



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

August 12<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.

### 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 Karen Ee/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong

\*Hymn HOP 88 All Glory, Laud and Honour

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 11:10-19

Hymn HOP 40 And Can It Be that I Should Gain?

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings HOP 284 All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:5-6

Hymn HOP 313 Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

## Let No Man Deceive You!

\*Hymn HOP 240 Whiter than Snow

\*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

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## Giving with the right attitude

Dear BPCWAians, Over the past two weeks, I have written about why we need to have a church extension, and the Biblical principle of giving. In giving to God's work, we are not giving to the church, or to please man, or even merely as a philanthropic community work. And we definitely should not give just to get someone off our back, as some do when they are approached in public for donations to charities. If we have such ideas, we will shrink back from giving to a building fund. We think that the money is ours and someone is trying to get it from us. Those who have such ideas are those who Christ says will "will hold to the one, and despise the other" (Matt 6:24; Luke 16:13). Instead, for God's work, we are simply returning to God what He has predetermined for us to give for His work.

**How should I give?** Even when we give, we must have the right attitude or we will give wrongly too.

**1. Give willingly.** "The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses". (Exo 35:29) God reminds us, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2Cor 9:7) Only when we truly come to the full realisation that God gave us ahead of time for safekeeping as stewards, not for our own use, then will we return willingly. Also, only when we realise the time has come for us to have the privilege to be part of God's work, then will we be willing of heart. If you truly have assimilated the principle of giving as stated above, your heart will naturally be willing and ready instead of grudging. And when the time comes, you will cheerfully return what He has given you, not out of necessity, but out of love for the work of God and for the generations now and to come.

**2. Give in faith.** Some are unwilling because they fear about their own future. Give honestly as the Lord has enabled you to do so. Giving is a test of faith, “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work” (2Cor 9:8). God will provide when you give back to His work. And those who give generously will reap bountifully, “But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. (7) Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver” (2Cor 9:6-7).

**3. Give without desire to be known.** Our Lord Jesus teaches, “Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven” (Mat 6:1), and “But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly” (Mat 6:3-4). Even when we are willing givers, let us not fall into the temptation and trap of giving with a desire for others to know we are giving. To help you, we made sure you do not have to hand envelopes containing cash or cheques to anyone in church but only need to drop it into the offering bag instead. But our proud hearts can be creative in wanting others to know that we or our family is giving. Let us guard and plan carefully. Let us not lose our true blessing in giving. So beware. Plan carefully how you will not fall into the temptation of wanting to be known.

**4. Give above your normal giving.** Your current tithes and offerings are needed for the ongoing operations and maintenance work of the church. It also supports the mission work. Hence, giving to the church extension project does not mean reducing current giving, which can result in impacting our operations. Yes, it may mean tightening our belts on some things we are used to spending that are good to have but are not necessities. You can do that even as a student. Going through self-denials for the Lord will bring a new experience of joy. For heads of families, teach your spouse and children and come together as a family to plan how to give. This is an invaluable experience. And the example you set for them will become a

lifetime lesson. Giving over and above our tithes and offerings may cost us difficulties and inconveniences. But it is a test of our love for God's church, His Kingdom's work, and the future generation here.

**5. Give and pray.** Remember that there are 4 types of people. First, there are those who give and hence want to have a big say in everything. Second, there are those who do not give but still want to say much. Third, there are those who do not want to give so they avoid everything. Fourth, there are those who give willingly and bountifully and ask how they can pray for the project. Let us all be the fourth kind of people. We are not against objective questions and inputs. But none must give and expect that the church does what he wants.

**6. When do I stop giving?** There are 2 phases in our church extension project. As I mentioned during the update on the church extension, the church's immediate need is to provide more rooms and space for Bible studies and fellowships. This is what we termed as "Phase 1", where the need is to raise \$1.3mill so as to build a new adjoining building fronting Canning Highway. But it does not end there. If God is pleased to grow the church further, our existing Worship sanctuary is insufficient, as we are already filling the fellowship area outside the kitchen. Should God should direct us toward having separate English and Chinese Worship services, we cannot use this additional space because there will be other activities happening concurrently while one Worship Service is on. Furthermore, as we are one church, we must hold combined Worship Services with both congregations coming together during key events. While phase 2 is not an immediate priority, we envisage that an extension of our current Worship Sanctuary will be needed in time. This will be the Phase 2 of our church extension project, and is likely to require an additional sum of several million dollars. So I hope that we will not stop giving even if Phase 1's goal is reached. Remember the person who gave generously some 30 years ago was not our worshipper and does not even live in Perth. We enjoy the fruit. It is our time to give now to the future work of God.

