



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

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## SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

### 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.

Preparatory Hymn Kenny Tan

Prelude Sharon Poon

Call to Worship Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong

\*Hymn **HOP 8** Now Thank We All Our God

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri **1**

Responsive Reading Psalm 66:1-7

Hymn **HOP 149** The Light of the World Is Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology **2**/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Numbers 21:4-9

Hymn **HOP 31** Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Pastoral Prayer/Message Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

### 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.

## Chastisements and Cure

\*Hymn **HOP 147** Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

\*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

\*The Lord Bless You and Keep You **3**

\*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2015: "WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD UNTO ALL PLEASING" (Colossians 1:10)

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## WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

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My dear readers,

### How Do We Treat the Holy Spirit Within Us?

*"... your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you..."* (1 Cor 6:19)  
Excerpts from "The Personal Spiritual life" by Dr Peter Masters

The indwelling of the infinite, eternal Holy Spirit is such an amazing blessing and privilege that the mind never wholly grasps it. A daily succession of joys, sorrows and temptations produces various reactions in us, often without stirring our awareness that God is in residence, and that He will be pleased or grieved by what we think, say or do.

The body of every true believer is the property of God, and if it is defiled, by worldliness, or by other sinful tastes and desires, the indwelling Spirit is said to be grieved. Writes Paul, *"...grieve not the holy Spirit of God..."* (Eph 4:30), or according to the more striking word order of the Greek, *"Grieve not the Spirit, the Holy One of God."*

How can we so easily lose touch with this awesome, immense fact of spiritual life — that God takes a place in every redeemed heart, declaring, *"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"* (Heb 13:5)? The Holy Spirit indwells every Christian from the moment of conversion, so that the inspired Word may say, *"...if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his"* (Rom 8.9).

Three terms stand out in the New Testament to describe ill-treatment of the Holy Spirit. He may be resisted, or quenched, or grieved, each word describing a level of offence inflicted on our Divine Resident. How easily we forget that He is there, and lose our gratitude to Him, our consideration for Him, and our dependence upon Him!...

It is madness and self-injury to resist the Spirit, so what induces us to do so? Surely it is because we lose touch with the realisation that the Most High God has lodged within, and that it is His promptings and urgings that we resist whenever some duty of the Bible is laid on our heart....

The second term for offending the Spirit appears in 1 Thessalonians 5:19: *"Quench not the Spirit."* The Holy Spirit's work is pictured here as a flame of holy conviction or of zeal generated in the heart....

The flame produced by the Spirit is love and zeal for the Lord, for the Truth, and for lost souls. It includes conviction of sin when it leads to godly sorrow, indignation against our wrong-doing, coupled with carefulness, vehement desire and zeal to reform. (All these terms are found in 2 Corinthians 7:11.) The flame of the Spirit may urge us to witness, or to go with compassion to the aid of another person. Do we quench the fervour of godly aims kindled in our hearts by the Spirit? Do we quench and suppress the promptings of conscience? Is the maintaining of spiritual zeal sometimes inconvenient, because it is contrary to our mood, or too costly for us? Do we therefore turn away from praise, prayer, thankfulness, dedication and good works?

How can we do this as Christians? Simply by forgetting that it is the ever-present, mighty Spirit of God who is the author of all godly sensations. We do not merely have a divine visitation, which would be wonderful, but something vastly greater — a Divine Resident who ignites the dying embers of spiritual activity, restoring them to full vigour. But we lose sight of the doctrine and the reality of His presence and smother His reviving, energising work within.

The third term describing our insulting treatment of the Holy Spirit appears in Ephesians 4.30, *“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”* This exhortation shows us something of the invisible heart of the Spirit. Surely one of the *“deep things of God”* (1 Cor 2:10) is the revelation that He is grieved, which literally means caused distress and sorrow, by the disrespect and waywardness of believers. Our infinite, all-powerful Divine Resident may be offended, injured and wounded in heart by the indifference of those He is taking to Heaven. The Spirit is grieved when His work in us and for us is ignored. The fact that the invincible, indestructible Spirit may be pained is largely beyond our understanding, but revelation tells us it is so. The Holy Spirit’s love for us — like Christ’s love — is so great, that He feels for people who are tiny specks of dust before Him. (To be continued ...)

God bless all readers.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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- 1. Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship:** will be held tonight starting with dinner at 6pm. At 7:15pm, men will meet upstairs where Rev Joseph will speak on "A Man Faithful in Little Things". Ladies Fellowship will meet downstairs with Sister Sharon speaking on the topic "Lips of a Virtuous Woman". We encourage all ages to come along and be spiritually edified.
- 2. University Orientation Day Outreach:** This Friday, our Church will be at the UWA Orientation day from 11am-3:30pm. Please come down if you can to support this outreach to new students.
- 3. Sunday School Promotion Ceremony:** will be held on the 1st of March at 9am in the main sanctuary. Teachers and parents of Sunday School children are encouraged to attend as the children are promoted and receive awards.
- 4. Mandarin Choir:** Choir practice resumes today at 12pm.
- 5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
  - The Orientation Day outreaches and for those coming from overseas to study in Perth.
  - A strong, faithful and united Session and church.
  - Program for February and throughout the year.
  - Those who are interested in going to the Mission trips in April.
  - Those who are travelling overseas and returning home for Chinese New Year. May they have a safe journey and be a good testimony to their family and friends.
  - Rebuilding of Nehemiah's place.
  - God's leading and timing to restarting the Mandarin worship service once a month.
  - Those who are spiritually discouraged and physically unwell.
  - Security in and around the church and homes.

SERVICE DUTY	15/2 COMBINED	22/2 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Andy Yu
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician	Sharon Poon	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Lee Fung Fong, Andy Ho, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allen Liew, *Edward Ee, Alex Luu, Eugene Leong, Kenny Tan, Claude Yiu	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Jason Tey, Adrian Ng, Dn Adrian Cheng
Ushers	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan, Edward Ee
JSS Singspiration	Karen/Yung/Rowena	Esther/Joel
Toddler Class Assistant	Mary/Yi Mey	Lydia/Grace
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Robert Wong (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Mark Heath
Bayswater	Andy Yu	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	17/2	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Dn Adrian Cheng, Audrey Liow
Wednesday	18/2	7:30pm	FEBC Night Class: Life of Christ
Friday	20/2	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	22/2	8.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/ English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Combined Sunday Worship Service
		12pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30pm	Nursing Home: Ben Ritcher Lodge – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (8/2)	
Attendance: 196 (Combined-163; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 52 Offerings in Total: \$6629.20	General Fund: \$6629.20 (#3872-\$158; #3873-Library-\$20) Mission Fund: (10% of General Fund is set aside for missions)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required in the Fourth Commandment?** The Fourth Commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as He appointed in His Word; expressly one whole day in seven to be a holy Sabbath to Himself (Exo 31:13; 16-17; Lev 19:30; Deu 5:12; Isa 56:2-7).

