



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

June 17<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 Karen Ee/Deacon Eugene Leong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Joel Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng

\*Hymn **HOP 14** Come, Thou Almighty King

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 8:13-21

Hymn **HOP 210** Trust and Obey

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 435** Come, Ye Thankful People

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation The Bible Stands

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:31

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

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

### 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 These Off With Malice!

\*Hymn **HOP 127** Search Me, O God

\*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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## What to do after listening

Dear BPCWAians, Thus far, we've learnt that the receiving God's Word through the sermon is a focal point of our Worship of God. Also, we saw that *how* we listen is also important. But what should follow after that?

**Accept it as from God.** Do some soul-searching under the light of God's Word. You may not have liked what you heard, but true listening is not about your feelings. As highlighted last week, you should have been listening to understand if what was preached was truly what God said. If so, then receive it as from Him. "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." (1Th 2:13) This is an important first step, and it is the step of subjection. Subjection to His Word is worship. We are to be Berean Christians that search the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so. But searching the Scriptures was not for the purpose of proving that you know more than the Preacher or to find ways to justify your own concept of what you want the truth to mean to you. Searching the Scriptures is with an attitude that is desiring to receive the word "with all readiness of mind." (Acts 17:11) By all means, establish in your heart that it is God's truth. Ask questions to clarify if necessary. But do it with the desire to know the truth And then, receive it full heartedly. Not to do so is to reject God's truth, to put yourself above God, and to grieve the Holy Spirit. It is insubordination to God, even if you come in apparent "worship". Apparent worship is to hear the command, but turn away and in your heart say "that's your interpretation of a command... it isn't

actually so". But blessed are those who hear the truth and will say "Amen" to it from hearts that bow humbly before God.

**Reflect & Repent.** Pray about what the message has taught you instead of rushing off out of the door after worship. There must be a response to the truth, a reflection of how the truth applies to me. I preach to make sure that the context of the passage and God's expectations are clearly known to the congregation. I make relevant applications from it. After that, that's where I hope that each of us will take this passage and reflect on our own lives. For starters, that's why the Worship Leader ends off each Worship Service with an encouragement for everyone to have a time of quiet prayer. It is not just simply because it's something we do as part of a routine. It is so that when God has spoken, we will humbly bow our hearts before Him and ask Him to help us follow and do what He has just revealed to us through His Word. After you hear the message, you must think about it in relation to your life. Learning God's Word is more than just a schoolroom understanding of facts. The next step is to pray for the Holy Spirit to use the sermon to be a "discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Heb 4:12) The Preacher, in expository preaching, should give a clear and full idea of the passage. This helps to reveal the sharpness of the sword so that it can probe our hearts. Some questions that you can ask yourself while reflecting on the sermon include: How did I use to view this subject before the sermon? What now do I understand of what God expects of this matter? How must my understanding of God's requirements now change how I live and what I must do moving forward? Have I fallen short of God's standard in how I live? Sin is not just about murdering someone, sin is coming short of God's requirements (Rom 3:23). How can I truly repent and

demonstrate the fruits worthy of repentance in response to what God expects of me? What must I do differently from now onwards? And very importantly, pray. Confess your sins before God, ask Him to help you in your determination to live for Him. Ask Him to keep you on the strait and narrow path, so that you can please and glorify Him. Very often people say that the message is so timely and direct for them when they were not even on my mind when I prepare the sermon or say somethings that comes to my mind on the pulpit. Why? Because God speaks to His children through His Word. Hence, His children must respond by remembering and doing His will.

**Remember.** The Bible speaks of forgetful hearers (James 1:25), and we all have a tendency to do so. So, we must make special effort to remember what God said. How can we aid remembering? Here are some possible ways you can consider. 1) Read the passage again and see what you remember from the sermon about it. Underline verses that particularly spoke to you, and memorise them. Then, look at your notes and see if there were any key points from your notes that you couldn't recall earlier. 2) Talk about what you heard and learned. We thank God that there's much opportunity for fellowship and service on the Lord's Day after the message. Many brethren in Christ continue to go out to serve together after Worship Service. Friends and families may travel home together. Family can use it for family worship on Sunday nights. But how much (if any) of the conversation is about the message? Why not use the journey home to ask each other what they've learned during the Sermon and encourage one another?

