



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

June 10th, 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 Winnie Lim/Deacon Eugene Leong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong

*Hymn **HOP 180** Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 8:1-12

Hymn **HOP 140** Amazing Grace

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 434** Count Your Blessings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:30

Hymn **HOP 137** Holy Bible, Book Divine

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

Put Off Grieving the Holy Spirit

*Hymn **HOP 122** Holy Ghost, with Light Divine

*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

How do you listen during the Sermon?

Dear BPCWAians, Last week, I wrote on the importance of preaching, and how the sermon is a focal point of our Worship to God, because we are listening to His Word. We must not miss the point that listening to the Word being preached is a salient part of worship because part of worship of God is to know Him and obey Him. We get these by listening to the Word preached. But, while we sit through the sermon, what do we do?

Distractions. Teachers at school are probably familiar with the children that keep requesting to go to the toilet during lessons. A practice that many teachers (and parents) adopt is to get children to visit the toilet before classes start so as to reduce the likelihood of the need to do so during lessons. As adults, we understand the need to try to reduce the possibility of distractions, both to ourselves, as well as to those around us. So, make all attempts to reduce the need or the temptation to get distracted. You've set your phone to silent, as reminded to after the Prep Hymn. But now you see that white blinking light on your handphone notifying you of an incoming message. Does that cause you to want to take your handphone and check on that new message although you're not expecting anything urgent? A good solution is to either turn the handphone off or keep it out of sight so that you don't get tempted to reach for it. In fact this is one reason why we encourage the use of hardcopy Bibles rather than mobile devices instead.

Attentiveness. Don't get distracted. It is so easy to get distracted with so many little things. Keep your eyes focussed on your Bible and the pulpit. Let's be honest. Even a student sitting in front of his book at his study desk doesn't necessarily mean that he's studying. Similarly, haven't we all seen someone who is "there" physically, but whose eyes are all glazed and never seems to respond

to anything because their mind is in a different place? If you have a tendency to daydream, then pray that God will help you to focus. Take steps to deal with the wandering thoughts. Many adults say that they prefer to listen “undistracted” to the sermon without taking notes. But besides the title of the sermon, the passage and the general thrust, do you remember what was preached last Sunday? If you don’t remember, then how much of the sermon can you apply to your life? Here’s where taking notes will help. Because many of our children are starting to do this during the messages, they are often able to share what they learned from the sermon earlier. In most of our weekly bulletins, there is a page left blank for you to take notes during the message. Writing notes not only help to prevent distractions, it also helps you to remember what was taught. Most of us don’t have photographic memories, and taking notes gives you something to refer to recall what was preached. I am not suggesting that you write down every word of what is preached. Rather, jot down key learning points. Underline a lesson you particularly need. Make a note of something that you must pray more of, or a resolution that the Holy Spirit convicts you off from the sermon. This is useful for you to refer to read through again before you end off the Lord’s Day in your devotion, or through the week.

True Listening. What goes on in your heart during a sermon? This will determine whether or not you are a true listener of God’s Word. True listening is not just about what is in it for me or what is God promising to do for me and how He will bless me. Instead, we must listen to know God better and how to please Him. Anything that helps me to understand His Word must excite us because we have known what He says about Himself and His desires. Also, preaching serves to reprove, rebuke and exhort (2 Tim 4:2). This is the way to know how we should live to please Him - this is true worship. Do you murmur in your heart if you find it a difficult message to accept or do, although it is faithfully preached and is what the Word of God says? Do you silently think in your heart “is it really so”? If so, then you are responding like those who were offended in Christ’s days (John 6:60, 61). This is not worship of God but worship of self. We must take heed to receive, if it is indeed the Word of God, no matter how

hard it may be to do. “To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.” (Heb 3:15) Especially in such cases, be extra attentive to fully understand in your mind what the Bible teaches - this is the 1st part of renewing your mind. A true listener will not think “that is what God says, but I won’t even try to obey because it is too demanding or it is not practical or it affects what I want to do. After all, so many other people live this way and they’re fine.” Instead, once it is clear what God requires, the true listener takes another step to stop murmuring in our minds and resolve to obey and follow. A true listener listens to understand God’s Word, and, in worship of God, will subject themselves to what God says rather than what they want to do. They will say “Yes, I agree and will do, even if my heart desires otherwise.” Here’s where the notes can be useful – make a note of what needs to be changed so that you don’t become a forgetful hearer (James 1:25). But if you honestly learn better without taking notes, then so be it. But be honest. The point is that each of us must make it our aim to remember key points of what God’s Word says in the passage.

Also, through the public preaching during Worship Service, the church is addressed as a whole. As a church, we learn what we ought to be. So, when we listen to messages relating to the church during Sunday messages, we must not want to know “what’s in it for me personally”? You, as a worshipper, are part of God’s church if He has placed you here. You make up the church. So, when it is a message relating to the church, think in your heart “what, as part of God’s church, must I do”? When everyone in the church thinks this way, then the church becomes what God intends the church to be. This again is part of true listening to worship God.