God has been pleased to draw many to His church here to worship Him, grow spiritually, and to serve Him. Satan does not like the church to grow and expand. Hence, it is no strange thing that church building projects often end up in big disagreements in church and even splits. Then the work of God dies, not just the project. Let us not be used of Satan as his tool to be a trouble maker as the church expands. We welcome helpful and genuine questions. The building committee is not perfect but we have been and will continue to work hard and do our best due diligence. This we do because we know we are accountable to God. We need your prayers.

Finally, my brethren, we often exhort one another to seek the kingdom of God (Luke 12:31). This is your opportunity, in this time, in your generation, to “provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.” (Luke 12:33)

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:34)

I pray that everyone of us will love the church and God’s work enough to give to our building fund.

Yours in our Lord’s service  
Pastor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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1. **Husbands and Fathers Fellowship (Today, 3:30 pm):** 1 Peter 3:7 says to give “honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel”. All husbands and fathers are encouraged to come and study and understand what it means to give honour unto the wife.
2. **Men’s Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship (Next Sunday, 19 August, 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.

3. **English Basic Bible Knowledge Class (Sunday, 26 August, 9:00 am):**  
A new series of English Basic Bible Knowledge Class conducted by Pastor will begin in the main sanctuary. 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.
4. **Change of Venue for English and Chinese Basic Bible Knowledge Classes (Sunday, 26 August, 9:00 am):** Due to space constraints, the venues for both English and Chinese BBK classes have been changed. English BBK classes will need to be conducted in the main sanctuary downstairs, while Chinese BBK classes will need to be moved over to the upper level sanctuary.
5. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
- Thank God for the start of the Building Fund collection last week. Pray that everyone will be faithful to return to God what He has put in our hands for His work.
  - Thank God for all who pray for God's help and protection for God's work at BPCWA regularly at our prayer meetings and at home.
  - Pray for Session Meeting this Saturday that God will guide the discussion for His work in BPCWA.
  - Pray for Basic Bible Knowledge classes to continue to build up disciples to live, serve and glorify their Saviour.
  - Pray for preparation of reports and things to be discussed for the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting next month.
  - Pray for everyone in BPCWA to fear the LORD, walk in His ways, and to love and serve Him with all our heart and soul.

SERVICE DUTY	12/8 COMBINED	19/8 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Eugene Leong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Kenny Tan	Colin Chng, Fiona Chng, Yi San Chieng
Offering Stewards	Jason Tey, Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew Colin Chng, Pei Shion Chai, Stephen Chia	Mark Heath, Terry Chong, Allan Ang Caleb Cheng, Eddie Foo, Kenny Tan
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Valerie Wan, Vincent Naing	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Mable Soon
Audio Visual	Kenny Chia	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, Xuan Rui Yong	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Mable Soon, Lee Chin Yong

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK			
Sunday	12/8	12:30 pm	Teens Q & A
		3:30 pm	Husbands and Fathers Fellowship
Tuesday	14/8	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Hannah Th'ng
Wednesday	15/8	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Old Testament History
Friday	17/8	10:00 am	Mothers Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	19/8	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
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde/Onslow Gardens
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington/Bull Creek
		6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship

**LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS**

**Attendances** - Sunday Worship: 190 (Combined: 165; CSS: 25); Prayer Meeting: 89

**Tithes and Offerings** - Sunday Worship: \$13,601.10 (#4479: \$855.00; #4480: \$87.50; #4481: \$167.00; #4482: \$87.20); Designated Love Gifts (Katherine Gibbs: \$50.00; Kenny Tan: \$50.00)

**Building Fund** - Last Week: \$6,727.00; To Date: \$7,027.00; Gap: \$1,292,973.00

**WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH - CHAPTER ONE**

**OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.** 2. Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the Books of the Old and New Testament, which are these: Of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I Samuel, II Samuel, I Kings, II Kings, I Chronicles, II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi. Of the New Testament: The Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, The Acts of the Apostles, Paul's Epistles to the Romans, Corinthians I, Corinthians II, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians I , Thessalonians II , Timothy I , Timothy II, Titus, Philemon, The Epistle to the Hebrews, The Epistle of James, The first and second Epistles of Peter, The first, second and third Epistles of John, The Epistle of Jude, The Revelation. All which are given by inspiration of God, to be the rule of faith and life.

## Notes

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