



# 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

Ruth Wong

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng

\*Hymn

**HOP 49** Come, Christians, Join to Sing

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 89:11-18

Holy Communion [Michael, Stephen, Adrian, Joel, Robert, Yew Jinn]

Hymn

**HOP 101** At the Cross

**HOP 99** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Hymn

**HOP 61** Abide with Me

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

## Have the Mind of Christ

\*Hymn

**HOP 136** O Word of God Incarnate

\*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,

*(Excerpt from RPG “Morning & Evening” Jan – Mar 1997 Jan 7 / Jan 12 / Jan 13 / Oct – Dec 1999, Dec 25).*

## **1. The Father sent the Son**

It is a sweet thought that Jesus our Saviour did not come forth without His Father’s permission, authority, consent and assistance. He was sent of the Father, that He might be our Saviour. But too frequently we seem to ascribe the honour of our salvation more to Jesus Christ than we do the Father. This is a very great mistake which we must be careful to avoid.

What if Jesus came? Did not His Father send Him? If He spoke wondrously, did not His Father pour grace into His lips? Let us not forget that while there are three Persons in the Trinity, there are no distinctions of honour: in this they are coequal. He who knows the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, never sets one before another. We see the blessed Trinity equally engaged in the work of salvation at Bethlehem, at Gethsemane, and at Calvary.

O Christian reader, have you put your confidence in the Man Christ Jesus? Are you united with Him? Of course, you say. Then believe that you are united also with God the Father, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: He is also your Father and Friend. Ponder the depth of love in the heart of the Father when He sent His Son on that greatest mission of mercy – for you and me.

Make this today’s meditation: “The Father sent the Son.” Contemplate the height and depth, length and breadth of God’s love. Then think how Jesus works what the Father wills. In the wounds of the dying Son see the love of the bleeding Son of God. “...*God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself...*” (2 Cor 5:19). Think what it cost the Father to send His Son to become the “*Son of man*” that we might become the sons of God! All glory to the Triune God!

## **2. The Lord Jesus shall be revealed**

The greatest sadness and irreparable shock to unbelieving Christendom will be the sudden awakening to the Lord Jesus’ return in the clouds of heaven, just as the angels had said at our Lord’s ascension: “...*this same Jesus, which*

*is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven...*" (Acts 1:11). The fact is unbelieving Christendom merely pays lip service to the doctrine of the Second Coming of our Lord.

What will it be like when Jesus comes? Our Lord will come *"...with His mighty angels, In flaming fire..."* (2 Thess 1:7-8). He will come on a white horse, and the armies of heaven will follow Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean (Rev 19:11, 14). By the Word which comes out of His mouth, our Lord will judge and subdue the nations, and rule them with a rod of iron, for He returns as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Together with unbelieving Christendom, the ONE WORLD SYSTEM "OIKOUMENE" will be jolted out of its false security to face the ultimate reality of the ASCENDED LORD JESUS returning in power and glory. Here is an eyewitness description of the SECOND COMING as previewed by John: *"And the kings of the earth, ...the great men, ...rich men, ...chief captains, ...mighty men, ...every bondman, ...every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"* (Rev 6:15-17).

### **3. A name above every name**

When a person is dear, everything about him becomes dear. So precious is the person of the Lord Jesus in the estimation of all true believers that everything about Him becomes inestimable beyond price. Such is the worth of the names of Christ our Lord – they are sweet in the believer's ear. Consider the beloved hymn by John Newton:

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.*

Consider the names of our blessed Lord: He is called the Husband of the Church, her Bridegroom, her Friend; He is the Lamb of God, the King, the Prophet, the Priest; He is Shiloh, Emmanuel, Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Every title is like the honeycomb dripping honey, sweet beyond compare.

But if there be one name sweeter than another in the believer's ear, it is the name **JESUS**. Jesus! It is the name which moves the harps of heaven to sweetest melody. Jesus! It is the source of all our joys. None other is more charming, more precious than this. Jesus! It is the name that saves unto eternal life in God's everlasting realm.

Then, the day will come, *"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"* (Phil 2:10-11).

#### **4. The salvation of the Lord (Ps 3:1-8)**

Many people, if they are asked what they understand by salvation, will reply, "Being saved from hell and taken to heaven." This is only one result of salvation, but not even one tenth of it. True, our Lord Jesus Christ redeems all His people from the wrath to come; He saves them from the fearful condemnation of their sins; but His salvation is far more than this.

Our Lord saves His people *"from their sins"* (Matt 1:21). Oh the sweet deliverance from our worst foes! Where Christ does a saving work, He casts Satan from his throne, and will not let him be master any longer. No man is a true Christian if sin **reigns** in his mortal body. While sin will never be expelled till we enter into glory, nevertheless it must not have **dominion** in our lives. The true believer has Christ as his Master, and sin is mortified.

