

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Not my will, but Thine, be done" – Luke 22:42

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship is the proper response to God's glorious grace that has reconciled us to Him by the blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This truth is expressed by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 1:5-6, "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Devil(s)

Ephesians 6:11

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Mah Chin Kwang

*Hymn 46: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 96:1-13

Hymn 183: Jesus Paid It All

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 325: A Shelter in the Time of Storm

Scripture Memorisation

*Intercessory Prayer

Elder Mah Ching Kwang

Sermon

Preacher Kelvin Lim

"The Wonderful Works of God"

Acts 2:6-11, 22-27

*Hymn 488: The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us

*Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 02 DECEMBER 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 09 DECEMBER 2018

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| 8.00 – 9.00am | | CHURCH CHOIR | CHURCH CHOIR |
| 9.00am | | CHINESE SERVICE | CHINESE SERVICE |
| | | ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION) | ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION) |
| | | CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY | CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY |
| 11.00am | ENGLISH SERVICE | <p>Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Benjamin Quek, Theodore Wang Jason Low, Randy Laurencia Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Winnie Yap AV Ministry: John Ku, Andy Lee Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh Flowers: Katherin Wu Refreshments: Stella Tan, Chairine Chayadi Karen Quek, Rachel Teo Junior Worship: Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Adeline Lim) Dn Low Boon Siang, (Jasmine Tan) Arvind Pawa</p> | <p>Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Kang, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Gerry Lee (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Danial Wong Lijoy George, Low Chip Hung Chong Khai Siang, George Chee Greeter: Mong Jee Pawa AV Ministry: John Zhang, David Kablingue Goh Yong Wei, Zacharias Tan Flowers: Evelyn Lee Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Rhodora Resuma Lok Qian Hui, Chong Shu Mun Junior Worship: Evelyne Lee, (Sarah Yap) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Jasmine Kang) Samuel Yong</p> |
| 2.00pm | OTHER MINISTRIES | FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP | FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP |
| | | MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP | MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP |
| | | CATECHISM CLASS | CATECHISM CLASS |
| | | YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE | YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE |
| 3.30pm | LIONS HOME | <p>Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Bro Stephen Yap</p> | <p>Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Bro Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim</p> |

02 December 2018

“Counsellor”

Richard Tiu

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, **Counsellor**, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).*

In proclaiming the coming birth of the Messiah, Isaiah the prophet announced several distinctive names whereby He will be known, the first two of which are “Wonderful” and “Counsellor”. Should these two words (without the comma in between) be taken as one name (with the former descriptive of the latter), thereby giving rise to “Wonderful Counsellor”? Or should we regard these as two separate names (retaining the comma) as in the KJV rendering? Even Bible commentators are divided over this matter.

The Puritan preacher Matthew Henry, as with many other commentators, takes the KJV rendering of two separate names, and rightly so, for Christ indeed is wonderful as He is, apart from any characteristic or office that may be attributed to Him. Yet as Matthew Henry also highlighted: “Some join these (names)

together: He is the wonderful counsellor, a wonder or miracle of a counsellor; in this, as in other things, he has the pre-eminence; none teaches like him.”

In carrying the name “Wonderful” upon His person, would this not then be descriptive of His function? For indeed, who can be a Counsellor as wondrous as Christ? One can take a hint from the same prophet who announced these names. “This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working” (Isaiah 28:29).

And so unto us a Son is given, who will be the Counsellor so wondrous because of a host of reasons:

1. **His counsel is eminent:** “Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his

counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?” (Isaiah 40:13-14).

2. **His counsel is powerful:** “Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect” (Psalm 33:8-10).

3. **His counsel is wise:** “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD” (Isaiah 11:1-2).

4. **His counsel is infallible:** “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from

ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure” (Isaiah 46:9-10).

5. **His counsel is eternal:** “The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations” (Psalm 33:11).

6. **His counsel is immutable:** “Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath” (Hebrews 6:17).

7. **His counsel is holy:** “But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings” (Jeremiah 23:22).

8. **His counsel is truth:** “O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth” (Isaiah 25:1).

9. **His counsel is great:** “Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one

according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings” (Jeremiah 32:19).

10. His counsel is complete: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The counsel of the great and wonderful Counsellor is all these and more! Christ is the sum total of all knowledge, all wisdom, all guidance, all direction, all truth, all discernment and insight. He knows everything about all things and He is never wrong. All knowledge of the past, present and future belongs to Him. He even knows what is inside our hearts and minds. Indeed, the Lord, our Wonderful Counsellor, is beyond compare!

On that very first Christmas night, Christ was born in Bethlehem in a manger as God’s gift to us. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...” This brings us right to the heart of the Gospel in John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that

whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” We only need to believe everything about Jesus and receive Him into our lives as our Lord and personal Saviour.

As we believe in His every word which is recorded for us in the Scriptures, we will have the whole counsel of God to guide us till we see Christ in glory. “Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory” (Psalm 73:24). Then let us echo that sweet melody of the psalmist, “I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons” (Psalm 16:7). Indeed, as the hymn writer William H. Clark puts it:

His name shall be the Counsellor,
the mighty Prince of peace,
of all earth's kingdoms conqueror,
whose reign shall never cease.

