



# 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 Ruth Wong

Call to Worship Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip

\*Hymn **HOP 41** Crown Him with Many Crowns

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading Psalm 70-Psalm 71:1-8

Hymn **HOP 219** 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Numbers 26:1-11

Hymn **HOP 310** Who Is on the Lord's Side?

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.

## Renumbered And Reminded

\*Hymn **HOP 405** I Am Resolved

\*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,

## **1. The Lord Jesus is coming again!**

As we remember our Lord's first coming in a lowly manger in Bethlehem, we would also like all the world to know that He is soon coming again in power and great glory to His Capital Jerusalem, not a helpless child as at His birth, but King of kings and Lord of lords to reign over all the earth.

For God also has *"given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, ... every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"* (Phil 2:9-11). Let all who are true Christians go and tell others about the Saviour, before He comes. *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"* (Acts 16:31). *"Behold now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"* (2 Cor 6:2).

Dear reader, do not delay to honour the Lord Jesus now, before He comes. It will then be too late!

## **2. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" (Exo 20:8)**

*"Day of all the week the best,  
Emblem of eternal rest"*

A day set apart in the week for God's people to assemble in holy activity and worship before the Lord.

*"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it"* (Isa 58:13-14).

In Old Testament time, God's people Israel kept the "Seventh Day" (i.e. Saturday). In New Testament time, Christians kept the "First Day" (i.e. Sunday).

*"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (1 Cor 16:1-2).*

*"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet" (Rev 1:10).*

The OT Sabbath was to commemorate God's finished work of CREATION by keeping the day holy (set aside for God) for worship. The NT Sabbath is to commemorate God's finished work of REDEMPTION by keeping the day holy for worship and other Gospel-related activity. In each case, it is God's provision for His people's blessing.

**THE PATTERN** of "one-in-seven" is God-ordained, in order to remind God's people that they are different, "a peculiar people" (1 Pet 2:9).

*"Daily bread" is God's provision, and not the result of work "seven days a week" for "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4).*

*"And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live" (Deut 8:3).*

The truth of Deuteronomy 8:3 was demonstrated during the forty-year "wilderness wandering" over some two thousand cycles of weeks.

God's people must look to Him for "daily bread" and not rely on their own effort. The weekly rest on the Lord's Day serves as a reminder: it is the Lord's goodness which enabled us to work for six days; the seventh day must be devoted to Him in thanksgiving and worship.

**THE PURPOSE.** God has a holy purpose, meant for our good. He has called us out of darkness to serve Him: presently on earth, shortly in heaven, as His *“peculiar people.”*

This great fact of God’s redemptive plan needs to be brought to mind (because the world is too powerful and too seductive, and we are so weak and forgetful).

Therefore our all-wise God gives us the *“one-in-seven”* practical reminder of the Lord’s Day.

**“Emblem of eternal rest”**

One day each week God’s people are given a foretaste of our coming *“eternal rest”* in heaven. It should therefore be patterned after that *“eternal rest.”* How? Pause and ponder.

This day should be a day of **planned devotion** holy unto the Lord, for His glory and Kingdom: a day of thanksgiving, adoration, renewal, meditation, prayer and praise! *(To be continued...)*

*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. Dinner is at 6pm, with the meeting starting at 7:15pm. Men's topic is "A Man Jealous For God" and Ladies on "Women in the Gospels - 4 Unlikely Women in Christ's Genealogy". Everyone is encouraged to come and join us to learn God's Word and have fellowship with each other.
2. **Church July Family Camp:** We would like to invite all worshippers to join us for our annual Family Camp at Orchard Glory Farm Resort from Sunday 5th to Thursday 9th of July. Reverend Prabhudas Koshy, Pastor of Gethsemane BP Church in Singapore, will conduct a series of messages on this year's theme, "Walk Worthy Of The Lord" (Col 1:10). He will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs Carolyn Koshy, who will be leading the children's program. Please pray, encourage each other and prepare to come and learn God's Word together.
3. **Lunch Fellowship:** Our monthly lunch fellowship will be held next Sunday after the Worship Service. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.
4. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
  - For a blessed Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting at George and Linda Quo's home yesterday.
  - For spiritual protection of the Session
  - Spiritual and physical protection for Elder James, Sister Choon Fang and Sister Joyce Yip participating in the mission trips. Also pray for Sister Joyce's involvement in the children ministry in Myanmar and Cebu.
  - Planning and preparation for the July family camp and the camp speaker Reverend Koshy.
  - Pray for wisdom for brother Yew Jinn and online students preparing for FEBC exams.
  - Re-building of Nehemiah Place and the building committee to have wisdom and clear direction to proceed with the project.
  - God's leading and timing in restarting the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
  - Those who are working away from home and travelling.
  - Those who are spiritually and physically unwell.
  - Safety and Security in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	19/4 COMBINED	26/4 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Ruth Wong	Lydia Pui
Welcomers	Andy Ho, Lisa Ho, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allen Liew, *Caleb Cheng, Alex Luu, Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Mark Heath	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Jason Tey, Steven Sun Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Allen Liew, Caleb Cheng, Yi Mey Tan	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing, Julia Sun	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong
JSS Singspiration	Yung Tsing/Yi Mey	Valerie/Yi Jye
Toddler Class Assistant	Shirlyn/Lilian	Lydia/Ka Yii
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Robert Wong (Ruth Wong)	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Mark Heath	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Jason Tey
Bayswater	Mark Heath	Allan Ang

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	21/4	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Allan Ang, Yi Mey Tan
Friday	25/4	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	26/4	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00pm	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 (5/4)

Attendance:186 (Combined-163; JSS-23); Prayer Meeting: 65  
Offerings in Total: \$5332.80  
General Fund: \$5332.80 (#3892-\$800; #3893-\$159)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: Which is the sixth commandment?** The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill (Exo 20:13).