



# 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

Dn Joel Wong

Prelude

Karen Ee

Call to Worship

Robert Wong/Sonny Lim

\*Hymn

**HOP 2** To God Be the Glory

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 79:1-13

Hymn

**HOP 55** Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 32:1-8

Hymn

**HOP 261** I Want a Principle Within

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

### 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.

## History Must Not Repeat Itself

\*Hymn

**HOP 243** I Would Be True

\*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. “Look unto me, and be ye saved...” (Isa 45:22)

God’s first institution is crumbling: homes are breaking up, no longer citadels of security and love. Under ever-increasing attack by merchants of porn and lust, adulterers and rapists, child molesters and homosexuals, society is heading for massive collapse.

Why is this so?

The answer is wrapped up in one word: **depravity**. Modern man without God goes from bad to worse. The Apostle Paul says, “... *evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived*” (2 Tim 3:13). This is Satan’s double snare: against it men are helpless.

But our God is able. To the perishing world He calls, “*Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else*” (Isa 45:22). For why will ye die?

## 2. A divine deliverance

“...*he will have mercy...*” (Isa 55:7). The Lord’s mercies fill the Scriptures, surely one of the great themes of the Bible. The Psalmist sings: “*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy ... For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him*” (Ps 103:8, 11). There are multitudes of God’s mercy (Ps 69:13), mercies that endure forever (Ps 106:1), abundant mercy for all who confess and forsake their sins.

**The Father’s Purpose:** Isaiah gives this word to Israel: “*For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have*

*mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer” (Isa 54:7-8). Daniel, having confessed his people’s sins, said: “To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled...” (Dan 9:9). What a comfort this is to all who have slighted the Father’s mercies! How tenderly does that Father plead: “And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful ...” (Joel 2:13).*

**The Saviour’s Purchase:** God’s mercy flows from the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Mary saw that the coming of God’s Messiah was *“in remembrance of his mercy”* (Luke 1:54-55). Mercy and Truth met together, were reconciled, on Calvary’s Cross (Ps 85:10), and there all our iniquity was purged, once for all, and redemption purchased (Prov 16:6; Heb 1:3). After His resurrection, Jesus ascended into Heaven, there to be our great High Priest and Advocate. Because of this, we are exhorted to come boldly unto the Throne of grace to obtain mercy and help in time of need (Heb 4:15–16).

The Spirit’s Purity: When a sinner confesses and forsakes his sins, he is cleansed by the blood of Christ, and enabled, by the indwelling of the Spirit, to walk in the light, in fellowship with the Father, and Jesus Christ (1 John). The Holy Spirit enables every believer to *“grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ...”* (2 Pet 3:18). Paul urges us to keep on being filled with the Spirit that we may walk in the purity of that Light (Eph 5:15, 18).

### **3. The Lord is longsuffering**

The general mood today is, *“Jesus’ return will happen, maybe in 10,000 years’ time!”* meaning to say, *“forget it.”* The Apostle Peter, in his epistle, so correctly points to the coming of scoffers who say, *“Where is the promise of his coming?”*

*for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation” (2 Pet 3:4).*

But Peter rebuts such men, *“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished” (2 Pet 3:5-6).*

These scoffers have badly erred, not realising that God’s final judgment of Planet Earth will not be with water, but with fire! The Apostle points out in the next verse: *“But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men” (2 Pet 3:7).*

The Apostle further explains: God has His plan, which in man’s thinking is *“slack” or “slow” or “sluggish”* but, in reality, is *“longsuffering,”* or simply put: *“... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet 3:9).*

*“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up” (2 Pet 3:10).*

Then the Apostle concludes, *“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” (2 Pet 3:11-12).*

The Apostle Peter concludes with 2 Peter 3:13-14: *“Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”*

**Heed the Lord's loving call:** *"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else"* (Isa 45:22). For why will ye die?

God bless all readers.

*Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,*

*Dr SH Tow*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. Lunch Fellowship** next week following the worship service. Please bring a dish to share to be a blessing to others.
- 2. September 30in30:** Make evangelism a part of your daily life this September with the help of other Christians. Sign up to September 30in30 today and receive your participant's pack next Sunday after worship service. God said - Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; Send Me. - Isaiah 6:8.
- 3. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held next Sunday evening 30th of August at the home of David and Irene Yap. Address: 11 Edmiston Way, Winthrop. Dinner is at 6:00 pm with the meeting starting at 7 pm. Please bring a dish to share. Elder James will continue the series on The Beatitudes. Anyone who understands Mandarin is welcome.
- 4. Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM):** Please submit any remaining ACM reports to Deacon Adrian. The ACM will be held on Sunday 4th October. Please note that the worship service will begin at 9am for that Sunday.
- 5. Prayer meeting:** Please come and join in praying for the church and one another every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

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

- Thank God for helping us understand the key principles in interpreting Scriptures in the Combined Fellowship. Pray that we will stay faithful to the Scriptures.
- Guidance and wisdom for the Session meeting this Saturday.
- Thank God for keeping all the families and brethren safe, and healing those who are sick.
- Thank God for sustaining Brother Patrick with grace and strength each day. Please continue to uphold him in prayer.
- Pray for the leaders of the church to have good health and strength to continue the work of the Lord.
- Pray for opportunities to evangelise to non-believers.
- Pray for the translation and compilation of the ACM reports.
- Pray for a God glorifying and honouring Annual Congregational Meeting in October.
- Pray that God will continue to grant wisdom to the building committee members to proceed with the re-building of Nehemiah Place.
- God's leading and timing in re-starting the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
- God's providence to those who are searching for jobs, changing of job, working away from home and travelling.
- Pray for those who are physically sick and spiritually down. May God comfort and strengthen them daily with His Word and His presence.
- Safety and security in and around the church and homes of all worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	23/8 COMBINED	30/8 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Robert Wong/Sonny Lim	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Dn Joel Wong	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Lydia Pui
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lilian Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Yi Choong Liew, *Steven Sun Terry Chong, Caleb Cheng Mark Heath, Dn Stephen Chia	*Allen Liew, *Alex Luu Allan Ang, Eddie Foo, Jason Tey Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong
JSS Singpiration	Valerie Wan/Kenny Chia	Hui Ling Cheng/Yi Jye Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Ellainne Cheng/Lee Lee Yong	Lee Chin Yong/Ka Yii Yip
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Jason Tey Hall B: Elder James Wong
Bayswater	Kenny Tan	Mark Heath

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	25/8	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Caleb Cheng, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	26/8	7:30pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Life of Christ II
Friday	28/8	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	30/8	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English 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
6:00pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting. Address: 22 Stuart Court, Bateman		

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (16/8)

Attendance: 196 (Combined-162; JSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 60  
Offerings in Total: \$5811.35  
General Fund: \$5811.35 (#3933-\$216.60; #3934-Library-\$153)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?** To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life (Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21), with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor 11:24-25; Col 3:16).