



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

January 31st, 2016

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

Jason Tey

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 14 Come, Thou Almighty King

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 94:1-11

Hymn

HOP 396 Give of Your Best to the Master

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:21-23

Hymn

HOP 290 Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip

Are You Saved?

*Hymn

HOP 144 In Times Like These

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2016: "SANCTIFIED, AND MEET FOR THE MASTER'S USE" (2 Timothy 2:21)

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WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

My dear readers,

(Excerpts from Building Firm Foundations, Dr SH Tow)

1. Our unseen prayer partners

The secret of prayer is to pray alone in secret (Matt 6:6). It is also to pray together as one body in one place (Acts 1:14). Today we learn another secret: unseen Helpers are praying for us. Our risen and ascended Lord, now at God the Father's right hand *"ever liveth to make intercession"* (Heb 7:25) for us, His children. *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered"* (Rom 8:26).

Picture then in your mind's eye the Almighty Triune God in heaven working on our behalf: God the Father receiving intercessions from God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This one fact alone must give us enormous comfort and confidence to persevere in our prayers on earth – whether individually or corporately. For when we do so we are in concert and cooperation with the great divine prayer meeting up in heaven.

Why do we need the intercession of God the Son and God the Holy Spirit? Simply because we need them to bolster our little strength. Recall what our Lord said? *"Without me ye can do nothing"* (Jn 15:5b). We are frail creatures of flesh, and often times our spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Without Him we would fall. So we need to have our prayers on earth supplemented by divine intercessions in heaven.

Those divine intercessions are necessary also because of our foolishness and defective understanding, so that we do not always know what to pray for. Do you not realise how often your prayers are for inconsequential things? At times we may even pray for the wrong things or for something which is contrary to God's will. If God had answered some of those prayers we might have come to grief! So the Spirit helps our infirmities and foolishness.

Give thanks for our unseen Prayer Partners. Thank God that we can be His prayer partners. Our home can be a house of prayer, and where two or three are gathered together in His name, He is with them in their midst.

“It is Christ ... at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us” (Rom 8:34)

2. Aids to Prayer (“Beginners’ Guide”)

Morning, Heavenly Father, Heavenly Father, Thank Thee (or You) for keeping me through the night. Thank Thee for this new day. Thank Thee for life and health, for home and loved ones ... for the opportunities and challenges of this day. Grant me the strength and guidance to do all things well and to the glory of Thy holy name. Guard my eyes, my ears and my lips from sin. Lead me in the paths of righteousness. Make this a peaceful and successful day. Cleanse my heart from sin, and keep me pure for Thy use. So, use me Lord to do Thy good will throughout this day. I pray this in the name of the Lord Jesus my Saviour. Amen .

NIGHT. Heavenly Father, Thank Thee for Thy presence with me through the day. Thy grace and sustaining power have been wonderful. (Thank the Lord for particular mercies and help received). Thank Thee for preserving me in my going out and coming in. Thank Thee for safety and peace, for opportunities of witness. (Think of any particular sins committed, and confess them to the Lord). Please forgive me the sins and offences of this day. Be merciful to me, O Lord, and wash me in the blood of the Lamb. Grant me a good night’s rest. Renew my strength for tomorrow. I pray this in Jesus’ precious name. Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP. Heavenly Father, we gather to worship Thee and seek Thy face. Thy Word has promised, where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt be with them. Come now O Lord to bless this gathering. Bless our singing, our study of Thy Word, our fellowship, and our prayers. Open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy Word. Teach us O Holy Spirit to understand what we read. Help us to love Thy Word, to remember what it says, and to do it. Grant us the joy of worship. Speak to us through Thy Word. Draw nigh to us as we draw nigh to Thee. We pray this in our Lord’s precious name. Amen.

“Men ought always to pray, and not to faint” (Lk 18:1).

(NOTE. The above are “starters” to help younger believers. Enlarge and modify according to your particular needs. Every believer should learn to pray. There is no need to be shy. Simply speak to God as child to father. Speak sincerely and in faith. God hears and answers prayer!)

3. Making a start (Family Worship is for every home)

If YOU WANT God's blessing for your home, start Family Worship T-O-D-A-Y!

STEP 1. Find a place: sitting lounge, your dinner table, or in your bedroom.

