



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

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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

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong

\*Hymn

**HOP 22** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 88:1-9

Hymn

**HOP 255** I Need Thee Every Hour

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Hymn

**HOP 198** Jesus, I Come

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## Chosen By God

\*Hymn

**HOP 146** I Know Whom I Have Believed

\*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,

*(Excerpts from RPG "Morning & Evening" Jan – Mar 1997, Feb 20 / Feb 27 / Mar 6 / Mar 9).*

## 1. Sought out

The surpassing grace of God is seen in that we were not only sought, but *sought out*. Men seek for some lost things by sweeping the floor of the house, but in such a case there is only seeking, not seeking *out*. Ours was different: we were lost in abominable mire, or like a priceless diamond ring lost in a rubbish heap. Only by careful, pain-staking and diligent searching is the ring recovered. We were *sought out* by the loving Saviour, delivered from the mire of a lost world.

Alternatively, to use another illustration: we were as lost sheep, so desperately lost in hostile and strange country, far from the fold and off the beaten track, that it did not seem possible that even the most experienced and caring Shepherd could tract our devious wanderings. But our Good Shepherd persevered with patient searching, sparing no effort and overcoming every peril, until He found us. Glory be to infinite grace, we were *sought out!*

The lives of some of God's people would fill us with holy amazement. Strange and imponderable are the ways of God in searching out His own. Blessed be His matchless name, He never gave up until the lost sheep are *sought out* effectually. They are not sought out today and cast *off tomorrow*. His salvation work is complete and comprehensive. With Him there is no failure. That we should be *sought out* is grace beyond degree! And all because of God's own sovereign love for unworthy sinners such as us. Praise God, we wear the gracious name, "*Sought out.*"

The initiative is with God. Lord, teach me to seek Thee with all my heart.

## **2. The grace of our Lord**

Christ our Lord has grace without measure, and all for the blessing of His people. *“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace”* (John 1:16). He is full of grace in order to dispense to us. Like a fountain He fills our empty pitchers, and our thirst is satisfied. Or, like a tree, He bears sweet fruits, not to hang as ornaments but for the feeding of the needy multitudes.

Grace to pardon, cleanse, preserve, strengthen, enlighten, quicken, restore, is our Lord’s inexhaustible supply to us – free, to be had without money, without price. Nor is there one form of the work of grace which He has not bestowed upon His people. Blood flows from the heart, its source, but it belongs equally to every member, so the influences of grace flow to every saint united in the body of Christ.

Christ is the Head, the Fount of every blessing. On His Head the oil of anointing is poured, and it flows to every part, even to the feet, so that the meanest and lowliest saint receives an unction of the precious fragrance which fell upon the Head. *“I am the vine, ye are the branches...”* (John 15:5). By this vital communion, the sap of grace flows from vine to branch, as day by day we receive grace from Jesus.

Realising that all our goodness comes from Him, how precious is that communion between us and the Lord. Indeed, His grace is marvellous, so rich and free. And He delights in our drawing evermore from His boundless supply. Such is our Lord’s matchless grace.

### 3. God's everlasting love

As the Father loves the Son, in the same manner Jesus loves His people. What is that divine method? God's love is **without beginning**, and thus Jesus loves us. "... *I have loved thee with an everlasting love*" (Jer 31:3). You can trace the beginning of human affection, or your love for Christ, but His love for us is a stream whose source is hidden in eternity.

God's love is **without any change**. Christian, take this for your comfort; that there is no change in Jesus Christ's love for those who rest in Him. Yesterday, you were spiritually uplifted, and you said, "He loves me." Today, you are in the valley of humiliation, but He loves you **just the same!** On mountain top, you heard His voice so sweetly inspiring; now with sea-billows breaking over you, He stays you with the voice of calm and full assurance.

The Father loves the Son **without any end**; thus does the Son love His people. Friend, are you fearful of the "last call"? Fear not! His love for you will never cease. Rest confident that even through the valley of death, the Lord is with you, to guide you safely to the everlasting City of God.

Finally, the Father loves the Son **without measure**, and the same immeasurable love is ours from the Son. He loved us and gave Himself for us. His love is beyond comprehension. What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus our Lord! Immutable, precious, without beginning, without end: He loves us with an everlasting love.

### 4. My beloved

This was the golden name which the ancient church in her most joyous moments gave to the Anointed of the Lord. No sweeter sound was heard than that of God's people as they sang, "*My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies*" (Song 2:16). Their one refrain in the Song of Songs was to repeat His delightful name, "*My Beloved.*"

Even in the long winter of Israel's backsliding, God's prophets would break forth with these words of praise, "*Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song*

*of my beloved touching his vineyard...*" (Isa 5:1). His face, they had not seen, for as yet He was not made flesh, and no man had beheld His glory, yet He was the consolation of Israel, her one hope and joy, the "*beloved*" of God's chosen people.

What says the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ today? No less than ancient Israel, we speak of Him as the beloved of our soul, "*the chiefest among ten thousand*" (Song 5:10), the altogether lovely One. It is His matchless love that binds us to Him with a bond which nothing can ever sever, not even persecution, distress, affliction, peril, sword, and even death (Rom 8:35).

God bless all readers.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. City Evangelism:** Next week, our Church will go out for another street outreach in the Perth City malls. Please 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 already registered for this outreach.
- 2. BPCWA Mandarin Family Church Camp (28th March to 31st March, 2016):** We would like to encourage families and all those who can understand Mandarin to join this camp. May the Lord grant much wisdom to the committee in regards to the planning of the camp in the coming months. More details will be announced in the near future.

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

- Thank God for a blessed Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting last Sunday and Seniors' Fellowship yesterday.
- Thank God for the faithful service of the preachers and the brethren involved in the Old Folk's Ministry. May God continue to grant them a loving heart to bring the gospel to the senior citizens in these homes. Pray also for the salvation of souls at each nursing home.
- Thank God for seeing the students through their assignments and examinations. Continue to pray for those who have not finished yet.
- Pray that the congregation will be more equipped for evangelism and the church to have a greater vision for missions.
- Pray for city evangelism next Sunday. Pray for all those who are participating to prepare themselves spiritually and physically for the outreach.
- Pray for the Church Session, that the love of Christ would rule in their hearts to care for His people.
- Pray for the brethren who are sick and spiritually unwell.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Family Camp in March 2016.
- 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.

SERVICE DUTY	15/11 COMBINED	22/11 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong	Robert Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Lydia Pui
Welcomers	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan, Kenny Chia Eugene Leong, Claude Yiu Dn Michael Lee	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Jason Tey Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Angeline Yong
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Yung Tsing Mew, Julia Sun, Ilhoa Ramachandran
JSS Singspiration	Esther Yiu/Allan Ang	Valerie Wan/Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Victoria Lew/Lilian Yong	Ka Yii Yip/Lydia Chong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)	Yew Jinn Chieng (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Allan Ang
Bayswater	Elder James Wong	Allan Ang
Berrington	Mark Heath	Yew Jinn Chieng

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	17/11	10:00am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan
Friday	20/11	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	22/11	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 (8/11)

Attendance: 218 (Combined-181; JSS-37); Prayer Meeting: 53

Offerings in Total: \$10309.55; General Fund: \$10309.55 (#3954-\$144.85; #3955-\$1200; #3956-\$2000)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is Prayer?** Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God (Psa 10:17; 62:8; Matt 7:7-8), for things agreeable to his will (1 John 5:14), in the name of Christ (John 16:23-24), with confession of our sins (Psa 32:5-6; Daniel 9:4-19; 1 John 1:9), and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies (Ps 103:1-5; 136; Phil 4:6).