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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

Allan Ang

Prelude

Ruth Wong

Call to Worship

Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 4 Holy, Holy, Holy

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 87

Hymn

HOP 290 Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:17-25

Hymn

HOP 123 Hover O'er Me, Holy Spirit

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.

The Preaching of the Cross

*Hymn

HOP 100 The Old Rugged Cross

*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

My dear readers,

(Excerpt from RPG “Morning & Evening” Jan – Mar 1997, Jan 19 / Jan 26 / Feb 1).

1. The first love

For ever to be remembered and cherished in the heart is when first we saw the Lord at the foot of the cross. There our sin burden rolled away, we received the promises of God, rejoiced in our newfound salvation, and found our peace with God. It was like spring time in the soul; the winter of Satan’s cold chains was past; the thunderings of Sinai hushed, its lightnings flashing no more

In Christ what a glorious reconciliation was ours; the law ceased from the threatening, its justice demanded no punishment. Then by His blessed Spirit our hearts were filled with lovely grace gifts from God: love, joy, peace, patience, faith and many others. Our souls rejoiced with thanksgiving, our lips with songs of praise. We magnified the holy name of our gracious forgiving God.

In our gratitude we resolved before God, “Lord, I am Thine; all I am, and all I have, I devote to Thee. Thou has bought me with Thy blood. Let me spend myself, and be spent wholly in Thy service.” At that time, our hearts burned with a holy flame of devotion to Jesus. Is it the same **now?** Do we love Him as we first loved?

Heed our Lord’s words to the Church of Ephesus: *“I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love”* (Rev 2:4). Alas! It is but a little we have done for our Master. Our love has grown cold. We give to God cents when we should have given dollars. We have given the dregs and kept the cream for ourselves. His gentle voice rebukes us. In repentance we turn to Him. “O Lord, quicken us that we may return to our first love and do our first works!”

“We love Him, because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). Lord, make me to love Thee as I ought.

2. Making the Saviour glad

And who are thus privileged to make the Saviour glad but His people – His Church. But is it possible? He makes us glad, but how can we make Him glad? By our *love*. Ah! We think it is so cold, so faint; indeed, we must sorrowfully confess it to be, but still it is very sweet to Christ our Lord. Did He not delight in that love in the golden Canticle? *“How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse!”* (Song 4:10).

Beloved in the Lord, see how our Lord delights in you. When you lean on Him, you not only receive, but you give Him joy. When you gaze with love upon His glorious face, you not only obtain comfort, but you impart delight. Our gifts too are very pleasant to Him; so are our time, talents and substance laid upon His altar.

Our Lord is made glad by our gifts, not for their value, but for the loving grateful heart behind the gift. The lowly offerings of His saints are more acceptable than thousands of gold and silver pieces. Our godly living is like sweet-smelling perfume to Him. He is made glad when we forgive another, when we give to the poor and needy; when we lead a soul to Him.

Glorious thought, this: that by some feeble but meaningful act of ours we can make glad the heart of the King and Master of the universe! Go, then, proclaim His saving name to those still lost in the darkness of sin. Go to the perishing ones and lift up His cross that those who look with faith may live. By this you will gladden His great loving heart and glorify the Father in Heaven.

Our disobedience makes the Saviour sad.

3. He is so precious to me

As all rivers flow into the ocean, so all true delights centre on our own Beloved. His gracious look outshines the sun; the kindness of His countenance is fairer than any flower; no fragrance is like the breath of His mouth. Gems of the mine and pearls from the sea are worthless when measured against His preciousness.

Peter tells us that Jesus is precious, but he could not tell us how precious, nor can any man compute the value of God’s “unspeakable (inexpressible)

gift" (2 Cor 9:15). No words can describe the preciousness of the Lord Jesus to His people, nor fully assess how He is their unsurpassed satisfaction and joy: His worth is simply beyond man's comprehension.

In the midst of plenty, we experience famine if our Lord were absent. Should He hide Himself, all our world would be black even on a sunny day, and night blacker still. What a howling wilderness is the world without our Lord! Without Him our flowers wither, pleasant fruits turn sour, birds become songless, and all our hopes are overturned. Without our Sun of Righteousness our days are over-shadowed with gloom.

How shall we sing the praise of Him who is the Soul of our soul, the Light of our light, the Life of our life? What would you do to wake up in the morning without Him? To face the day's battles without Him? To cope with the world's temptation without Him? Or when you come home at night, weary and worn, if there were no place of fellowship with your faithful Friend? Blessed be His name for Jesus never forsakes His own. To you who believe, He is ever so precious!