2. Make TIME: just as we all make time for dinner or breakfast. Family Worship is no less important. You need 15-30 minutes each day to feed your souls.
3. Find a LEADER: father, mother, or someone who can lead in worship. Leaders may rotate with profit.
4. Begin with PRAYER: "Lord, we gather together as a family to seek Your blessing. Though few in number, we know that You are with us. Teach us to sing to Your praise, and to read Your Word with understanding. Bless us as we worship together. We pray this in our Lord's precious name. Amen."
5. SING: Suggest: RPG Anthem, choruses and devotional hymns.
6. READ GOD'S WORD: RPG portion for the day. Let the leader give a short exhortation from God's Word.
7. MEMORISE: Memorise one verse a week. Test and encourage one another.
8. PRAY TOGETHER. Let each member pray. Teach children how to pray. LEADER to close in prayer: "Our Father in Heaven, we praise You and bless Your holy name. We thank You for Your Word. Help us to remember what we have read and heard. Help us to be doers of Your Word and not hearers only (Pray for individual needs of members).

(In the morning) Grant us safety and guidance for this day. Keep us in Your paths of righteousness and peace.

(At night) Grant us peace and good rest for this night. Refresh us for tomorrow. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The above is a suggested ORDER, for a start. Modify and enlarge to meet your own needs. May the Holy Spirit guide you in this spiritual exercise.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Prayer Meeting:** Please take note that this week's prayer meeting is back to normal, Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm. Do make prayer meeting a priority in your calendar this year and join us to pray for the church and for one another.
- 2. Mandarin Church Family Camp (28th – 31st March):** Immediately after the worship service, please stay behind for a short camp power point presentation in the main sanctuary. Registration for the family camp will be starting next Sunday the 7th of February. We pray that you will take the opportunity to study God's Word through the camp theme, "The Exceeding Life of Faith, Hope, and Love" taken from 1 Corinthians 13:13. We warmly welcome all who understand Mandarin to join us!
- 3. Lunch Fellowship:** Today after the worship service. All are warmly welcome!
- 4. Holy Communion:** will be conducted next Sunday. Please prepare your heart to partake in this holy sacrament.
- 5. Baptism, Reaffirmation and Transfer of Membership:** will be conducted on the 27th of March, Easter Sunday. Those who have gone through the Basic Bible Knowledge classes and wish to seek baptism, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership from another church to BPCWA, can obtain an application form from Brother Mark Heath. Please submit the completed form with a short testimony to Elder James or Dn Adrian by the 28th of February.
- 6. Program for February. Do prayerfully participate in the program.**

DATE		TIME	PROGRAM
14/2	Sunday	6pm	Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship
23/2	Tuesday	10am	Mandarin Bible Study
24/2	Wednesday	1:15pm-5pm	Curtin Campus Outreach
26/2	Friday		UWA Campus Outreach
28/2	Sunday	6pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting
3/3	Thursday		Murdoch Campus Outreach

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the spiritual and physical protection during the Australia Day Outreach last Tuesday.
- Pray for the University campus outreaches in February. May God draw more people to our church to learn about Him.
- Pray for Rev James Sun as he prepares to come to Perth in March to minister to us at the Church's 30th Anniversary and as the speaker of the Mandarin church Camp.
- Pray for the preparation of the church's 30th Anniversary and dinner.
- Pray for wisdom to compile the 30th Anniversary Magazine.
- Pray for the spiritual protection of the church session and that they may serve God with fervent hearts.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Church Family Camp.
- Pray for the re-development of Nehemiah Place.
- Pray for God's will and leading in re-starting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- Pray for those who are searching for a job, working away from home, on holidays and travelling.
- Pray for the sick and weak, spiritually down members of the church.
- Pray for protection in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	31/1 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship	7/2 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim	Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lilian Yong	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allen Liew, *Alex Luu, Kenny Chia Jason Tey, Dn Stephen Chia	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia Yan Wei, Mark Heath
Ushers	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Lee Lee Yong	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing Julia Sun, Ilhoa Ramachandran
JSS Singspiration	Esther Yiu/Allan Ang	Holy Communion
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Chin/Ellainne	Yi Jye/Lydia
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Robert Wong (Karen Ee)	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Mark Heath
Bayswater	Allan Ang	Mark Heath
Berrington	Edward Ee	Rev Joseph Poon

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	2/2	3:00pm	Prayer Meeting: Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong, Caleb Cheng, Ruth Wong
Wednesday	3/2	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	5/2	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	7/2	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 (24/1)

Attendance: 151 (Combined-124; JSS-27); Prayer Meeting: 36

Offerings in Total: \$5326.40; General Fund: \$5326.40 (#3983-\$44; #3984-\$130; #3985-\$256.60)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (Matt 19:4-5; Gen 2:24; Luke 24:27, 44; 1 Cor 2:13; 1 Cor 14:37; 2 Pet 1:20-21; 2 Pet 3:2, 15-16), is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him (Deut 4:2; Psa 19:7-11; Isa 8:20; John 15:11; John 20:30-31; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 3:15-17; 1 John 1:4).