



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

December 2nd, 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 Ellainne Liew/Deacon Eugene Leong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn **HOP 21** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 15:27-33

Hymn **HOP 215** The Haven of Rest

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 434** Count Your Blessings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading James 1:19-21

Hymn **HOP 125** Open My Eyes, That I May See

Message Yew Jinn Chieng/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.

Be Ye Hearers of the Word

*Hymn **HOP 139** Wonderful Words of Life

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

Will you come for the Pre-Service Prayer?

Dear BPCWAians, Every week in our church bulletin under “Appointments for Today and the Week” we print a Sunday 8:30 am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting. Perhaps of all activities in the church, this is one that is least known amongst its worshippers, but yet one of the most important activities. I hope that through this Pastoral, you understand what is this about and as a result, come for this pre-service prayer meeting.

Who is this for? Simply because it is in the appointments of the week without any specific target group specified means that this is a prayer meeting that is open to all worshippers. It is not just merely for church leaders and full-time workers. It is not even just a ministry that is open only to members. In fact, when you read this announcement in the bulletin, as much as the Tuesday night Prayer meeting is an invitation for you to join us in praying for the church, likewise the pre-service prayer too. Whether you are more comfortable praying in English or in Chinese, whether you are a student that has chosen to worship with us while you’re studying here or an adult, whether young or old, this Sunday prayer is open to you. If you’re here for the Basic Bible Knowledge classes and are able to come just half an hour earlier for this prayer, come. Even if you can’t make it every week, come even if only just for some weeks. Join us together in prayer and experience the blessedness of starting off the Lord’s Day in prayer with God’s people.

What is this for? Being a time of prayer before even the 1st Bible Study for the Lord's Day, it is a time that we set apart to seek God's help for the day ahead. When God sanctified the Sabbath and set it apart for Him, it was for a spiritual purpose. Hence this prayer meeting is to support this day of worship and service to God because it is a spiritual warfare that we face – we need to seek His help to worship Him in Spirit and Truth, and also His guidance and protection for the day ahead. So, one might say that unlike the Tuesday prayer meeting, this pre-Service prayer is one with a special focus especially intended for everything that we do on the Lord's Day. During this prayer meeting, we seek His help to guide, use, and protect the many ministries that are serving on Sunday. These include the background roles such as the Transport ministry, Audio Visual ministry, to the kitchen ministry. We pray for the teaching of God's Word at the Basic Bible Knowledge classes, and at the Sunday School lessons lined up for that day. But most importantly, as Worship Service is the focal activity of the week for the believer, we plead for God to bless and accept every part of the Worship Service, and in particular, that God will be magnified in the preaching of His Word. "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you." (2Th 3:1) Also, we seek His help for the Worship Leader, interpreters, musicians, offertory stewards, welcomers, and ushers, that in all our separate roles, we will all join in pointing worshippers to God. And if there are fellowship meetings scheduled for Sunday, we pray for God's enabling power upon the teaching at these sessions to edify the

hearers. Every week, we also pray for the Nursing Home ministry to fulfil its objective of encouraging the believers in the Homes, and saving souls. If City Evangelism is scheduled, prayer is raised for the sowing of the Word later that day to bring His elect into His kingdom and His church. And during Holy Communion Sundays, we pray for the Lord to draw His people to Himself to see His glory and to reinforce our love for Him.

Why should I come? Well, firstly, because it's the Lord's Day. There's no better way (after starting off your day in your private devotion and prayer) to prepare for the day of worship and service than by a time of prayer with God's people in His house. In this time of prayer together, our own hearts are prepared for congregational worship as we pray for each aspect of the Worship Service. And as we pray for the sermon each Sunday, we also ask God to prepare our own hearts as well to hear His Word. It is a time to seek God's favour and blessing upon the activities of the Lord's Day, which we will all be involved in for the rest of the day. As much as you make preparations to attend the activities, prepare yourself spiritually too, for these spiritual activities. Begin the day by asking God in prayer to work in your life, in your family's life, and in the lives of His people here in BPCWA as God is uplifted and His Word is taught and preached on Sunday. Pray for the preaching of God's Word to be faithful according to His intent and will. If these are important to you, you will come and pray together with us at the Pre-service prayer.

I hope that now that you know this, you will desire to be there praying together with us at the pre-service prayer. If you can only do it occasionally, come anyway and know the blessing of starting the Lord's day of service with a time of prayer together. There is no "enrolment" or roster - simply be at church on Sunday by 8:30 am and come into the cry room which during this half hour we cry to God to meet with His people and accept their worship.

Ac 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer
and supplication ...

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. Congratulations to Colin and Fiona Chng on the birth of their baby son, Josiah. Praise God for this heritage of the Lord. May he be brought up to be a godly testimony to shine for our Lord Jesus Christ in his generation.

2. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for those who have signed up for the Holiday Bible Program and have helped in many ways towards its preparation.
- Thank God for the many opportunities to spend the Lord's Day in His Service, learning His word and fellowship together.
- Pray for wisdom and unity of hearts at the Session Meeting on 9 December that God will direct the discussions and decisions according to His will.
- Pray for Pastor and Mrs Poon as they preach and teach at Tabernacle Bible Presbyterian Church's family camp this week.
- Pray for the planning and preparations for the Holiday Bible Program, for children outside of church to sign up and for lesson preparations.
- Pray for the discussions of the architect for approvals for our church extension project to be according to God's specific will for BPCWA.

SERVICE DUTY	2/12 COMBINED	9/12 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Yew Jinn Chieng/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Eugene Leong/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Eugene Leong	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)	Ellainne Liew	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Yi San Chieng	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards	Jason Tey, Jonathan Woo, Kenny Chia Alex Luu, Claude Yiu Wei Yan	Colin Chng, Claude Yiu, Edward Ee Yi Choong Liew, Pei Shion Chai Benjamin Kan
Ushers	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Shie Tian Wong	Caleb Cheng, Mable Soon, Vincent Naing
Audio Visual	Caleb Cheng	Soo Jin Kang
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun, Shuin Ning Jong Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lisa Ho Ming Ming Th'ng, Xuan Rui Yong

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	4/12	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Eugene Leong, Angeline Yong
Friday	7/12	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	9/12	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 and A
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde/Onslow Gardens
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington/Bull Creek

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 177 (Combined: 150; CSS: 27); Prayer Meeting: 80

Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$7,620.80 (#4532: \$95.10; #4533: \$568.00); Designated Love Gift (Katherine Gibbs: \$50.00)

Building Fund - Last Week: \$2,240.00; To Date: \$146,993.88; Gap: \$1,153,006.12

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

5. Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to his eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of his will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory; out of his mere free grace and love, without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving him thereunto; and all to the praise of his glorious grace.

