



# 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

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip

\*Hymn

**HOP 2** To God Be the Glory

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 77:11-20

Holy Communion [James, Michael, Stephen, Adrian, Joel, Kong Vui]

Hymn

**HOP 96** Lead Me to Calvary

Hymn

**HOP 91** Rock of Ages

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

Hymn

**HOP 178** The Church's One Foundation

Pastoral Prayer/Message Rev Prabhudas Koshy/Yew Jinn Chieng

## Christ and His Church

\*Hymn

**HOP 259** Be Thou My Vision

\*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

\*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

\*Congregation Standing

### 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.



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. Time now is fleeting

Many live with an unwise interest in the future, and an unhealthy anxiety about tomorrow. In this modern, scientific age, the psychics and gurus are still doing a brisk business. This is a warning to those living in this error of unhealthy anxiety about the future. Jesus says, *“Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof”* (Matt 6:34). Will you take heed?

What flagrant folly for man, who does not know what today may bring, to boast of tomorrow! Only God is omniscient; here man must be content with probabilities. When tomorrow comes, will it bring good news or bad, joy or sorrow, health or disease, hope or ruin? We don’t know. One certainty is that all things in this life are uncertain. How fleeting are all things. Mercifully, we are left with a necessary veil over the future that makes it possible to live today. Yet, many leave God out of the reckoning today. The Bible urges: *“Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”* (Matt 4:17). Most don’t question the need for repentance, just the time for it. Tomorrow is the reply of youth, of the adult, and even unto old age. The Holy Ghost says, *“Today.”* Folly says, *“Tomorrow.”* We have a false notion that repentance has to do only with the future, that temporal things are of greater urgency than spiritual. This is folly indeed! We can only prepare for tomorrow today.

Though we are not to worry about the future, neither are we to be derelict in our duty to ourselves, to our families and least of all, to our God. When Jesus said, *“Take therefore no [anxious] thought for the morrow”* (Matt 6:34), He was not prohibiting all long-term planning. We will be held accountable for our irresponsibility as well as for our wilful ignorance. Man, made in the image of God, is without excuse (Rom 1:18–23). The Bible clearly says: *“Now is the day of salvation”* (2 Cor 6:2). There is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. Jesus emphasized this on many occasions (John 3:36). Modern religious sentimentality allows people to think that heaven is open to all. They believe that there is no day of reckoning. The Bible teaches the opposite. It is the duty of all to repent now or face the consequences when it is too late (Acts 17:30; 1 Cor 3:13-15). If you would boast, boast in the Lord.

## 2. The moments are passing

Tomorrow may usher in eternity! Man's greatest error is failure to seize today's moment today. "The OT sweeps away the widespread error, the negative; the NT then deposits its saving truth in its bosom, the positive. The Law declares that tomorrow is the worst time for making decisive choices, and the Gospel proposes today as the best" (Arnot).

We may dislike boasters, but are we not often guilty ourselves, even unconsciously? Do we not tend to take life too much for granted? We think that we can control the events of life, or most of them, anyway. Jesus called someone like that "*thou fool!*" We need the humility that does not presume on the future. God's Word through Micah was: "*walk humbly with thy God*" (Mic 6:8), i.e., to keep close to God. Amos asked: "*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*" (Amos 3:3). How often this humble walk is advocated in the NT! Paul said, "*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*" (Phil 2:5). Only thus can we live-out the in-life of Christ. Peter says: "*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God*" (1 Pet 5:6). We are daily obliged to check our independence that Christ may be seen in us. We live too much according to the flesh rather than to the Spirit (Rom 8:13)! Is not the Christian called daily to cross-bearing and self-denial? A humble walk and a boasting spirit cancel each other!

Why did Jesus say we were to take no [anxious] thought? It was because your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. Our God has "the pre-vision as well as the provision." He is Sovereign Lord, and knows the end from the beginning. He marks the fall of a sparrow, gives the lilies of the field their glory, knows the number of hairs on our heads. Can you not trust Him to care for you? Can you not leave tomorrow in His Hands, and trust Him for today? Recall the key verse of Proverbs: "*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths*" (Prov 3:5-6). "*Happy is he...whose hope is in the LORD his God*" (Ps 146:5).

## 3. Are you travelling wisely? (Prov 30:29-31)

The Bible continually reminds us that life is like a journey that begins in the cradle and ends in the grave. For most, this pilgrimage is measured in years, while for some, it is measured only in days. The question that Scripture continually brings before us is: How are you travelling?