Christian professor! Is sin subdued in you? If your **life** is unholy, your **heart** is unchanged, and if your **heart** is unchanged, you are an un-saved person. If the Saviour has not sanctified you, renewed you, given you a hatred of sin and a love of holiness, He has done nothing in you of a saving character. The grace which does not change a man or make him a new person is a worthless counterfeit.

Christ saves His people, not **in** their sins, but **from** their sins. Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord (Heb 12:4). Let every one that nameth

the name of Christ depart from iniquity! Lord, save me now from all evil, and enable me to honour my Saviour with my life. In Christ a new creature.

God bless all readers.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** tonight 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 be speaking on David: Functioning Under Pressure. All are welcome.
- 2. Condolences:** Our deepest sympathies to Sister Lydia, and her children Sharon, Joshua and Grace. Elder Jimmy Pui has passed on to glory to be with the Lord last Thursday. May God's comfort be with the bereaved family during this difficult time.

**Funeral Service:** on Monday 7th December. Parlor opens for viewing at 1pm. The Funeral Service will begin at 1:30pm at Bowra & O'Dea, 312 South Street, Hilton, WA 6163. Parking is available at the parlor.

This will be immediately followed by the burial at Fremantle Cemetery, which is located at corner of Leach Highway and Carrington Street. The cortege will enter the gates of Fremantle Cemetery promptly at 2:45pm for Lawn V, where the Grave-side Service will be conducted. Friends attending the burial can park at the public parking near the cortege entrance. A map of the funeral parlor location and of the cemetery is pinned on the notice board in the foyer of the church.

- 3. Christmas Gospel Meeting:** will be held on Friday the 18th of December at church. The program starts at 7.30pm. We encourage all to bring along your unsaved loved ones and friends to hear the Gospel during this Christmas season. Rev. Joseph Poon will be speaking on the theme "What Child is this?", with Mandarin interpretation. Invitation leaflets are made available at the foyer.

**4. FEBC online courses:** for next semester are: Revelation (Rev Quek); Ezekiel 2 (Rev Koshy) and Westminster Confession (Rev Khoo). Each are 2 units. The registration forms are now available in the foyer. Please do prayerfully consider taking these courses, which are \$80 each. Please pass the registration forms with money to Mark Heath.

**5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for a new Lord's Day that we can come into His house to worship Him this morning.
- Thank God for all the brethren who are serving in the choir and music ministry. May God continue to grant them a humble and grateful heart to continue serving Him in the New Year.
- Pray for the Pui family. May God's grace and comfort be with them at this difficult time.
- Pray for the program planned for December – the Christmas Gospel meeting, Christmas Day and Watch Night Worship Service. May all the non-believers who hear the gospel come to know the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the preparation of the Church Mandarin Family Camp (28-31 March 2016). Pray for the camp speaker Rev James Sun as he prepares to come and minister to us in BPCWA.
- Pray for the planning of next year's church 2016 calendar.
- Pray for Brother Stephen Cheng, Brother Bernie Clarke and the many brethren who are suffering from physical infirmities. May God be gracious, merciful to them and that His strength may be upon them. Pray for their families to draw strength and comfort from the Lord that they may be able to take care of them.
- God's guidance and wisdom in the redevelopment of Nehemiah Place.
- God's will and leading on restarting 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	6/12 COMBINED - Holy Communion	13/12 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng	Dn Michael Lee/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Ruth Wong	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernie Clarke	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Yan Wei, Kenny Tan	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Allan Ang, Adrian Ng, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ellainne Cheng	Adrian Ng, Li Xin Cheo, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Yung Tsing Mew, Julia Sun
JSS Singspiration	Holy Communion	Karen Ee/Yi Jye Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Lee Yong/Shirlyn Lee	Yi Jye Chieng/Lee Chin Yong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Yew Jinn Chieng Hall B: Kenny Tan	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	Kenny Tan	Caleb Cheng
Berrington	Mark Heath	Rev Joseph Poon

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	8/12	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Dn Joel Wong, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	9/12	7:30pm	FEBC Inter Semester Course: Leviticus
Friday	11/12	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	13/12	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

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (29/11)

Attendance: 185 (Combined-151; JSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 61  
Offerings in Total: \$7736.55; General Fund: \$7736.55 (#3959-\$155.50)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What do we pray for in the first petition?** In the first petition, which is, *Hallowed be thy name*, we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known (Ps 67:1-3; 99:3; 100:3-4); and that he would dispose all things to his own glory (Ro 11:33-36; Rev 4:11).