



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

September 23rd, 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 Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn HOP 1 O Worship the King

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 13:10-16

Hymn HOP 167 Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings HOP 280 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:17

Hymn HOP 285 He Leadeth Me

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.

Understanding God's Will

*Hymn HOP 290 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*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

Prayer reflects your love for BPCWA and each other

Dear BPCWAians, Last week we saw that God views prayer so highly that He calls His Church the house of prayer both in the Old (Is 56:7) and the New Testaments (Matt 21:13). I also gave a list of things you can pray for BPCWA. What else should we pray for His church here? How should we pray for His blood bought bride?

Pray for all BPCWA worshippers : Pray that all worshippers will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord (2 Pet 3:18, Eph 3:14-21). Ask God to help each of us receive His Word as from Him and hence examine our own hearts honestly with it so that our lives will be progressively sanctified as we obey and serve Him. Pray that all worshippers will be godly in all aspects of our lives (1 Pet 1:15) in order to shine forth His light at our work places, in our homes, and in our schools as students (Matt 5:14). Pray that each one will do personal evangelism throughout our lives (Matt 28:19). Pray for individuals to accept and obey God's will for our lives as He knows best (Rom 12:1-2). Pray also for strong Christian families that will obey God at all cost and serve together (Josh 24:15). Pray that all will be consistent in our personal quiet time and prayer time (Matt 6:6), as well as in family worship, so as to maintain a close fellowship with God daily. Pray that all will respond to sicknesses, losses, and trials in life rightly to glorify God (Rom 8:28-30). Pray for those in our midst that have backslided and have left their first love. Pray that all will always be seeking God's kingdom first (Matt 6:33) and not set affections on things on earth (Col 3:2) nor self-glory.

How we can pray for BPCWA. We must come together to pray for the church and each other at church prayer meetings. It is the house of prayer! The New Testament believers gathered together to pray (Acts 1:14). They were living in challenging times as followers of Christ, yet they gathered to pray all the more. Yes, we may be tired after work, housework, and school. But remember, we cannot compare with the difficulties these early Christians faced (Acts 12). Let us be spurred by their example of gathering to pray for the church and those in difficulties. Bring your children to learn to pray for the church too. Let them grow up being used to coming to God's house of prayer (Matt 19:14) every week. Believe that if God desires us to pray as a church, having your children sleeping later on Tuesday nights will not be detrimental to them (as the world teaches). Heads of families, include in your daily family worship prayers for BPCWA. Use the printed church prayer list. Choose several items from the list each night.

Remember how camp chalet prayer is every year? Pray for God's church and His people. Parents can prepare and print items for family members to pray for different nights. Individuals can include items from the list in your daily prayers. Students, why not carry the church prayer list and pray for the church during your lunch time on certain days?

Our Lord reminds us, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17). I hope none of us get weary of our prayer list. If you love BPCWA, the church God led you and your family to, you will naturally love to pray for it. Sadly, Paul had to say, "For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. (21) For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's" (Phil 2:20-21). Let us be as concerned for God's church to pray

for it as we would pray for our own life and our own family. This is your covenantal family purchased through the blood of Christ. Your love for God's church will grow as you grow in your prayer for it. May the words of the hymn stir us to love God's church and hence pray earnestly for it,

I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer bought
With His own precious blood.

I love the Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye
And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end.

Why not make copies of the church prayer list in your car and on your fridge door and make it a personal and family prayer list?

