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1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP COMBINED SERVICE

Preparatory Hymn Allan Ang

Prelude Ruth Wong

Call to Worship Dn Adrian Cheng/Joel YY Wong

*Hymn **HOP 180** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Invocation/Gloria Patri¹

Responsive Reading Psalm 46:1-11

Hymn **HOP 123** Hover o'er Me, Holy Spirit

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology²/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Numbers 14:1-5, 26-32

Hymn **HOP 295** Saviour, Lead Me Lest I Stray

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Costly Choices

*Hymn **HOP 239** Would You Live for Jesus

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You³

^{*} Congregation Standing

^{1&2} RHC Front Inner Cover

³ RHC Back Inner Cover

Theme for 2014: "SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU" (1 Peter 2:9b)



A Warm Welcome from BPCWA to one and all. May God richly bless you as you join us today in worshipping the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Please join us at Fellowship Tea after the Worship Service.

My dear readers,

1. The “last days” are here

When the disciples asked the Lord: “...*what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*” (Matt 24:3), our Lord’s answer was:

“Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.”
(Matt 24:4-7)

Our attention is drawn to verse 6 which speaks of “*wars and rumours of wars.*” Straits Times (June 7, 2014) on page A43, the news headlines speak of “**Whiff of war in the air as territorial disputes escalate**”.

2. “Whiff of war in the air as territorial disputes escalate”

In the article by Mark Valencia, it says:

“When the political history of the 21st century is written, it might well trace the tipping point towards war in Asia to our present decade.”

“Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong noted recently that war in Asia is ‘not impossible’ in the next 20 years if escalating regional tensions are not managed responsibly.”

“Also, the Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey, is on record as saying the risk of war in Asia will increase over the next 10 years as the US military’s technological edge over China erodes.”

“Signs indicative of looming conflict are deepening distrust, vitriolic nationalistic exchanges, veiled threats and provocations.”

“Let’s look at what has happened just recently.”

3. The situation is not improving

“At last week’s Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel publicly scolded China for undertaking ‘destabilising unilateral actions’, and warned that ‘the United States will not look the other way when fundamental principles of the international order are being challenged’. He also supported Japan’s greater role in the security of the region.”

“Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has drawn a parallel between Russia’s invasion of Crimea and China’s muscle-flexing in the East China Sea and South China Sea.”

“China responded in kind. Referring to Mr Hagel’s remarks, its Deputy Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant-General Wang Guan-zhong, said ‘this speech is full of hegemony, full of incitements, threats and intimidation’.”

“China’s actions in the East China Sea and South China Sea have certainly raised tensions.”

“But the 2002 Asean-China Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea is being violated by all claimants. The Philippines and Vietnam allege that China has acted contrary to the provision that the parties concerned should resolve their disputes by ‘peaceful means’ and ‘friendly consultations’.”

“China responds that the Philippines has violated a hard-won provision in the Declaration which stipulates disputes should be resolved between ‘sovereign states directly concerned’, and that Vietnam might be on the verge of doing so as well.”

4. If anything, things are getting worse

“China views the actions by Vietnam and particularly the Philippines, a US ally, as provocations encouraged by Washington.”

“China also sees Mr Hagel’s remarks as insulting and hypocritical. This is especially so in view of Washington’s almost daily drone and cyber strikes into sovereign states and its recent history of intervention in other countries.”

“Mr Hagel’s speech included a warning that the US would ‘not tolerate any attempt to alter the status quo by force or coercion’. This was assumed to refer to China’s aggressive actions in relation to the Japan-China Senka-ku-Diaoyu dispute in the East China Sea ...”

What do you think of all this?

5. It is now a question of “When?”

China with a thousand million people will not bow to America easily.

Where, then, is our safety?

What do you say?