These are but only a few ways that we ought to listen to a Sermon. We pray for BPCWA to be kept faithful. We pray for our pulpit to always uphold the Word of God. And we do this so that we can hear God’s voice, follow and do it in our lives. There is no point praying for the pulpit if we would not care to respond by listening carefully to what God brings through the pulpit preaching. Only when we truly listen to the Word of God can our lives be transformed, our church grow spiritually, and thus glorify Him.

Lu 8:18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

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 the topic of husbands loving their wives based on Ephesians 5:30-33. All husbands and fathers are encouraged to attend to learn and understand these Biblical principles together.
2. **Condolences:** BPCWA extends our deepest condolences to Wilai, Deacon Adrian, Rowena and Caleb at the homegoing of Dr Stephen Cheng on 5 June. May the knowledge that he is now praising his Saviour face to face comfort and encourage their hearts.

Vigil Service (This Thursday, 14 June, 7:00 pm): Venue: Bowra & O'Dea, 312 South St, Hilton WA 6163. Limited parking is available at the parlour. If additional parking is required, visitors are requested not to park at the adjacent shop lots, but along Noel Street. The family will be at the parlour until 8:30 pm.

Funeral Service (This Friday, 15 June, 12:45 pm): Venue: Bowra & O'Dea, 312 South St, Hilton WA 6163. Service will start promptly and will be followed by the burial at Fremantle Cemetery, which is located at corner of Leach Highway and Carrington Street. The cortege will enter the gates of Fremantle Cemetery promptly at 2:15 pm where the Burial Service will be conducted. Friends attending the burial can park at the public parking off Carrington Street before the café. A map of the cemetery is pinned on the notice board in the foyer of the church.

3. **Seniors Fellowship (This Saturday, 16 June, 10:30 am):** Meeting is in church with Pastor speaking on “The Reason for Responding Rightly to Sickness”. Lunch will follow after the message, please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome to join.
4. **2018 Church Family Camp Briefing (Next Sunday, 17 June, immediately after Worship):** All full-time and part-time campers are requested to attend for necessary information. Day Trippers are requested to inform either Kenny Chia (0425 568 918) or Caleb Cheng (0425 354 659) of the days they are attending and catering requirements by Sunday, 24 June.
5. **Men’s Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship (Next Sunday, 17 June, 6:00 pm):** Come and join us as we study how to live a God honouring life as a Christian man or woman. Dinner starts at 6 pm with both programs starting at 7 pm. Translation will be available.
6. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for His Word which gives us strength and sustaining grace to go through the various afflictions and trials of life.
 - Thank God for the ability to join together with likeminded brethren in the worship and service of God every week.
 - Pray for the Seniors Fellowship to build up the elderlies to live for God and that they may encourage each other to godly lives and testimonies.
 - Pray for those going through losses and trials that their trust and knowledge of God may be strengthened through their dependence upon Him.
 - Pray for God to guide and direct the planning for the redevelopment of the church.
 - Pray for all the Fellowship groups and Bible studies to be used to help believers know and obey God in their daily walk with Him.

SERVICE DUTY		10/6 COMBINED	17/6 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter		Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter		Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng
Preparatory Hymn		Deacon Eugene Leong	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)		Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers		Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Mark Heath	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Lee Lian Yong
Offering Stewards		Edward Ee, Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew Kenny Tan, Colin Chng, Pei Shion Chai	Jonathan Woo, Wei Yan, Stephen Chia Kenny Chia, Alex Luu, Benjamin Kan
Ushers		Edward Ee, Nancy Chai, Yung Tsing Mew	Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Kan, Mable Soon
Audio Visual		Caleb Cheng	Soo Jin Kang
Kitchen Duties		Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Mable Soon, Lee Chin Yong	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan
Nursing Home Ministry			
Subiaco		Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)	Colin Tey (Benjamin Kan)
South Perth		A: Alex Luu B: Yi Choong Liew	A: Kenny Tan B: Yew Jinn Chieng
Berrington		Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)	Colin Tey (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek		Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK			
Sunday	10/6	12:30 pm	Teens Q and A
		3:30 pm	Husbands and Fathers Fellowship
Tuesday	12/6	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Eugene Leong, Angeline Yong
Friday	15/6	10:00 am	Mothers Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Saturday	16/6	10:30 am	Seniors Fellowship
Sunday	17/6	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
		12:45 pm	Chinese Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		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
		6:00 pm	Men’s Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship
LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS			

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 192 (Combined: 166; CSS: 26); Prayer Meeting: 85
 Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$7,895.17 (#4447: \$97.75; #4449: \$329.00; #4450: \$70.00)

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