**The Mighty Cat! (Prov 30:30):** There is first, the firm and stately walk of the lion, fearless and proud, not turning away from any. It is often observed that a lion never flees from his pursuers, be they man or beast, but walks away with a slow and majestic pace. This is the lesson God would teach us here, for we have been told already: the righteous are bold as a lion (Prov 28:1). Where are there those among us who are engaged in the good fight of faith against the world, the flesh, and the devil? Surely all must see, unless spiritually blind, that this world is dominated by a growing paganism! This includes the perversions in morality, the lust of the flesh; the seductions of life, the lust of the eyes; and the false ambitions, or the pride of life. We need, therefore, the strength and courage of the lion if we would travel wisely “through the wilderness of this world,” and have we not the promise of the Lion of Judah to go before us on the journey?

**The Majestic Dog! (Prov 30:31):** Who that has seen a greyhound racing has not been amazed at its speed. Its swiftness, combined with its keen power of scent, makes it the winner of a crown. What is the lesson for us here? Is it to remind us that life calls for haste; that men are prone to loiter, to waste time that can never return? Does man’s conscience answer to the scent of the hound? How tragic that that scent should be so faint! Paul referred to the incorruptible crown (1 Cor 9:25), for those who endure to the end. There is the crown of righteousness (2 Tim 4:8), calling all to righteous living. There is the crown of rejoicing (1 Thess 2:19) for soul-winners, and finally, there is the crown of glory, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear. Will you be faithful unto death and receive the Crown of Life (Rev 2:10)?

Any want of comeliness in us can only bring disrepute to the name of Christ and the Gospel we profess before a hostile and unbelieving world. “If we desire to reign in heaven, we must present ourselves there with this beautiful crown, from whence radiate all kinds of virtue and praise” (Daillè). *(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. Welcome:** This morning we warmly welcome Reverend Koshy, his wife Carolyn and their son Cornelius in our midst. Rev Koshy is our church family camp speaker and Mrs. Koshy will be leading the children program.
- 2. BPCWA Family Camp** begins this afternoon. Please plan to arrive at Orchard Glory Farm Resort by 3:30pm. Camp briefing will begin at 4:15pm in the main hall. Camp messages will be made available online immediately after each session at [www.bit.ly/2015walkworthy](http://www.bit.ly/2015walkworthy).
- 3.** Please mark in your Calendar and join us in the following program planned for July.

DATE	PROGRAM
5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Family Camp
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Senior's Fellowship
26 <sup>th</sup> July	City Evangelism

- 4. Holiday Children Bible Program:** will be held next Monday and Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of July from 9 am-12 pm for children aged 3-12 years old. Parents please see Sister Hui Ling Cheng or Brother Yew Jinn Chieng if you have any queries.
- 5. Church Busy Bee:** Please note that the busy bee planned for the 11th of July will be postponed until further notice.
- 6. Far Eastern Bible College online courses:** This Semester we will be studying the Life of Christ, Ezekiel and Zechariah. The Life Of Christ will be screened at church on Wednesday night. This is a wonderful opportunity to study God's Word and is open to everyone. The closing date for registration is next Sunday, 12th of July. The course fees are \$80. If you have any questions please see Mark Heath. Registration forms, with an outline of each course, are on the foyer table.

## **7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- The safe arrival of Rev Koshy and family. Please pray for their ministry here at BPCWA.
- A blessed Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship last Sunday.
- Blessed Session Retreat last Thursday to Friday.
- The Combined Church Fellowship last Friday.
- For journey mercies to the camp site this afternoon. Pray for all the messages, and activities and that all who attend the camp will be spiritually revived.
- Children's holiday program, the organisers, the teachers, and the children who are participating.
- Re-building of Nehemiah Place and for the building committee to have wisdom and a clear direction to proceed with the project.
- God's leading and timing in re-starting the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
- Those who are job searching, working away from home, and travelling.
- Those who are physically and spiritually unwell.

SERVICE DUTY	5/7 COMBINED - Holy Communion	12/7 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Prabhudas Koshy/Yew Jinn Chieng	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Michael Lee/Yew Jinn Chieng
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Lydia Pui	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo Bernie Clarke	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu Kenny Chia, Kenny Tan, Mark Heath, Alex Luu	*Eddie Foo *Albert Ho, Allen Liew Kenny Tan, Allan Ang, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Ruth Wong, Yi San Chieng	Kenny Tan, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Shuin Ning Jong	Lisa Ho, Andy Ho, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng
JSS Singspiration	Holy Communion	Hui Ling Cheng/Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey/Victoria	Shirlyn/Lee Chin
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Church Family Camp	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth		Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Yew Jinn Chieng
Bayswater		Kenny Tan

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	7/7	7:30pm	Church Family Camp
Wednesday	8/7	7:30pm	Church Family Camp
Friday	10/7	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	12/7	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:15pm	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 (28/6)

Attendance: 209 (Combined-180; JSS-29); Prayer Meeting: 67  
 Offerings in Total: \$6123.45  
 General Fund: \$6123.45 (#3913-\$249.35)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?** The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name. (Lev 19:16, Ps 15:3, Pro 6:16-19; Luke 3:14).