



# 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 Allan Ang

Prelude Karen Ee

Call to Worship Dn Michael Lee/Kong Vui Yip

\*Hymn **HOP 11** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading Psalm 89:1-10

Hymn **HOP 293** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Hymn **HOP 363** Constantly Abiding

Pastoral Prayer/Message Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

## The Aim of Preaching

\*Hymn **HOP 216** The Solid Rock

\*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,

*(Excerpt from RPG "Morning & Evening" Jan – Mar 1997, Mar 28 / Jan 1 / Jan 3).*

## **1. With His stripes we are healed"**

The Roman scourge was a most horrible innovation of physical torture. It consisted of a lash of ox sinews (or tendons) bearing on its surface pieces of bone, almost razor sharp. Used on the bare body of captives, each lash would tear into skin and flesh, causing fearful lacerations.

Pilate delivered our Lord to the officers to be scourged, a Gentile subjecting the Prince of life to the most heartless and degrading punishment, for our sakes. God's Word says, *"Surely he path borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted"* (Isa 53:4).

*"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed"* (Isa 53:5). Think, ponder the extreme anguish borne by our Lord, *"and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth"* (Isa 53:7).

Gaze upon Him, the King of glory, bearing the lowest form of torture for our sakes. Then raised on the cross of shame, He draws all men unto Himself; and all who look to Him in faith are instantly healed of their soul's disease. *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life"* (John 3:14-15).

Can you say, “He was wounded for my transgressions, and with His stripes I am healed”?

## **2. Without shedding of blood is no remission**

This is the voice of the unalterable truth, the utterance of the Most High. In no case, by no means, can sin be pardoned without atonement, and what atonement is sufficient for sins? *“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins”* (Heb 10:4), says God’s Word, *“with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”* (1 Pet 1:19).

Am I then believing in Him? Am I trusting in His blood, applied to my soul, to make atonement for my sins? The Word of God is clear: all have sinned, and all men need that atonement. No matter how moral, or generous, or amiable, or patriotic we may be, God’s law makes no exception. Sin will yield to nothing but the blood of Him whom God hath set forth as a propitiation (way of reconciliation) for us all.

God’s way of pardon and forgiveness is here freely offered to *“whosoever will.”* Why should we seek another? Yet men seek refuge in formal religion: in good works, prayers, ceremonies, and other religious exercises. All these give but poor comfort. There is no salvation apart from Jesus; no forgiveness apart from remission by His precious blood. Behold Him, the Lamb of God who took our punishment upon Himself, that we might be forgiven!

Fall down in humble gratitude, and kiss the dear feet of Him whose blood atoned for your sins. *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...”* (Titus 3:5). Evermore keep looking to Jesus, who shed His sin-cleansing blood on the cross, and therein be assured: *“...Son, thy sins be forgiven thee”* (Mark 2:5).

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### **3. We are debtors**

As God’s creatures, we are debtors to Him. Having broken His holy commandments, we are debtors to His justice: we owe a debt which we have no means of paying. In our helpless estate God came in the person of His Son Jesus and paid the debt for us. *“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly”* (Rom 5:6). Christ our Lord had paid our debt.

Now then we are debtors to God for His grace and mercy, no longer to His justice, for He will never charge us for a debt already paid. When our Lord on the cross cried out, *“It is finished!”* He meant that His people’s debt was wiped away once for all and for ever from the book of remembrance. At Calvary, Christ satisfied divine justice to the uttermost; the account is fully settled.

From hence we become debtors of a different sort. We become ten times more indebted to God for the *“unspeakable (inexpressible) gift”* of His own Son; for His forgiving grace to undeserving sinners such as us; for His almighty power which has raised us from death; for His sustaining strength, preserving our spiritual life, keeping us from falling into sin; for His loving hand leading us onward in the face of many enemies and temptations. The beloved hymn says:

## **Come, Thou Fount**

*(Robert Robinson)*

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it –  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart – O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above!

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. Lunch Fellowship:** is held today after the Worship Service. Please do stay behind and have fellowship with one another over lunch.
- 2. Holy Communion:** will be conducted next Sunday. Please prepare your heart.
- 3. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** will be held next Sunday the 6th of December starting with dinner at Church at 6pm. Messages will start at 7:15pm with the ladies meeting downstairs. Sister Sharon will be speaking on the topic, The Samaritan Woman: From Sinner to Saint. The men will be meeting in the upstairs sanctuary. Rev Joseph will speak on David: Functioning Under Pressure. All are welcome.

#### 4. Program planned for December:

DATE			PROGRAM
6/12	Sunday	6pm	Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship
18/12	Friday	7:30pm	Christmas Combined Gospel Meeting
25/12	Friday	10am	Christmas Day Combined Worship Service followed by lunch
25/12	Friday Night		Fellowship Meeting – In Recess
31/12	Thursday	7:30pm	Watch Night Service

5. **FEBC Inter Semester Course:** This wednesday at 7:30pm we will be restarting the inter Semester FEBC Bible Studies in the Church. This time we will be watching Leviticus. All worshippers are welcome to join.

#### 6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the brethren who are serving as welcomers, ushers, offering stewards, and in the PA. May God continue to grant them a glad and joyful heart to serve Him.
- Thank God for His protection in last Sunday's city evangelism. Pray that the non-believers who have received the gospel tracts and heard the gospel may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for seeing Dn Stephen Chia through his eye surgery last Thursday. Pray that he would have a speedy recovery.
- Pray for Brother Stephen Cheng, Uncle Bernie Clarke and the many brethren who are suffering from physical infirmities. Pray for God's healing, grace and strength be upon them and they can draw near to God.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Family Camp (28-31 March 2016.)
- God's guidance and wisdom in the re-development of Nehemiah Place.
- God's will and leading on re-starting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service.
- Pray for those who are seeking for employment, safety and God's protection to those working away from home, and travelling.
- Pray for protection in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	29/11 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship	6/12 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lilian Yong	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernie Clarke
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allen Liew, *Allan Ang, Eugene Leong Alex Luu, Dn Joel Wong/Dn Adrian Cheng	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia Mark Heath, Yan Wei, Kenny Tan
Ushers	Dn Joel Wong, Shie Tian Wong Lee Lee Yong	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ellainne Cheng
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng Mable Soon	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee
JSS Singpiration	Yung Tsing Mew/Yi Mey Tan	Holy Communion
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey Tan/An Ning	Lee Lee Yong/Shirlyn Lee
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Robert Wong (Ruth Wong)	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Yew Jinn Chieng	Hall A: Yew Jinn Chieng Hall B: Kenny Tan
Bayswater	Yew Jinn Chieng	Kenny Tan
Berrington	Edward Ee	Mark Heath

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	1/12	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Dn Joel Wong, Ruth Wong
Wednesday	2/12	7:30pm	FEBC Inter Semester Course: Leviticus
Friday	4/12	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	6/12	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English 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 Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont
		6:00pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (22/11)

Attendance: 191 (Combined-162; JSS-29); Prayer Meeting: 62

Offerings in Total: \$6254.15; General Fund: \$6254.15 (#3957-\$230.90; #3958-\$297)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What doth the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?** The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence (Ps 95:6) and confidence (Eph 3:12), as children to a father (Matt 7:9-11; Cf. Luke 11:11-13; Rom 8:15), able and ready to help us (Eph 3:20); and that we should pray with and for others (Eph 6:18; Tim 2:1-2).