

# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

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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 Sharon Poon

Call to Worship Robert Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng

\*Hymn **HOP 364** Praise Him! Praise Him!

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri<sup>1</sup>

Responsive Reading Psalm 55:16-23

Hymn **HOP 221** Yesterday, Today, Forever

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology<sup>2</sup>/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous

Scripture Reading Revelation 21:1-5

Hymn **HOP 205** Blessed Assurance

Pastoral Prayer/Message Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim

## Christian's Desire

\*Hymn **HOP 413** There Is a Land that Is Fairer than Day

\*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

\*The Lord Bless You and Keep You<sup>3</sup>

\* Congregation Standing

<sup>1&2</sup> RHC Front Inner Cover

<sup>3</sup> 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,*

As Christmas nears there are signs of fresh conflict between the warring parties.

Today we reproduce an article from Straits Times November 20, 2014 captioned “Jerusalem’s war of neighbours turns more deadly”.

JERUSALEM - Amid the condemnations of Tuesday's deadly attack at a Jerusalem synagogue, there were also disturbing signs of celebration.

A cartoon of a bloody meat cleaver like the one used in the attack circulated on social media. Residents of the Gaza Strip went on a parade, singing victory songs, giving out candy and waving flags. The cartoon was captioned “For you, oh Aqsa”, a reference to the Old City holy site at the heart of a recent violent escalation that increasingly seems beyond the control of Israeli or Palestinian leaders.

Four Orthodox Jews died in the attack and the death toll rose on Tuesday night when an injured Israeli policeman died.

The blood splattered on the victims’ prayer shawls and holy books underscored growing indications that extremists on both sides are turning the stalemated battle over territory and identity into a full-throated religious war.

Once again, the assailants – two cousins, who were later killed by police officers – were believed to have acted alone, a new challenge to Israeli intelligence services.

Once again, they were Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem, with Israeli identification cards that allowed them to move freely, and with grievances about their treatment in fiercely disputed turf.

And once again, Israel announced a crackdown, promising to demolish attackers’ homes, blocking roads to some Palestinian neighbourhoods, stepping up arrests of stone-throwing youths and bolstering police patrols.

Even Israelis who saw these security measures as necessary worried they could incite a backlash among a population teeming with outrage. Analysts on both sides worried that the cycle of violence and mutual dehumanisation would be compounded by the growing focus on the holy site, where the ancient temples once stood and where Muslims have worshipped for

centuries and now fear a Jewish takeover.

“When you bring the religious dimension, it absolutises the conflict - you can divide land, you can divide security, but the sacred is indivisible,” said Mr Moshe Halbertal, a philosophy scholar at Hebrew University. “And it also globalises the conflict.”

Professor Zakaria Al-Qaq, who specialises in national security studies at Al-Quds University in East Jerusalem, said he saw signs “that we were infected with the same disease of the region”, referring to sectarian battles among Muslims tearing apart Syria, Iraq and other places. “With the religion, there is black and white, either-or, it will be existential,” he said.

Though President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority condemned the synagogue killings, other leaders praised them as a defence of Al-Aqsa, the mosque at the heart of the holy site that Muslims call the Noble Sanctuary and Jews the Temple Mount. And Mr Abbas, who last week warned that “a holy war” would ensue if Jews “contaminated” the site, couched his condemnation on Tuesday with a demand “to stop incitement against Aqsa”.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was one of many Israeli politicians to blame Tuesday’s terrorist attack on Mr Abbas’ recent calls to defend the holy site, and emphasised the religious overtones himself.

“Four innocent and pure Jews,” he said, were “slaughtered” while “wrapped in tallit and tefillin”, the prayer shawls and leather straps that Orthodox men don daily during prayer.

Mr Netanyahu’s repeated declarations that he would not change the status quo at the holy site, where non-Muslim prayer is prohibited, have been dismissed by many Palestinians.

“Somebody needs to think of removing the causes for this, and the causes are rooted within the Israeli policies and practices in East Jerusalem,” said Mr Ghassan Khatib, vice-president of Birzeit University in the West Bank.

It is, of course, not the first time the conflict has spilled into religious sanctuaries. Tuesday’s attack was reminiscent of the 2008 killing of eight Jewish students at a Jerusalem yeshiva.

And in a 1994 massacre at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, an Israeli extremist killed 29 Muslim worshippers.

“What feels different in the last couple of months in Jerusalem is the intimacy of the terror,” said Mr Yossi Klein Halevi, an author and fellow at Jerusalem’s Shalom Hartman Institute.”

Dear readers, please pray for peace and the soon return of Jesus the Prince of peace. Only He can bring peace.

