



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

August 5<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/Yew Jinn Chieng

\*Hymn

**HOP 33** Blessed Be the Name

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading

Proverbs 11:1-9

Holy Communion

[Deacon Adrian Cheng, Deacon Eugene Leong,

Deacon Joel Wong]

Hymn

**HOP 100** The Old Rugged Cross

**HOP 94** Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**HOP 391** The Love of God

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:4

Hymn

**HOP 259** Be Thou My Vision

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

### 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.

## What Do You Talk About?

\*Hymn

**HOP 334** I Love to Tell the Story

\*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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## Biblical Principle of Giving

Dear BPCWAians, Last week we looked at the reasons for church extension, the approach we took, the potential designs, and the building fund required. So, the need for the work and what we need to do is clear. Now, we need to do our part as worshippers to give to the Lord's work in BPCWA. This week we shall consider "Why should I give?"

**Why should I give?** Some are willing to give readily, while some will give grudgingly, and there may be some who do not intend to give. In all cases, everyone needs to first understand the Biblical principle of giving so that we give with the right understanding and also become willing to give.

**1. Because I am returning.** God says, "Who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine" (Job 41:11). No one can say "I gave God first (which is what "prevented me" me implies) and now He owes me". Paul reiterated this principle, "Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?" (Rom 11:35). We are just returning to God what He gave us in the first place. The children of Israel understood this principle, "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." (1Ch 29:14). God reiterates this in the New Testament, "For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou

didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?” (1 Cor 4:7). There is nothing to be proud of when we give because we are just returning.

**2. Because I am just a steward.** In the Gospels, Christ taught about stewardship of slaves who are given money to handle. God is our Master and all that we have come from Him. It is God who provided and prospered you, “But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day” (Deu 8:18). I am to handle the money for His use, not to use it for my own selfish pleasures. But if we fail to realise this principle, we will keep asking, “Why should I give?”. We should not steal from God what He meant for His own use. We often pray, “We give Thee but Thine own”. Now is the time to prove that we mean what we pray – to return and not withhold for ourselves when God calls for it.

**3. Because stewardship means returning it when the time comes.** God moved the Egyptians to give much to the children of Israel (Ex 12:34-36). He did so with the Tabernacle building in mind. When the time came to build it, the children willingly brought out what they received so that it could be used for the building of the Tabernacle (Ex 35-36). Imagine a servant, who was given some money with the purpose of purchasing something, telling his master “this is my money, why should I use it to buy things for you?”.

We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be,  
For all we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blessest us,  
To thee our firstfruits give.

**4. Because it is a privilege to be part of God's work.** God gives us so that we are able to participate in His work. He puts things into our hands to give, so that we can experience the joy of being able to be part of His kingdom's work. Some 30 years ago, some people willingly returned to God what God gave them when the time came to purchase our current BPCWA building. As a result, we are blessed with and can enjoy the facilities we have today. In this building we can worship God, study His Word, serve Him, have fellowship with each other, and your children can have Sunday School and be taught. We have been blessed by what we received. But God reminds us it is more blessed to give! As the hymnwriter rightly points out "Give as 'twas given to you in your need, Love as the Master loved you". You will not know the joy of being part of God's planned work if you do not give. Remember, those who hesitated missed the opportunity when the time passed (Ex 36:6-7). We must realise that we are privileged to be born and worshipping in BPCWA at this particular time. Or do you see it as, "Oh how unfortunate, why must I be here now? Why not another generation give instead of me?" God has put in my hands so that now I have the privilege of returning it to Him for His work. God willing, we shall look more at this subject when we discuss "How should I give?" next week.

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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1. **Church Extension Building Fund (Today, Worship Service):** Collection for the Building Fund has started from today and envelopes marked “BPCWA Building Fund” are available at the foyer. Please continue to use the following avenues to give to the Building Fund:
  - 1) TT – Please transfer to the bank account number BSB: 016268 Account Number: 531303414. If requested by bank please use, Account Name: BPCWA, and Transaction Description: Building Fund. We encourage the use of TT for safety.
  - 2) Cash – Please use the “BPCWA Building Fund” envelopes and drop it directly into the offering bag.
  - 3) Cheque – Please make the cheque out to “Bible-Presbyterian Church of W.A.”, place it in a “BPCWA Building Fund” envelope and drop it directly into the offering bag.

All worshippers are requested not to hand cash or cheques or envelopes with cash or cheques to Session members or building committee members.

These details are also published on the notice board and Church Extension website. The church extension website can be accessed from the BPCWA main website ([www.bpcwa.org.au](http://www.bpcwa.org.au)). More information is also available at the Church Extension website.

2. **Seniors Fellowship (This Saturday, 11 August, 10:30 am):** Meeting will be held in church with Pastor speaking on the topic “The Reason for Being Prepared for Sickness.”. Fellowship Lunch will follow after the message, please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome to join.

**3. Husbands and Fathers Fellowship (Next Sunday, 12 August, 3:30 pm):**

1 Peter 3:7 says to give “honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel”. Have you been giving honour to your wife? All husbands and fathers are encouraged to come and study God’s Word together.

**4. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for providing His church with many who serve in various capacities in BPCWA, both in the forefront and behind the scenes.
- Thank God for the opportunity to reach out to students at the Murdoch University Orientation Outreach.
- Pray for new students and visitors joining us in Worship and Fellowship meetings, that they will grow in their knowledge and faith in God during their time with us.
- Pray for the writing and translation of the reports and the items to be discussed during the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting in September.
- Pray for God to move hearts for His children to give to the church extension work, and for the needed government approvals for the proposed extension and rebuilding.
- Pray for those that are seeking for jobs and God’s will in their lives.

SERVICE DUTY	5/8 COMBINED - Holy Communion	12/8 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Eugene Leong	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lian Yong	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Kenny Tan
Offering Stewards	Edward Ee, Jonathan Woo, Kenny Chia Kenny Tan, Benjamin Kan, Wei Yan	Jason Tey, Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew Colin Chng, Pei Shion Chai, Stephen Chia
Ushers	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Liew Yi Jye Chieng	Caleb Cheng, Valerie Wan Vincent Naing
Audio Visual	Caleb Cheng	Kenny Chia
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, Xuan Rui Yong

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	7/8	10:00 am	Chinese Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Deacon Joel Wong, Sharon Poon
Wednesday	8/8	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Old Testament History
Friday	10/8	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Saturday	11/8	10:30 am	Seniors Fellowship
Sunday	12/8	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English Basic Bible Knowledge Class/Chinese Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:30 pm	Teens Q & A
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde/Onslow Gardens
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington/Bull Creek Husbands and Fathers Fellowship

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

**Attendances** - Sunday Worship: 202 (Combined: 174; CSS: 28); Prayer Meeting: 83

**Tithes and Offerings** - Sunday Worship: \$6,748.45 (#4477: \$282.30; #4478: \$202.50); Designated Love Gifts (Benjamin Kan: \$50.00)

**Building Fund** - Last Week: \$300.00; To Date: \$300.00; Gap: \$1,299,700.00

### WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH - CHAPTER ONE

**OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.** 1. ALTHOUGH the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence, do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet they are not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation: therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare his will unto his Church; and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased.