4. He is so precious to me

(Charles H Gabriel)

1. So precious is Jesus, my Savior, my King,
His praise all the day long with rapture I sing;
To Him in my weakness for strength I can cling,
For He is so precious to me.

Refrain

For He is so precious to me, For He is so precious to me;
'Tis heaven below my Redeemer to know,
For He is so precious to me.

2. He stood at my heart's door 'mid sunshine and rain,
And patiently waited an entrance to gain;
What shame that so long He entreated in vain,
For He is so precious to me.
3. I stand on the mountain of blessing at last,
No cloud in the heavens a shadow to cast;
His smile is upon me, the valley is past,
For He is so precious to me.

4. I praise Him because He appointed a place
Where some day, thru faith in His wonderful grace,
I know I shall see Him – shall look on His face,
For He is so precious to me.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,
Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held at the home of Claude and Esther Yiu this evening. Elder James will continue to speak on the last of the series on the Beatitudes, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Brethren and friends who can understand Mandarin are warmly welcome and encouraged to come. Address: 34 Geographe Way, Thornlie. Dinner is at 6pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. Please bring a dish to share.
- 2. Seniors' Fellowship:** this Saturday (14 November) 10am at the Soon's residence (20 Christchurch Blvd, Canning Vale). Rev Joseph will be speaking. There will be lunch fellowship after the meeting, so please bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome. Passenger pick-up from church to the venue is available for the seniors, please let Brother Allan (0433032709) knows. Maps to the venue are available at the foyer table.
- 3. City Evangelism:** In two weeks' time, our Church will go out for another street outreach in the Perth City malls. As God has been merciful to us, we should also have the love and mercy for the eternal souls around us. We look forward to more new people signing up for this outreach. Meet at 1:45pm in Church with a briefing and conclude in Church with testimonies at 5pm. Register your details in the foyer if you would like to come. Those that went in September will be registered for this outreach.
- 4. BPCWA Mandarin Family Church Camp (28th March to 31st March, 2016):** Thank God for His provision in enabling us to have this family camp. The camp speaker, Reverend James Sun is the Pastor of Bethany Christian Church in New York. He was the Pastor of BPCWA around 1999 -2004 before moving to New York to be with his family. Please mark this date in your calendar and apply for leave early so that you can come and join the camp.

5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for our salvation through Jesus Christ, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8)
- Thank God for the Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting this evening. Pray for Elder James as he shares from the Word of God.
- Thank God for the faithful service of the brethren in the transport ministry. May God grant them peace, joy, patience and safety while serving.
- Pray for the Seniors’ Fellowship on Saturday and for Rev Joseph as he prepares the message.
- Pray that the congregation will be loving and kind towards one another, in the Lord.
- Pray for the Church Session, that the peace of God would rule in their hearts to lead the church.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Family Camp in March 2016.
- Please pray for all those taking the Zechariah, Ezekiel and Life of Christ FEBC courses as the exams will be this week. Do pray that the Lord will use these exams to consolidate what has been learnt during the semester in each person’s heart.
- Pray for Brother Yew Jinn and those students who are still in the midst of examinations or assignments.
- God’s guidance and wisdom in the re-development of Nehemiah Place.
- God’s will and leading on re-starting of the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- God’s provision for those who are seeking employment, working away from home, and travelling.
- Pray for the brethren who are sick. May God be the strength of their hearts and their portion in this time of bodily affliction.
- Safety in and around the church and the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	8/11 COMBINED	15/11 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Ruth Wong	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Allan Ang Adrian Ng, Dn Adrian Cheng Dn Stephen Chia	*Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan, Kenny Chia Eugene Leong, Claude Yiu Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	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 Singpiration	Hui Ling Cheng/Terry Chong	Esther Yiu/Allan Ang
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Chin Yong/Shirlyn Lee	Victoria Lew/Lilian Yong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Jason Tey	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	Kenny Tan	Elder James Wong
Berrington	Edward Ee	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	10/11	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Elder James Wong, Karen Ee
Friday	13/11	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	14/11	10:00am	Seniors' Fellowship: 20 Christchurch Blvd, Canning Vale
Sunday	15/11	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 Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (1/11)

Attendance: 191 (Combined-157; JSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 61
Offerings in Total: \$6710.30; General Fund: \$6710.30 (#3953-\$1000)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper? It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves (1 Cor 11:27-32).