*Yours faithfully in the Saviour’s Service,*

**Dr SH Tow**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

- 1. Lunch Fellowship:** today after the worship service. All are welcome to join.
- 2. City Evangelism:** Join us for the bi-monthly street evangelism outreach in the Perth City malls today. Please meet at Church at 2pm for a pre-departure briefing and meet back at Church at 5pm for testimonies.  
*“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!”*  
*- 1 Corinthians 9:16.*
- 3. FEBC Online Courses:** Registration for the online courses starting in January 2015 is now open. Calvin’s Institutes 2 and Life of Christ 1 is \$75 each and Bible and Miracles is \$35. Please fill out the form in the foyer and hand to Brother Mark Heath with the course fees.
- 4. Program for the month of December:**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Program</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm	Combined Church Fellowship Speaker: Rev Paul Cheng
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service Holy Communion
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.15pm	Men’s Fellowship & Ladies’ Fellowship
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.00am	Christmas Day Combined Worship Service
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec at 7.30pm	Watch Night Thanksgiving Combined Worship Service

## 5. Thank God for:

- All the students who have completed their examinations.
- The funeral service held for Sister Mey Chiam last Thursday.
- Watching over the church and all the worshippers last week.

## 6. Pray for:

- Those who will be seeking for employment.
- The program for December and the end of year activities.
- God's leading in restarting the Mandarin Worship Service.
- The rebuilding of Nehemiah place.
- Planning of next year's church program and ministry programs.
- Safety for those who are working away from home and travelling during the summer holidays.
- Those who are physically sick and unwell. May God comfort and strengthen them.
- Security in and around the church.

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## CHOIR PRESENTATION

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### Psalm 34:15-19

- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.
- <sup>16</sup> The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- <sup>17</sup> *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
- <sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

### Psalm 35:28

- <sup>28</sup> And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all the day long.

<b>Service Duty</b>	<b>(30/11) Combined-Lunch Fellowship</b>	<b>(7/12) Combined</b>
Speaker	Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim	Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu
Worship Leader	Robert Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng	Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Claude Yiu
Musician	Sharon Poon	Lydia Pui
Welcomers	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lee Lee Yong	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernard Clarke
Offering Stewards ☆To Help Count Offering	☆ Dn Michael Lee, ☆ Allan Ang, Claude Yiu, Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Dn Stephen Chia	☆ Jonathan Woo, ☆ Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Dn Michael Lee, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu	Kenny Chia, Yi Jye Chieng
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Le Fung Fong, Andy Ho, Barry Palm, Christine Chia, Margaret Ng	Allan Ang, Irene Yap, Lilian Cheo, Yi Jye Chieng
JSS Singspiration	Karen Ee/Ruth Wong	Karen Ee/Ruth Wong
Toddler Class Assistant	Lilian Yong/Victoria Lew	Yi Mey Chieng/An Ning
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	
<b>Old Folks' Home Ministry</b>		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	<b>Hall A:</b> Mark Heath <b>Hall B:</b> Allan Ang	<b>Hall A:</b> Yew Jinn Chieng <b>Hall B:</b> Elder James Wong
Bayswater	Andy Yu	Kenny Tan

### **APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK**

Tuesday	2/12	7:30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting: By Faith</b> Pr Joseph Poon, Allan Ang, Yi Mey Chieng
Wednesday	3/12	7:30pm	<b>FEBC Night Class:</b> Bible and Science, Names of God
Friday	5/12	10:00am	<b>English Mother's Bible Study Group</b>
		7:30pm	<b>Fellowship Meeting:</b> Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	7/12	8.30am	<b>Pre-Service Prayer Meeting</b>
		9:00am	<b>English &amp; Mandarin Sunday School/ English &amp; Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class</b>
		10:00am	<b>Combined Sunday Worship Service</b>
		12:15pm	<b>Church Van Depart</b>
		2:00pm	<b>Concorde (Nursing Home)</b> – 25 Anstey Street, <i>South Perth</i> <b>Onslow Gardens (Nursing Home)</b> – 39 Hamersley Road, <i>Subiaco</i>
		3:30pm	<b>Ben Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home)</b> – 480 Guildford Road, <i>Bayswater</i>

### **ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (23/11)**

Attendance: 229 (Combined-193; JSS-36); Prayer Meeting: 49

Offerings in Total: \$4666.80

General Fund: \$4666.80 (#3850-\$249; #3851-\$22.60; #3852-Library-\$45)

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

### **SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the first commandment?**

The first commandment forbiddeth the denying (Psalm 14:1), or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God (Romans 1:20-21), and our God (Psalm 81:10-11), and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone (Ezekiel 8:16-18; Romans 1:25).