Truly, “Blessed be the name of the Lord!”



Put on the Whole Armour of God

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

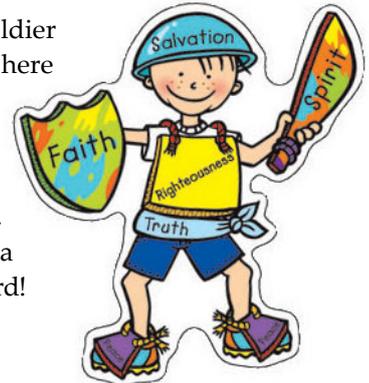
Ephesians 6:11

The devil is not only evil, but also very wily. He is always attempting to have an advantage over God's children with his deceptions, temptations and afflictions. He is a malicious tyrant who will do everything possible to stop Christians from serving God faithfully.

To effectively hold off the “wiles” (evil strategies) of the Devil, God has provided His people with a range of spiritual armour. Later in Ephesians 6:14-18, the whole armour of God is mentioned; it comprises the following: (i) Belt of truth, (ii) Breastplate of righteousness, (iii) Shoes of the gospel, (iv) Shield of faith, (v) Helmet of salvation, (vi) Sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God.

All these weapons mentioned are like the body armour that an ancient soldier would wear when he goes to the battle. Interestingly, the weapons mentioned here provide adequate protection for the whole body except the back. It shows that Christians should never turn their back against the enemy or quit the battle, but they must with courage face the enemy.

If you equip yourself with the armour of God – truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, the Word of God – you can overcome the devil's devices and live a victorious Christian life. So, put on the whole armour of God and stand firm in the Lord!



Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 25th November 2018

Tithes: 4,485.00

Offerings: 7,874.00

Building Project: 2,000.00; 1,000.00;

650.00; 300.00; 50.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 100.00;

Youth Fellowship Retreat 5,000.00;

Bro Raja 100.00; Pr Kee How 50.00; Pr

Jeremiah Sim 50.00

LOVE GIFTS TO GBWL

Please direct all love gifts related to the renovation and ministries of 33 Ubi Crescent to Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited (DBS 025-904568-2). The Building Fund account will be closed by the end of December 2018.

GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Pr Ho Kee How

Date & Time: Sat, 8 Dec 2018, 4.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Gerry Lee

121 Jalan Jurong Kechil

Terrene at Bukit Timah, Function Room

Singapore 598679

*There will also be a concurrent
programme for children aged 4-12.*

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Dates: 12th to 14th December 2018

(Wednesday to Friday)

Registration closes today. Please sign up via this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/luo9NTGrugWxKbt52>

All volunteers are to attend a briefing next Sunday, 9th December 2018, immediately after the worship service.

If you need further information about the event, please approach Pr Kelvin Lim or any of the GCM committee members.

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "How to Love and Serve God"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Gina sim

Date: Sat, 15 December 2018

Time: 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Evelynne Lee

121 Jalan Jurong Kechil

#01-21 Terrene at Bukit Timah

Singapore 598679

*There will also be a concurrent
programme for children aged 4 to 12.*

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE

January - May 2019

Monday Night Class

"Minor Prophets"

by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Commencing on 7 January

Thursday Night Class

"Biblical Covenants"

by Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy

"Systematic Theology IV - Eschatology"

by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Commencing on 3 January

PASTORAL VISITATION 2019

Brethren who would like to open their homes for next year's pastoral visitations, please write down your names on the sheet provided at the reception table.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES/ROSTERS (JANUARY - JUNE 2019)

Leaders of all fellowship groups are kindly asked to submit your programme/roster for January-June 2019 to Sis Joey Lim at joeylim.gbpc@gmail.com for consolidation and Sunday's bulletin announcement purposes, latest by **17th December 2018**.

Please include (a) the preacher and the topic, (b) the address of the venue, and (c) the name of the chairperson in the roster to facilitate the collation of information.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP RETREAT 2018

Theme: "Children of the Most High King"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Dates: 24th - 26th December 2018

Venue: UK Farm Resort, Kluang, Malaysia

Retreat Fees: \$180/person (*Youths who require subsidy, please approach Elder Choy*)

All participants are strongly advised to submit their registration forms ASAP to facilitate the accommodation planning. Registration will close on **9th December 2018 (next Sunday)**. Payment needs to be submitted by **16th December 2018**.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshment & Fellowship

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Catechism Class, Malayalam Fellowship,

Filipino Fellowship, Youth Choir

2.00pm onwards

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

On break till 2019

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Campus Bible Study

Break @ NAFA

Fridays, 2pm @ SUTD

Sunday Lions Home Ministry

For enquiry, contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

For more information, please call the church office at 6741 1910.



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Time & Place of Worship

11.00am

Level 5 Auditorium
Singapore Post Centre
10 Eunos Road 8
Singapore 408600
(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

Prayer Hotline

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp
your prayer item

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Deacon Kelvin Lim
Deacon Low Boon Siang