I've listed but some of the ways that God's Word can work more effectively in your heart. We want BPCWA to be a church that stands on and teaches the Truth of God. We want to be a people that know the Word of God well. But most importantly, we want to be children of God that will do His Word, once we have learned it.

Jer 6:16 “Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.”

What is your response personally as you listen to God’s Word each week?

Yours in our Lord’s service

Pastor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. 2018 Church Family Camp Briefing (Today, immediately after Worship):** Briefing will be held in the Sanctuary. 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.
- 2. Men’s Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship (Today, Dinner 6:00 pm, Program 7:00 pm):** All are encouraged to join us in studying God’s Word with Pastor speaking to the Men on “David: Wisdom in Decisions” and Sharon Poon to the Ladies on “Mary of Bethany: What are good works?”. Translation will be available.
- 3. Fellowship Lunch (Next Sunday, 24 June, after Worship):** Please bring a dish to share. Do stay back to get to know each other and visitors in our midst. All are welcome.
- 4. Adelphe Bible Study (Next Sunday, 24 June, 3:30 pm):** Come join this Bible study as Pastor continues to teach on the Punitive and Chastitive Will of God. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend to study the different aspects of God’s Will together.

5. **Combined Church Fellowship (Next Friday, 29 June, 7:30 pm):** Rev Quek Suan Yew, our Family Camp speaker, will be speaking on the topic of “The Church Your Home”. All are welcome and encouraged to come and learn together.
6. **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.
7. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
- Thank God for guiding the Camp planning and for opportunities for those who have signed up to be able to go for the camp.
  - Thank God for the knowledge of our God through His Word that will always guide us in every phase of our lives.
  - Pray for the Men’s Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship tonight to be used to help believers live lives pleasing to God in their respective roles. Pray for opportunity to build bonds with one another.
  - Pray for those seeking jobs to be able to find jobs according to God’s will for them.
  - Pray for Rev Quek and Pastor’s messages for the family camp to be used to turn our hearts to God and renew our consecration to Him. Pray for children’s program to be used to build children in knowledge of God.
  - Pray for students still having exams to learn to depend on God, and to spend their holidays in God honouring pursuits.

SERVICE DUTY	17/6 COMBINED	24/6 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng	Deacon Eugene Leong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Eugene Leong	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Lee Lian Yong	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Kenny Tan
Offering Stewards	Jonathan Woo, Wei Yan, Stephen Chia Kenny Chia, Alex Luu, Benjamin Kan	Jason Tey, Terry Chong, Mark Heath Michael Lee, Allan Ang, Caleb Cheng
Ushers	Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Kan, Mable Soon	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Vincent Naing
Audio Visual	Soo Jin Kang	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, May Chee Tey

### Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Colin Tey (Benjamin Kan)	Yew Jinn Chieng (Benjamin Kan)
South Perth	A: Kenny Tan      B: Yew Jinn Chieng	A: Caleb Cheng      B: Mark Heath
Berrington	Colin Tey (Benjamin Kan)	Edward Ee (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek	Kenny Tan	Mark Heath

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	17/6	6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship
		10:00 am	Chinese Bible Study
Tuesday	19/6	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Sharon Poon
Friday	22/6	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
		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	Teens Q and A Chinese Basic Bible Knowledge Class
Sunday	24/6	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 Adelpe Bible Study

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 205 (Combined: 176; CSS: 29); Prayer Meeting: 77

Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$8,792.80 (#4451: \$1,145.10; #4452: \$168.00; #4453: \$92.00); Building Fund: \$1,070.00; Love Gift for the Needy: \$1,000.00

