



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

November 4th, 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 Sharon Poon/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng

*Hymn **HOP 23** How Great Thou Art!

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 14:26-35

Holy Communion [Deacon Adrian Cheng, Deacon Eugene Leong, Deacon Joel Wong]

Hymn **HOP 92** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

HOP 185 According to Thy Gracious Word

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 212** How Firm a Foundation

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:21

Hymn **HOP 264** More Holiness Give Me

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.

Be Spirit Filled - Submit to One Another!

*Hymn **HOP 182** Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*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

Infant baptism, so what is to follow?

Dear BPCWAIans, Having explained the Biblical reasons for infant baptism and answering common arguments against it, we need to now consider what should follow infant baptism. This is the critical part because many parents think that all there is to infant baptism are the few minutes of answering a few questions before the pulpit, some water being put on the infant's head, and all is done. Parents must know that it is just the beginning of an important spiritual journey for them as a covenantal family. It is the commencement of carrying out your vows before God who promises to aid you. We shall look at the duties of the parents:

(1) Teaching them God's Word. God commands parents, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: (7) And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (8) And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. (9) And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates" (Deut 6:6-9). Infant baptism does not give the child sudden interest in and the ability to understand God's Word. The duty to teach God's Word is put on parents. Parents have the privileged duty to read the Bible with them, teaching them

what God is saying through the day, and teaching them to pray daily. And this you should do at home, when you go out with them, before you put them to bed and when they first arise. When they see the birds, flowers, animals, you teach them about God the mighty Creator. Teach them God's Word constantly is not just about Bible stories and facts – but about the spiritual lessons and principles. You also point out what are sinful behaviours. You must always teach them about sin and our Saviour, explain the way of salvation, ask them to pray to God to be saved. Teach them from young that all other gods are false, God wonderfully made them (Ps 139:14) so they belong to Him, and they must believe in Jesus who is the only way for salvation. All these are your duties to bring up godly seed, not the Sunday School teachers! But you must know God's Word first yourself by coming to learn and grow yourself. Many parents cannot even explain the Gospel they claim to believe in. But it is more than the Gospel. You need to teach them as many aspects of God and be able to Biblically answer their questions or they will grow with wrong ideas of God and Christianity. These duties demand your time, energy, and perseverance. But God will help you as you commit and strive to do so to bring up godly seed for Him and His Church. Do not leave them to be entertained with your handphone, or watch TV, Youtube videos, and read worldly comics to entertain themselves so that you can relax and be free. At some point, you will need to tell them that they need to acknowledge Christ as their personal God and Saviour and be affirmed before God and man when they grow up.

(2) Bringing them up in God's ways. Teaching them God's Word is not the end of your duties. You need to guide them to live by it practically. God said this of Abraham, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" Gen 18:19. Will God say the same things about you as a parent who infant baptised your child with the aim to make the child God's people? You must use and follow God's ways, not worldly philosophy and psychology, in disciplining and showing love to them. Again, it calls for you knowing God's Word, else you can use the wrong ways with them too. You cannot give in when they wish to sin, but you need to explain, correct, encourage – but not give in. If you give in and you will not deal with their sinning or worldliness, they will learn that they can sin and there are no consequences. Children very quickly pick up when they know your discipline is not serious. They will ignore you very soon because they know you do not really mean business with them when they are disobedient. Remember, the believer's children reflect their family's God too. You cannot run away from that. A child that misbehaves and is uncontrolled affects the testimony because the world also relates that to Christian upbringing. It is sad to hear when the unbelievers comment that they shocked at behaviours of children from Christian families. Your refusal to discipline and failure to lead them to walk in God's ways does affect God's Name.

Infant baptism is not automatic spiritual growth for the child. It is the reminder to parents that the child is to be brought up as God's

people, taught and trained in His ways, and to teach the child that he has been set apart to be God's people, and he must turn to God himself for salvation. It is the blessed commitment to fulfil parental covenantal vows to God to bring up godly seed for Him. Many excitedly bring their child forward for infant baptism but few realise or desire to fulfil their duties. May parents in our midst truly understand and do their part.

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Holiday Bible Program Registration (Today, After worship):** This program on "Godly Friendships" will be held from 17-19 December for all aged 4-16. A new class for preteens/teens is added this year. Due to resource constraints, we encourage worshipers to extend invitations only to unbelievers, irregular church worshipers, or those who may wish to worship with us regularly. Registration forms and flyers are available at the foyer. Please register at the fellowship hall today. Registration closes 9 December.
2. **Husbands and Fathers Fellowship (Today, 3:30 pm):** Pastor will continue to teach from 1 Peter 3:7. All husbands and fathers are encouraged to come and learn the duties of a husband as God has intended from the verse.

3. **Chinese Care Group (Next Saturday, 17 November, 10:30 am):** The meeting will be held in Church. We will continue with the series on the “Milk and Meat”. Yew Jinn will be speaking on “Milk Doctrines: Repentance from Dead Works” taken from Hebrews 6:1-3. Kindly bring a dish to share over lunch after the meeting. All are welcome to attend and learn God’s Word together.
4. Pastor will be away on personal leave from 9th to 11th November. For urgent matters please call him on Whatsapp or email him.
5. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for Session Meeting yesterday and for wisdom on matters regarding the church operations.
 - Thank God for the many background ministries and the people that support the Worship Service, Fellowships and Bible studies.
 - Pray for Far Eastern Bible College students to understand the lessons and have God’s Word mould their lives as they prepare for exams this week.
 - Pray for God to direct the meeting with the architect this week, and to grant wisdom to the Session in making needed decisions for BPCWA.
 - Pray for worshippers to use the year end activities to prayerfully invite friends and contacts to learn and worship with us.

SERVICE DUTY	4/11 COMBINED - Holy Communion	11/11 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Yi Choong Liew	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Lee Lian Yong
Offering Stewards	Alex Luu, Jonathan Woo, Wei Yan Stephen Chia, Kenny Chia, Pei Shion Chai	Jason Tey, Terry Chong, Mark Heath Michael Lee, Allan Ang, Caleb Cheng
Ushers	Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Kan, Yung Tsing Mew	Kenny Chia, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong
Audio Visual	Caleb Cheng	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Victoria Lew, Valerie Wan	Yung Tsing Mew, Lily Liow, May Chee Tey Edward Teng, Joanne Teng

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	4/11	3:30 pm	Husbands and Fathers Fellowship
Tuesday	6/11	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Eugene Leong, Hannah Th'ng
Friday	9/11	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	11/11	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

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 225 (Combined: 193; CSS: 32); Prayer Meeting: 90

Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$7,813.15 (#4516: \$365.00; #4517: \$363.00; #4518: \$117.50); Designated Love Gifts (Benjamin Kan: \$950.00; Katherine Gibbs: \$50.00)

Building Fund - Last Week: \$3,960.00; To Date: \$138,221.42; Gap: \$1,161,778.58

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH - CHAPTER THREE: OF GOD'S ETERNAL DECREE

1. GOD from all eternity did, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

