



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

December 16th, 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 Winnie Lim/Deacon Eugene Leong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Yew Jinn Chieng

*Hymn **HOP 17** All Creatures of Our God and King

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 16:9-16

Hymn **HOP 227** The Rock That Is Higher Than I

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 404** O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:1-3

Hymn **HOP 138** Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

The Christian Children's Role

*Hymn **HOP 429** Happy the Home When God Is There

*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

Evangelism...me?

Dear BPCWAians, It has been encouraging that several have been making efforts to invite unbelieving children to our Holiday Bible Program. In addition, some have also contacted unbelievers as well as those who had come before for the Christmas gospel service. Perhaps as you read this, you may be wondering, “Must I evangelise? Why? I have been faithful in studying God’s Word through fellowship groups and even FEBC courses and obedient to God in many ways, is that not sufficient as a Christian?” It is very good that we have been interested in God’s Word and living according to it. But we need to also grow in this area of obedience to Christ’s command –

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matt 28:19-20)

“Well the elect will get saved anyway”. There are 2 extremes when it comes to evangelism. The New Evangelicals emphasise it to the extent of downplaying all other doctrines such as sin, repentance, and holiness; while others downplay evangelism by thinking that since God has elected and predestinated, then whether I evangelise or not, they will still get saved. Some even blame this “Presbyterian doctrine” of election for the cause of apathy among Christians when it comes to evangelism. But we must remember that right doctrine should not be attacked just because believers fail to obey God. The failure to evangelise is due to the disobedience of

believers to the great commission. The truth is that Presbyterians were among the most active in evangelism wherein many were saved in Christian history. The doctrine of election motivates evangelism. Without it, our evangelistic efforts are futile because, “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: (11) There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. (12) They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one” (Rom 3:10-12). Not a single soul would understand, none would be interested to know God, and all would refuse God’s way. But because of election, there will be souls saved out of evangelism.

Why I must evangelize. So why should I evangelise since God has chosen and will save the elect no matter what happens or does not happen? Well, the answer is simple – evangelism is God’s ordained means through which He saves the elect, “For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe:” (1Cor 1:21). Did not many of us come to the Lord because someone preached the Gospel to us, “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God” (1 Cor 1:18)? It is hence our great privilege and joy to be used as His instrument by responding to the Great Commission. To be used of Him to translate someone from darkness and sure eternity in hell into His light and assured place in heaven forever must be more rewarding to the believer than whatever temporal earthly achievements on earth. Yes, God will surely save the elect. Hence, those who would not evangelise miss the opportunity to be the one God uses for this infinite work of salvation.

Have you gone for street evangelism or nursing home outreach? When was the last time you shared the gospel with your classmate, colleague, or relative?

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (Rom 10:14)

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **City Evangelism (Today, 2 pm):** With Christmas coming, join us in sharing the gospel. Please meet in the upper fellowship hall for a short briefing at 2 pm. After the outreach, we will meet back in church at 5 pm for testimonies. Please check that you are registered for the outreach in the church foyer.
2. **Holiday Bible Program (Tomorrow - Wednesday, 17-19 December, 8:45 am - 12 pm):** Participants are requested to arrive at the church by 8:45 am. All participants should bring with them their own Bible, stationery and notebook. Parents are encouraged to attend the closing session on Wednesday (19 December) at 11:45 am when the participants receive their certificates.
3. **Christmas Gospel Meeting (Friday, 21 December, 7 pm):** Please follow up on your family and friends that you have invited to the Gospel Meeting and encourage them to come. Leaflets are still available to invite unbelievers to come and hear the gospel. Please come and join us at 7 pm for Carolling followed by the Gospel Meeting at 7:30 pm. BPCWA regular worshippers are requested to park at the rear carpark so that visitors can park in the front carpark.
4. **Christmas Worship Service (Tuesday, 25 December, 10 am):** Please invite your family and friends to attend the Christmas Worship Service. Worship service will be followed by Christmas lunch.

5. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for unity of hearts at Session meeting last week. Pray for continued wisdom in carrying out the matters discussed.
- Thank God for the opportunity and privilege to proclaim the good news of our Saviour at City Evangelism this afternoon.
- Pray for Holiday Bible Program to help our children know the importance of godly friendships. Pray for unsaved children who come. Pray for the lesson preparations and children to come with hearts desiring to learn.
- Pray for invitations and preparations for Christmas Gospel Meeting and Christmas Service to tell unbelievers of God's gift of salvation through His Son and to help believers turn back to Him in adoration and worship.
- Pray for planning of each 2019 activity, Bible Studies and Fellowship meetings to help believers be rooted and grounded in God's Truth.

SERVICE DUTY	16/12 COMBINED	23/12 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon / Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon / Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Eugene Leong / Yew Jinn Chieng	Deacon Joel Wong / Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Eugene Leong	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Yi Choong Liew	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards	Mark Heath, Terry Chong, Benjamin Kan Caleb Cheng, Eddie Foo, Kenny Tan	Jonathan Woo, Kenny Chia, Alex Luu Eddie Foo, Jason Tey, Michael Lee
Ushers	Jay-Son Lim, Kenny Tan, Yi Jye Chieng	Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Kan, Nancy Chai
Audio Visual	Albert Ho	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Mable Soon	Yi San Chieng, Phyllis Voun, Shuin Ning Jong Valarie Wan

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	16/12	2:00 pm	City Evangelism
Tuesday	18/12	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Joel Wong, Sharon Poon
Friday	21/12	7:00 pm	Christmas Gospel Meeting
Sunday	23/12	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
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde/Onslow Gardens
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington/Bull Creek

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances – Sunday Worship: 181 (Combined: 150; CSS: 31); Prayer Meeting: 82

Tithes and Offerings – Sunday Worship: \$8,522.31 (#4536: \$150.00; #4537: \$121.40; #4538: \$279.00)

Building Fund – Last Week: \$1,847.46; To Date: \$150,211.97; Gap: \$1,149,788.03

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

7. The rest of mankind, God was pleased, according to the unsearchable counsel of his own will, whereby he extendeth or withholdeth mercy as he pleaseth, for the glory of his sovereign power over his creatures, to pass by, and to ordain them to dishonor, wrath for their sin, to the praise of his glorious justice.

