



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

Adrian Ng

Prelude

Ruth Wong

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Sonny Lim

\*Hymn

**HOP 3** O God, Our Help in Ages Past

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 95:1-5

Hymn

**HOP 28** I sing the Mighty power Of God

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

Hymn

**HOP 237** It Is Well with My Soul

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## All Things Are Yours

\*Hymn

**HOP 365** All That Thrills My Soul

\*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

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My dear readers,

*(Excerpts from Building Firm Foundations / Daily Remembrancer).*

## **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" 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? *"for without me ye can do nothing"* (John 15:5b). We are frail creatures of flesh, and oftentimes 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.

It is Christ "... who is even *at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us*" (Romans 8:34).

## **2. Make me an intercessor, Lord!**

*Dr SH Tow*

Make me an Intercessor, Lord,  
I long to watch and pray;  
To wait before Thy Throne of Grace  
By night as well as day.

Make me an Intercessor, Lord,  
In closest touch with Thee;  
And by Thy grace I'll never faint,  
But pray till victory.

Make me an Intercessor, Lord,  
O help me to prevail;  
To persevere, to labour on  
Though pow'rs of hell assail.

Make me an Intercessor, Lord,  
Conformed unto Thy death;  
Emptied, broken, yea crucified,  
Then filled with Spirit's breath.

Make me an Intercessor, Lord,  
By prayer in everything;  
A labourer with Thee my God,  
In service of the King.

Make me an Intercessor, Lord,  
In secret on the knee.  
Unseen, unsung by any man,  
But pleasing unto Thee! Amen.

### 3. “Pray without ceasing” 1 Thess 5:17

*(Daily Remembrancer May 6 Morning)*

“IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION.” Our Father is ever willing to receive us in prayer. In prayer then we must approach God as a Father, ask of Him what we really need, and expect to receive according to His wisdom and will. Our wants are constantly recurring, therefore our prayers should be constantly ascending. The ear of God is always open. He is ever ready to listen to us. He invites, exhorts, and commands us to pray always, in everything. Every object that meets the eye, every circumstance of life, every employment in which we engage, are worthy matters for prayer. The believer should cultivate the habit of prayer. He should look up to God for all he needs, through all he sees, whenever he has a moment to spare. The prayers of a Christian are pleasant to God; He says, *“Let me hear thy voice, let me see thy countenance; for sweet is thy voice and thy countenance is comely.”* The believer should pray as naturally and as constantly as he breathes, for prayer is the breath of the soul. Beloved, if your prayers dwindle into a mere duty, is but occasionally offered, or become burdensome, it is clear that you are in a most unhealthy state. *Pray for revival mercy from God!*

Through the skies when the thunder is hurled,  
The child to its parent will flee;  
Thus amid the clamour of the world,

I turn, O my Father, to Thee;  
The spirit of prayer in Thy mercy impart,  
And take up Thy constant abode in my heart.

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:** will be held tonight starting with dinner at church at 6pm. Messages start at 7:15pm with the ladies meeting downstairs. Sister Sharon will be speaking on "An Honourable Widow" (Luke 4:25, 26). The men will be meeting in the upstairs sanctuary. Rev Joseph will be speaking on "David: Man With a Sense of Responsibility." Interpretation will be available. All are welcome.
- 2. Mandarin Church Family Camp (28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March):** Registration has begun last Sunday. If you understand Mandarin and would like to join the camp, please register with Brother Adrian Ng or Sister Yi San Chieng at the fellowship hall after the worship service. If you have any questions, please enquire at the registration table.
- 3. Choir:** Resumes practice at 12pm today.
- 4. Sunday School Training:** All Teachers and Assistants are encouraged to attend the Sunday School Teachers and Assistants Training session, which will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb (Saturday) from 2-5pm at church.

**5. University Campus Outreach:** University Orientation days are an opportunity to invite new students to Church and to show Christian love to overseas students that are away from home. We thank God many church members have come to BPCWA through these outreaches. Our first outreach will be UWA on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please pray about being involved. More details next week.

**6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for good health and preserving us through a week of very hot weather.
- Pray for the UWA Orientation Day outreach being held next week.
- Pray for tonight's Men's and Ladies' Fellowship.
- Pray for Rev James Sun as he prepares to come to BPCWA in March to minister to us at the church's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and as the speaker of the Mandarin church camp.
- Pray for the preparation of the church's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, dinner and the compilation of the magazine.
- Pray that many brethren will have a willing heart to attend the Mandarin Family Camp and for the planning and preparation.
- Pray for Mrs Iralea Arnott and the Bayswater Nursing Home Ministry.
- 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.

SERVICE DUTY	14/2 COMBINED	21/2 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Sonny Lim	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Adrian Ng	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Ruth Wong	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lee Lee Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Adrian Ng Yi Choong Liew, Dn Adrian Cheng Dn Stephen Chia	*Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong Edward Ee, Allan Ang, Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Yi Choong Liew, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
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 Singspiration	Yung Tsing Mew/Rowena Cheng	Esther Yiu/Yi Jye Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Shirlyn/Yi Mey	Shirlyn/Lee Lee
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Robert Wong (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Dn Adrian Cheng	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Jason Tey
Bayswater	Kenny Tan	Elder James Wong
Berrington	Mark Heath	Rev Joseph Poon

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	16/2	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	17/2	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	19/2	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	21/2	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00pm	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 (7/2)

Attendance: 160 (Combined-124; JSS-36); Prayer Meeting: 45

Offerings in Total: \$4250.65; General Fund: \$4250.65 (#3989-\$349.20; #3990-\$361; #3991-\$270)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is God?** God is a Spirit (Deu 4:15-19; Luke 24:39; John 1:18; 4:24, Acts 17:29), infinite (1 Kings 8:27; Ps 139:7-10; 145:3; 147:5; Jer 23:24; Rom 11:33-36), eternal (Deu 33:27; Ps 90:2; 102:12, 24-27; Rev 1:4, 8), and unchangeable (Ps 33:11; Mal 3:6; Heb 6:17-18; 13:8; James 1:17), in his being (Exo 3:14; Ps 115:2-3; 1 Tim 1:17; 6:15-16), wisdom (Ps 104:24; Rom 11:33-34; Heb 4:13; 1 John 3:20), power (Gen 17:1; Ps 62:11; Matt 19:26; Rev 1:8), holiness (Heb 1:13; 1 Pete 1:15-16; 1 John 3:3, 5; Rev 15:4), justice (Gen 18:25; Exo 34:6-7; Deu 32:4; Ps 96:13; Rom 3:5, 26), goodness (Ps 103:5; 107:8; Matt 19:7; Rom 2:4), and truth (Exo 34:6; Deu 32:4; Ps 86:15; 117:2; Heb 6:18).