



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

October 23<sup>rd</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

Allan Ang

Prelude

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim

\*Hymn

**HOP 7** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 116:10-19

Hymn

**HOP 290** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Hymn

**HOP 262** Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

### 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.

## Characteristics of Love Pt 2

\*Hymn

**HOP 251** O To Be Like Thee!

\*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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# PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear BPCWAians, it is my privilege to write my first Pastoral letter to all of you. We rejoice and thank God for the manifestation of His will for BPCWA at last week's election. But having a Pastor elected in is just the beginning, not the church's end purpose.

We have much to do for our Lord. It is tempting to sit back and relax because we think all is in place now. Satan never lets down on his assault on God's church on earth, and it will only intensify. Now that BPCWA has moved into a Biblical model after many years of praying and God answering, our arch enemy will not be pleased. This is not "crying wolf" or "scare tactics" so soon after the election of a Pastor. We see this in the life of Israel in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament church. When the people slackened after a victory, troubles and failures came. On the other hand, when the people were obedient to their Lord, blessings and progress followed. Many once faithful churches around us are falling. There is failure in the pulpits, a rejection of truth by those in the church, and love of the world in the lives of individuals and their families.

So what should we do together in BPCWA? We must now move together to a higher level of diligence, devotion, and discernment. There is no letting of the guard down in the Lord's army. The pulpit's and fellowship ministries' focus on teaching must continue to grow. And each individual's study and obedience to God's Word must not slacken. Very importantly, individuals and families must double its prayer for the church, its leaders, and worshipers. Let us pray for us to be deeply grounded in God's truth so that we can stand against the wiles of the devil. Let us pray for BPCWA to have firm and stable foundations. Let us pray for greater love for our Lord and each other. Would you pray more fervently for BPCWA, God's church?

Would you commit yourself and your family to growing in God's Word? Will you keep yourself clean and spotless so that you can be used by Him? Let us do so together for the love of Christ and His church.

The Church is purchased by the Blood of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul reminds Pastors in Acts 20:28, *"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood"*. God's Church has a great and glorious purpose on earth and is His Heavenly Bride. That is why personally each day as the election date got closer, my heart grew heavier. Not because I feared not being voted in, but because the burden of under-shepherding God's flock is a not light matter. Each time I hear your address "Pastor", my heart sinks a little. Not because I do not respect the office, but because I have been made accountable to God for your spiritual well being. It is a heavy responsibility and accountability before God. But each worshiper, like me, also has his own responsibility. God gave us BPCWA in Perth. A sound church is His blessing for us. Let every member love it, treasure it, be part of it, ensure its faithfulness, and be accountable for it.

As I said at the start, having a Pastor is just the beginning and is not the end point. Let us now labour together even more fervently to unite BPCWA - English and Chinese, young and old, and new and old members. This is so that we can be more effective for the Lord's work in forwarding His kingdom, edification of saints, and upholding His Truth. Let us love the Church of God enough to strive together in unity "for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9).

In our Lord's Service,  
Pastor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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1. **BPCWA Pastor:** Rev Joseph Poon has been elected into the office of BPCWA's Pastor at last Sunday's Annual Congregational Meeting.
2. **Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> Oct):** will be held tonight at the home of Brother George and Sister Linda Quo. Address: 5 Preen Street, Booragoon. Elder James will continue to share on the second last message on the series, 'Jesus Said, "I am..."' taken from the gospel of John. Dinner will start at 6 pm with the meeting commencing at 7 pm. Please bring a dish to share. We warmly welcome everyone and their friends to join, learn and be encouraged by God's Word and the fellowship.
3. **Baptisms and Memberships:** Baptisms and membership transfers will be conducted on Reformation Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> Oct).
4. **2016 Young Adults' Summer Camp registration closes today!** Whether you are planning to attend full-time or part-time, please register in the Fellowship Hall today. If you are able to help provide accommodation for campers flying in for a few days before and/or after camp, please speak to Sister Yung.
5. **Lunch Fellowship:** Will be held next Sunday after the worship service. Please bring a dish to share. Do stay back to get to know each other better. All are welcome.
6. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
  - Thank God for answering the church's prayers and confirming His calling for a Pastor here.
  - Thank God for the opportunity for both English and Mandarin speaking brethren to fellowship and learn God's Word together during last Sunday's Men & Ladies' Fellowship.

- Thank God for keeping the church safe over the last week.
- Pray for Mandarin Family Care group tonight to edify brethren in the faith and build up care for one another
- Pray for the editorial and design team of BPCWA's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving magazine as they compile it for publication.
- Pray for those who will be taking their baptismal and membership vows on Reformation Sunday.
- Pray for the planning of the Young Adults' Summer Camp and the speakers Pr Joshua Yong and Pastor. Pray that this will be used to build godly friendships among the young people.
- Pray for unity and God's wisdom to be upon the Session in all its decisions concerning church and its administration.
- Pray for the spiritual growth of all worshipers, that each will conform more to the image of Christ daily in walk at home, at work, and in schools.
- Pray for those who are spiritually discouraged, who have not been in church recently, and the physically unwell too.
- Pray for brother Yew Jinn as he completes his assignments and prepares for his upcoming FEBC examinations.
- Pray for continued unity of BPCWA as we move forward. Pray that God will call a full time resident Chinese Minister to BPCWA according His will and timing.

SERVICE DUTY	23/10 COMBINED	30/10 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Chia	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng Pei Shion Chai, Yan Wei, Allan Ang Dn Adrian Cheng	*Alex Luu, *Jason Tey, Mark Heath Eddie Foo, Claude Yiu, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Jye Chieng/Ka Yii Yip	Fiona Liew/Yi Mey Tan
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

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

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	25/10	2:30 pm	Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Elder James Wong, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	26/10	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Daniel
Friday	28/10	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	30/10	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Mandarin Choir
		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 Bull Creek – RAAFA Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek WA 6149

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (16/10)

Attendance: 202 (Combined-170; JSS-32); Prayer Meeting: 73  
 Offerings in Total: \$7845.85; General Fund: \$7845.85 (#4119-\$80.00; #4120-\$24.00; #4121-\$210.40;  
 #4122-Youth Camp Fees-\$420.00; #4123-115.20; Thanksgiving-\$500.00)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?** The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments. (Deut 4:13, Matt 19:17-19)