*Yours faithfully in the Saviour’s Service,
Dr SH Tow*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Annual Congregational Meeting and Session Election:** Please take note that the Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be held on Sunday the 28th of September, soon after the worship service in the main sanctuary. All members are required to attend.
Members, please take a copy of the ACM agenda, financial and ministerial reports from Dn Adrian Cheng after the worship service today. If any member has a question for the church Session to be brought up at the ACM, please write or email to any of the Session members before the 21st of September.
- 2. Church Session Election:** The candidates for the church Session election and their service portfolios are published as an insert in this week’s bulletin. Please study 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, and pray for each candidate.
- 3. Worship Service:** All worshippers please take notice that due to the ACM, the Worship Service on the 28th of September will start at **9 am**.
- 4. Seniors’ Fellowship:** on the 20th September (Saturday), there will be an outing at King's Park at 10.30am. Maps to the venue are available on the foyer. Please bring your picnic mat and Bible. Please also bring a dish to share. All are welcome.

5. City Evangelism: Next Sunday we will go to the City to share the Gospel. Please sign up with Sister Julia in the fellowship hall if you are interested. For those of you who participated in July, you are already registered. Outreach will start at Church at 2pm and end at Church with testimonies at 5pm.

6. Mandarin Family Camp Briefing: Will be held for all campers next Sunday immediately after the worship service. All campers please stay and attend this meeting especially for those who will be attending the camp for the first time. Any queries, please contact Brother Joel YY Wong.

7. Thank God for:

- The many friends and family members who have come to the Mandarin Gospel Rally last Friday.
- Many people who have been reached through the evangelistic outreach of September 30in30.
- Safety during the stormy weather last week.
- The various ministries and activities of the church and those serving in them.

8. Pray for:

- The salvation of those who have listened to the gospel message last Friday and those who have received the gospel tracts in September.
- ACM and Church Session Election on the 28th of September and all the candidates nominated for the forthcoming Session election.
- Seniors' Fellowship next Saturday.
- City Evangelism next Sunday afternoon.
- BPCWA Mandarin Family camp, preparation and finalising of the camp program, the children's program, all the group leaders, the campers and the camp speaker Rev Peter Wong.
- Those who are sick and unwell in the body, may God's comfort and grace be with them during this time.
- Safety in and around the church.

Service Duty	(14/9) Combined	(21/9) Combined
Speaker	Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu
Worship Leader	Dn Adrian Cheng/Joel YY Wong	Robert Wong/Sonny Lim
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician	Ruth Wong	Lydia Pui
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernard Clarke	Barry Palm, Juanita Palm, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards ☆To Help Count Offering	☆Dn Michael Lee, ☆Jonathan Woo, Allan Ang, Joel Wong, Adrian Ng, Allen Liew	☆Barry Palm, ☆Kenny Tan, Edward Ee, Alex Luu, Eugene Leong, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Joel Wong, Audrey Liow	Edward Ee, Grace Cheo
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Allan Ang, Irene Yap, Lilian Cheo	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Victoria Lew
JSS Singspiration	Karen Ee/Kenny Chia	Valerie Wan/Yi Jye Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey Chieng/Mary Ling	Ka Yii Yip/Lilian Yong
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Pr Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Barry Palm Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Yew Jinn Chieng
Bayswater	Caleb Cheng	Elder James Wong

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	16/9	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Following Christ Pr Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Kenny Tan, Audrey Liow
Wednesday	17/9	7:30pm	FEBC Night Class: Calvin's Institute 1
Friday	19/9	10:00am	English Mother Bible Study Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	21/9	8.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/ English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Combined Sunday Worship Service
		12:00pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00pm	Concorde (Nursing Home) – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens (Nursing Home) – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30pm	Ben Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home) – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (7/9)

Attendance: 237 (Combined-212; JSS-25); Prayer Meeting: 61

Offerings in Total: \$7673.75

General Fund: \$7673.75 (#3825-Thanksgiving-\$300; #3826-Mandarin Camp-\$270)

Mission Fund: (10% of General Fund is set aside for missions)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death? The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness (Heb 12:23), and do immediately pass into glory (Luke 23:43; 2 Cor 5:6, 8; Phil 1:23); and their bodies, being still united in Christ (1 Thess 4:14), do rest in their graves, till the resurrection (Dan 12:2; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15).