



# 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

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong

\*Hymn

**HOP 41** Crown Him with Many Crowns

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 78:33-50

Holy Communion [James, Adrian, Michael, Stephen, Joel, Robert]

Hymn

**HOP 96** Lead Me to Calvary

Hymn

**HOP 95** Wounded for Me

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 31:11-18

Hymn

**HOP 210** Trust and Obey

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

## No Partial Obedience!

\*Hymn

**HOP 241** Nothing Between

\*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 greatest commandment (Mark 12:28 34)**

Moses ascends the mountain to receive the two tables of stone containing the Ten Commandments or the decalogue. The Jews ever since have been obliged to obey these moral laws, being the sole recipients of the oracles of God. Jesus is thoroughly familiar with all the laws of Moses contained in his five books, also called the Pentateuch. In the sermon on the Mount, our Lord gives a thorough exposition on the laws and states very clearly His position. He affirms the unchangeability of the laws,

*“...Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled” (Matt 5:18).*

He confirms His personal commitment to the laws by saying,

*“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil” (Matt 5:17).*

According to Scroggie, the Jews found 613 precepts in the Pentateuch and divided them into two categories. They also had two emphases: the ceremonial and the moral. The Pharisees as a class emphasize the non-essential and neglect the vital. The debate on the law continues.

The scribe who comes to question Jesus seems to be an honest man. He is amazed at the simplicity, profundity and spirituality of Christ's answers to the previous two questions. *“Which is the first commandment of all?”* the scribe asks (Mark 12:28).

## The First Commandment (Mark 12:29)

The first commandment is a quote from Deuteronomy 6:4–5:

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”*

The first in importance speaks of Jehovah’s Sovereignty, Unity and Covenant relationship with His people (Scroggie). It also states man’s duty toward God.

## The Second Commandment (Mark 12:31)

The second commandment is another quote from the Pentateuch,

*“... thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself...”* (Lev 19:18).

This commandment epitomizes man’s duty towards other men. To love God and to love one’s neighbour whole heartedly is that which pleases God above all else.

## **2. “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15)**

*Daily Remembrancer*

*“Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command ye”* (John 15:14). Obedience to the Lord forms the Christian’s grand rule of life. Jesus commands us because He loves us; because He desires our total welfare; because He will prove the sincerity of our profession; and because He expects the obedience of faith. He commands us to follow Him as our great

pattern and example; and we should endeavour to imitate Him in His Spirit, and design, and actions. He commands us to believe Him, profess Him, obey Him, and continue in His love. Here we have the Christian's grand motive and spring of action: love. Spiritual love is always loyal to the King of Zion, jealous for the glory of the Lord of Hosts, and devoted to the cause of the Prince of Peace. The obedience of love is easy, hearty, and ready. Love is the strongest incentive to obedience; it conquers fear, supplies zeal, equips with courage, overcomes difficulties, and triumphs over opposition. Let us inquire, from what does our obedience spring? By what is it regulated? Do we really love our God?

Love is the fountain whence  
All true obedience flows;  
The Christian serves the God he loves,  
And loves the God he knows.  
May love o'er every power preside,  
And every thought and action guide.

### **3. Man's chief end**

*"...Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." (Eccl 12:13)*

"Lord of my life, You have made me for one purpose – to glorify You and to enjoy You for ever. Verily the life which has missed this divine purpose is empty and vain. Teach me then, O God, this lesson of life, a lesson which I must learn and constantly relearn. For this present visible world is ever so seductive, pretending to be everything when it is nothing, nothing good for the soul.

"O Father, keep me from the snare of riches, and the vain honours and pleasures of this life. Show me so clearly the things of lasting worth, the things of Thy eternal Kingdom, that nothing else will satisfy me. Teach me to think and plan for eternity, for time is but vapour and bubble. Grant me grace always to pursue after true holiness and godliness. Hold before my

eyes, O God, Thy one true purpose for me – to live only for Thee. May I serve Thee with fervent love, through Christ my Lord. Amen.” – *(Reproduced from “66 Pocket Prayers”)*

God bless all readers.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** Will be held tonight at the home of Mr. Ben and Mrs. Shelly Soon. Address: 20 Christchurch Bvd., Canning Vale. Dinner starts at 6pm with meeting starts at 7pm. Please bring a dish to share. Elder James will continue to speak on the Beatitudes. We warmly welcome those who understand Mandarin to come and join us. Children will have separate activities, families are encouraged to bring your young children along.
- 2. ACM reports due next week:** The Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be held this year on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Please submit ACM reports to Deacon Adrian Cheng by next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015 to allow time for translation.
- 3. The Combined Church Fellowship** series starts 7:30pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Rev Joseph will be speaking on the topic “Getting the most out of your Bible study”. This series will continue on 21<sup>st</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome.
- 4. Theology For Every Christian:** A new supply of these books have arrived. They can be purchased for \$10 from Brother Mark Heath. A Chinese version is now available of this book as a soft copy. Please see Brother Mark if you are interested.

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

- Thank God for the city evangelism last Sunday. Thank God for spiritual and physical protection for those who went out to evangelise and those praying in the church. Pray that through this bi-monthly outreach, more people will come to know our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for the opportunity to share gospel and to invite new students and friends to our church at the Murdoch University Outreach last Thursday.
- Pray that Uncle Bernie Clarke's heart condition can be managed well by his physician.
- Continue to uphold Brother Patrick Liow in prayer, that God's grace is sufficient for him each day.
- Thank God for the progress being made to the re-building of Nehemiah Place. May God continue to grant wisdom to the building committee members to proceed with this project.
- God's leading and timing in re-starting the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
- God's providence to those who are searching for job, working away from home, and travelling.
- God's Holy Word will bring much comfort to those who are physically sick and spiritually down.
- Safety and security in and around the church and homes of all worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	2/8 COMBINED - Holy Communion	9/8 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo Bernie Clarke	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Claude Yiu, *Kenny Chia Jonathan Woo, Kenny Tan, Yan Wei Eugene Leong	*Adrian Ng, *Allan Ang Eddie Foo, Albert Ho, Edward Ee Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Ruth Wong, Yi San Chieng	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Shuin Ning Jong	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng
JSS Singpiration	Holy Communion	Karen Ee/Yi Jye Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Lilian/Victoria	Yi Mey/An Ning
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Kenny Tan
Bayswater	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	4/8	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Allan Ang, Karen Ee
Wednesday	5/8	7:30pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Life of Christ II
Friday	7/8	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	9/8	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 (26/7)

Attendance: 206 (Combined-175; JSS-31); Prayer Meeting: 69

Offerings in Total: \$6127.10

General Fund: \$6127.10 (#3922-\$270.50; #3923-Camp Jacket-\$20; #3924-Library-\$45)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?** No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word and deed (Gen 8:21; Rom 3:9 ff., 23).