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Adelphe Bible Study (Today, 3.30 pm):** Come join this Bible study as we discuss God's permissive will in the life of Joseph (Genesis 37-50), and the lessons we must learn about God's permissive will in our lives. All ladies are encouraged to come, ask questions and learn more about God's will.
- 2. Chinese Retreat (Tomorrow, 24 September, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm):** Retreat will be held tomorrow. Do come with a prepared heart to receive God's Word and fellowship with one another. Please see Yew Jinn or Deacon Joel for any queries.
- 3. Busy Bee (This Saturday, 29 September, 9:00 am):** Not sure what you can do to serve God? Come this Saturday and serve together cleaning the Church. Lunch will be provided.
- 4. Fellowship Lunch (Next Sunday, 30 September, 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.
- 5. City Evangelism (Next Sunday, 30 September 2:00 pm):** Register your name in the foyer if you would like to join the city evangelism outreach in the Perth City next Sunday. If you attended the previous City Evangelism, please let Deacon Adrian know if you are not going this time. Outreach begins at 2 pm concluding in church for testimonies 5-5:30 pm.

6. **Church car park:** Due to the excessive use by the public of our church car park fronting Canning Highway, we will be closing the car park from public use starting tomorrow. If you need to come to church outside the regular Prayer meeting or Bible Study schedules, please replace the chain barrier after you've parked your car and when you drive off so that the public is prevented from coming in to park. During official church activities, there is no need to replace the chain while the activities are ongoing, but the last car to exit the car park is requested to replace the chain across the barriers. Do register your car number plates with us at www.bpcwa.org.au/carpark or speak to Deacon Adrian.

7. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the Annual Congregational Meeting last Sunday, for matters discussed and unity of hearts in decisions for the church.
- Thank God for God's guidance and wisdom at Session Meeting yesterday.
- Pray for Chinese Retreat tomorrow to build up the Chinese speaking brethren in rebuilding our personal walk with God and our fellowship in His Church.
- Pray for safety and joyful hearts as we serve God together at the upcoming Busy Bee maintenance this Saturday.
- Pray for every worshipper to be committed to the Great Commission to reach out to those around us and to join us in preaching the Gospel at City Evangelism next Sunday.
- Pray for God to protect BPCWA from evil and to sustain us as a faithful witness for Him.

SERVICE DUTY	23/9 COMBINED	30/9 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Eugene Leong/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Mark Heath	Colin Chng, Fiona Chng, Ellainne Liew
Offering Stewards	Edward Ee, Colin Chng, Pei Shion Chai Stephen Chia, Wei Yan, Yi Choong Liew	Eddie Foo, Caleb Cheng, Allan Ang Kenny Tan, Mark Heath, Jonathan Woo
Ushers	Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Kan, Valerie Wan	Kenny Chia, Shie Tian Wong, Rowena Cheng
Audio Visual	Kenny Chia	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Yi Jye Chieng Christine Chia, Mable Soon, Lee Chin Yong	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Victoria Lew

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	23/9	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
Monday	24/9	9:00 am	Chinese Retreat
Tuesday	25/9	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Eugene Leong, Hannah Th'ng
Wednesday	26/9	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Old Testament History
Friday	28/9	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Saturday	29/9	9:00 am	Busy Bee
Sunday	30/9	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	City Evangelism
			Nursing Home: Concorde/Onslow Gardens
3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington/Bull Creek		

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 198 (Combined: 169; CSS: 29); Prayer Meeting: 91; Church Combined Fellowship: 98
Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$7,988.00 (#4498: \$466.40; #4499: \$110.00); Designated Love Gift (Katherine Gibbs: \$50.00); Church Combined Fellowship: \$864.65
Building Fund - Last Week: \$3,385; To Date: \$110,026.61; Gap: \$1,189,973.39

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH - CHAPTER ONE: OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

8. The Old Testament in Hebrew (which was the native language of the people of God of old), and the New Testament in Greek (which at the time of the writing of it was most generally known to the nations), being immediately inspired by God, and by his singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentic; so as in all controversies of religion, the Church is finally to appeal unto them. But because these original tongues are not known to all the people of God, who have right unto and interest in the Scriptures, and are commanded, in the fear of God, to read and search them, therefore they are to be translated into the vulgar language of every nation unto which they come, that the word of God dwelling plentifully in all, they may worship him in an acceptable manner, and, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, may have hope.

