You Live for Jesus

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 New Speech

\*Hymn **HOP 406** Take My Life and Let It Be

\*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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## The Importance of Preaching in Worship

Dear BPCWAIans, Every week, after the reading of Scripture and praising God, we have the preaching of God's Word on the pulpit during the sermon. What should our attitude and response be during this part of the Worship Service?

**A growing de-emphasis on Preaching.** To some worshippers, preaching is just a small part of a train of activities in worship. The increasing focus on the various aspects of worship has shifted towards music. Churches boast about their music and musicians while de-emphasizing preaching. It is no surprise to see some churches tout that their attractive point is that they are focused on the music experience they provide. The growing trend is to increase the time spent on singing and dancing or drama and to cut down on preaching, or "better still", to not have any preaching at all.

**Why should we have a sermon during the Worship Service?** 1) This was the example in the New Testament church, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight" (Acts 20:7). All of Worship must be regulated by the Word. The major part of the Lord's Day gathering was focused on the preaching of the Word. It is the high and focal point of worship. We should follow the example. "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great

delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1Sam 15:22). Good intentions and doing what pleases man do not make our worship acceptable to God. Anything offered to God in worship must be based on His precepts, His way, and we learn it through His Word. 2) The Word is God's revelation of Himself. Preaching tells us more about Who we worship. In Greek, the word *proskuneo* is often used for worship. This has the idea of bowing down or being prostrate to a Being of superior rank. God reveals Himself, His greatness, through His word. Preaching from the Bible reveals in greater depth the majesty of the Creator. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (Jn 1:1) A low view of the preaching of the Word of God is a reflection of a low view of God, and is not Biblical worship. 3) God speaks to us through Scripture. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2Ti 3:16). A subject bowing before a King comes to hear what orders the king has for him, what mission the king wants to send him on. When the worshipper wants only to speak or sing or do something and not want to listen to the orders and commands of the One who is worshipped, we are actually worshipping ourselves and the experience we seek, not God. Through preaching, we know what we, as a church, ought to do in subjection to our Almighty King. We take orders from our LORD God. 4) God ordained there to be preaching in the assembly of His people. Christ had to be about His Father's business, and everywhere He went, He preached to the people. Among many others, we have a record of Christ's preaching in the chapters of the

Sermon on the Mount. He sent the 12 Apostles out to preach (Mk 3:14). Christ “commanded us to preach unto the people” (Acts 10:42). Today, ministers are charged before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and will be judged one day on this basis of their faithfulness to this – whether they have preached the Word; been instant in season, out of season; reproved, rebuked, exhorted with all longsuffering and doctrine (2Tim 4:2).

**The importance of preaching in Worship.** Preaching is the means whereby we become more Christlike. Christians are to be a “holy priesthood” (1 Pet 2:5), and the Bible tells us what is God’s standard of holiness. As we go through book by book, chapter by chapter of expository preaching, we learn how to be in subjection to those that God has put as authority over us. We are taught how to abstain from fleshly lusts. We are provoked to love and good works. Preaching is the public, open proclamation of God’s truth. It is different from a private admonition, censure or counselling which is one to one. Collectively, as a church, we come to hear God’s message for us that day. In worship, we pay God obeisance by paying attention to His Word preached. When we hear Him speak to us through His Word, we commit ourselves as subjects to obey what our Sovereign King orders us to do. In an age where emotions take centrestage, many today look for a worship experience that will tug at their heartstrings or cause them to break down in tears. What is lacking in preaching is sought to be made up with emotional highs through music. We want something that motivates us, inspires us. But we reject what offends us when our sins are pointed out. In response to today’s age, worldly techniques or polished man-pleasing showmanship

are often employed to evoke these emotions. But dear BPCWAians, I pray that you will be discerning worshipers. Do not seek the emotional high experiences. Look instead for faithful preaching. Seek preaching that is faithful to the Biblical truths.

