



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

July 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 Adrian Ng

Prelude Winnie Lim

Call to Worship Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn **HOP 10** Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

*Invocation/Gloria Patri **1**

Responsive Reading Psalm 107:23-32

Hymn **HOP 230** Trusting Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology **2**/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Hymn **HOP 135** Standing on the Promises

Pastoral Prayer/Message Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

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.

Examples To Warn Us

*Hymn **HOP 261** I Want a Principle Within

*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,

1. *“The unsearchable riches of Christ” Ephesians 3:8*

(Daily Remembrancer, August 26 MORNING)

JESUS IS OUR SOVEREIGN LORD. He has devoted all His riches to us, so that the riches of Jesus are ours. *“Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich.”* He gave His all for our redemption, sanctification, and salvation; and now, at the right hand of the majesty on high, He continues to give liberally, and upbraideth not. He has riches of grace, riches of mercy, and riches of glory. The gift of the Spirit is with Him. He has promised freely; He has proved His readiness to bestow in the most wonderful way. Let us therefore expect great things from Him, for He has unsearchable riches. O believer, look not at your poverty, at your wants, or your circumstances, but look to Jesus; all things are under His feet, all blessings are at His disposal, and His heart is set upon you to do thee good! He will supply all your needs now, and afterwards receive you to glory. My soul, your Jesus has all you need: therefore look only to Him, and Him alone!

Possessing Christ, I all possess,
Strength, wisdom, sanctifying grace,
And righteousness complete:
Bold, in His name, I dare draw nigh,
Before the Ruler of the sky,
And all His justice meet.

2. Reflections at Eventide

(Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Reformation Banner Mar/Apr 1978)

AT THE CLOSING MOMENTS of this day, I bid you welcome to a few moments of quiet reflection, and let us consider things which perhaps you have not

often thought about — things of deeper meaning than mere gracious living, things of more lasting value than dollars and cents.

What would you think of a young lady, if her young man should send her a diamond ring costing \$10,000 in a plastic box which the jeweller threw in for nothing, and on meeting him a few days later, she exclaims “Darling, that was a lovely box you sent me. It’s the most precious thing I have and I promise to take special care of it every day so that no harm shall come to it.”

Such a story is too ridiculous to imagine. Yet isn’t it just as foolish for men and women to be spending all their time and thought on their bodies which are but perishable boxes containing the real treasure, the soul?

This point is driven home in these words of Jesus: “*For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*” (Mark 8:35-36)

The poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow expressed it this way:

*Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.
Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.*

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is concerned with the reality of life, the life now as well as the life hereafter. Its promise is eternal life, and this is the most ardent desire of every one of us. And truly, if the grave is the end of all things, then this present life is the greatest disappointment and frustration

imaginable. The Apostle Paul says: If in this life only we have hope in Christ, then we are of all men most miserable.

Eternal life is not something imaginary or wishful thinking. It is a glorious prospect and reality clearly described in God's Word, a place prepared for those who love Him. In the holy city *"there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away ... And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie"* (Rev 21:4, 27). Only those whose names have been written in God's book of life shall enter in.

Some of us know the song "Calvary," (Rev WMK Darwood)

'O Calvary! blest Calvary!

'Twas there my Saviour died for me.'

'Twas there he bore my sins in his own body on the cross. Only one thing separates me from God and the eternal inheritance of the holy city. That thing is sin. Calvary was where Jesus took the burden of my sin on Himself, so that I may go free. There was a time in my life when I came to Jesus and received Him as my Saviour. How about you? He loves you too.

Before we say goodnight, I'd like to leave with you the words of Jesus which mean so much to me. Jesus said *"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else"* (Isa 45:22). Truly, none can help you, but Jesus. None can lift your burden and write your name in the Book of Life. Only He who is the way, the truth and the life. My friend, why not come to Him tonight and receive Him as your Saviour. He gives peace and lasting joy to all who believe. He can change you and give you a new life — everlasting life. Amen and may God bless you.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Lunch Fellowship:** Please do stay behind and join in our monthly lunch fellowship after the worship service today. All are welcome.
- 2. Holy Communion:** Will be conducted next Lord's Day. Please prepare your hearts to partake in the Holy Communion.
- 3. Congratulations:** Thank God for the gift of a baby girl, Sophie, to Edward and Karen Ee last Sunday the 24th July. Both mother and baby are doing well.
- 4. City Evangelism:** Please meet at 1:45 pm in the church today for a short briefing. The prayer team will remain in the church while the street team will go out into the city. The outreach will conclude with testimonies at 5 pm at church. If you are interested in joining, please come along. Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."
- 5. University Campus Outreach:** This coming Thursday the 4th of August. We will be at Murdoch University sharing the gospel to the students and inviting them to our church. Do consider coming down to help between 10 am and 2 pm. For more details, please contact Brother Allan Ang.
- 6. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** Will be held next Sunday, 7th August, starting with dinner at church at 6 pm. Messages start at 7:15 pm with the ladies meeting downstairs. Sister Sharon will be speaking on "Joanna: An Example of Service". The men will be meeting in the upstairs sanctuary with Rev Joseph speaking on "David: Moments of Weakness". Mandarin interpretation will be available. All are welcome.
- 7. Below are the summary of August Program.** Please mark in your calendar and prayerfully participate.

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
4 Aug Thursday	10am – 2pm	Murdoch University Campus Outreach
7 Aug Sunday	6:00pm	Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship
19, 26 Aug, 9 Sept, Fridays	7:30pm	Combined Fellowship Series 1, 2, & 3
21 Aug Sunday	6:00pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting

8. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the safe return of many overseas students. Please continue to pray for their new semester of studies, their spiritual growth and salvation of those who are not believers.
- Thank God for our families, homes, and jobs.
- Continue to uphold the Church Session and church ministries in prayer.
- Pray for the city evangelism this afternoon and the brethren who will be participating either by going out to the city or through prayer.
- Pray for the Murdoch University Campus Outreach on Thursday.
- Continue to pray for the design, translation and compilation of the 30th year thanksgiving magazine.
- Pray for the maintenance projects around the church, including the extension of the rear car park towards Jeremiah House, replacement of collapsing fences with colour-bond fences and a retaining-wall at the south-side of Jeremiah House.
- Pray for God's will and leading in re-starting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- Pray for those who are sick and who may be struggling spiritually.
- Pray for those who are still searching for a job, for God's protection and grace to be with the brethren who are working away from home and to those who are travelling.
- Pray for physical and spiritual safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	31/7 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship	7/8 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Adrian Ng	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Yi San Chieng	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Yi Choong Liew
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Claude Yiu, Adrian Ng Eugene Leong, Eddie Foo Dn Stephen Chia	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia Yan Wei, Kenny Tan Yi Choong Liew
Ushers	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lee Yong	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing, Julia Sun Ilhoa Ramachandran	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Lian Yong/Fiona Liew	Ellainne Cheng/An Ning
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Berrington	Rev Joseph Poon	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	2/8	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Caleb Cheng, Ruth Wong
Wednesday	3/8	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Daniel
Friday	5/8	10:00 am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	7/8	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English & Mandarin Sunday School (in Recess) English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:15 pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:00 pm	Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont
		6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (24/7)

Attendance: 218 (Combined-180; JSS-38); Prayer Meeting: 63

Offerings in Total: \$6506.70; General Fund: \$6506.70

(#4074-Family Camp-\$40.00; #4075-\$208.05; #4076-\$50.00; #4077-\$471.75)

SHORTER CATECHISM: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ? We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:4-7)