1Cor 2:4 “And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

Yours in our Lord’s service

Pastor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. Husbands and Fathers Fellowship (Next Sunday, 10 June, 3:30 pm):**  
Ephesians 5:30-33 provides husbands with Biblical principles on loving their wives. As husbands, do we understand these principles? All husbands and fathers are encouraged to attend and learn these principles from God’s Word together.
- 2. Seniors Fellowship (Saturday, 16 June, 10:30 am):** meeting will be held in church. Pastor will be speaking on the topic “The Reason for Responding Rightly to Sickness”. Fellowship Lunch will follow after, so please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome to join.

3. **Far Eastern Bible College online courses:** The brochure and application form for next semester's courses are on the foyer table. The courses being offered are Old Testament History 1; Romans and 1 Corinthians. The fee for each course is \$80. When you have completed the form please pass to either Mark Heath or Soo Jin Kang. The close of registration will be 8 July.

4. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for guidance, wisdom, and united hearts to discuss matters for God's church during the Session Meeting yesterday.
- Thank God for providing for His work in BPCWA, and upon each of His children in their daily lives.
- Pray for the Word sown at last week's City Evangelism to find good ground that will bring forth spiritual fruit according to God's purpose and election.
- Pray for continued open doors to minister to the residents at the various Nursing Homes. Pray that this ministry will encourage believers and lead unbelievers to the saving knowledge of God.
- Pray for worshipers to lead lives that will glorify God at their work places.
- Pray for the students to maintain their walk with God and to be diligent in their studies as they prepare for their upcoming exams.
- Pray for godly heads in the homes of families in BPCWA that will lead their families by their examples on how to follow after Christ.

| SERVICE DUTY               | 3/6 COMBINED - Holy Communion   | 10/6 COMBINED  |
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| Speaker/Interpreter        | Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim  | Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng   |
| Worship Leader/Interpreter | Deacon Eugene Leong/Yew Jinn Chieng                                       | Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong   |
| Preparatory Hymn           | Deacon Joel Wong  | Deacon Eugene Leong  |
| Musician(s)                | Sharon Poon   | Winnie Lim   |
| Welcomers                  | Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lily Liow                                       | Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Mark Heath   |
| Offering Stewards          | Michael Lee, Mark Heath, Terry Chong<br>Allan Ang, Caleb Cheng, Eddie Foo | Edward Ee, Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew<br>Kenny Tan, Colin Chng, Pei Shion Chai |
| Ushers                     | Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Liew, Yi Jye Chieng                              | Edward Ee, Nancy Chai, Yung Tsing Mew  |
| Audio Visual               | Kenny Chia  | Caleb Cheng  |
| Kitchen Duties             | Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, Mable Soon<br>Edward Teng, Joanne Teng          | Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia<br>Mable Soon, Lee Chin Yong       |

### Nursing Home Ministry

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| Subiaco     | Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)    | Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)   |
| South Perth | A: Yew Jinn Chieng    B: Mark Heath | A: Alex Luu    B: Yi Choong Liew |
| Berrington  | Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)    | Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)   |
| Bull Creek  | Mark Heath                          | Allan Ang                        |

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

|         |      |          |   |
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| Tuesday | 5/6  | 10:00 am | Chinese Bible Study   |
|         |      | 7:30 pm  | Prayer Meeting:<br>Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Yung Tsing Mew  |
| Friday  | 8/6  | 7:30 pm  | Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF   |
| Sunday  | 10/6 | 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 and A   |
|         |      | 12:45 pm | Chinese Basic Bible Knowledge Class   |
|         |      | 2:00 pm  | Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth<br>Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco   |
|         |      | 3:30 pm  | Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont<br>Bull Creek – RAAFA Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek WA 6149<br>Husbands and Fathers Fellowship |

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 199 (Combined: 172; CSS: 27); Prayer Meeting: 88

Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$7,246.11 (#4444: \$177.00; #4445: \$306.20; #4446: \$77.10); For camp use: \$50.00

