

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship arises from grateful hearts, for it is the expression of heartfelt gratefulness towards God. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

God welcomes only grateful hearts into His courts for worship. Ungrateful hearts have no right to be in His presence. So let us remember all His benefits as we draw nigh unto God to worship Him (cf. Psalm 103:1-2).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Dominion of God

Jude 25

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Ng Poh Kok

*Hymn 18: Come, Thou Almighty King

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

***Scripture Reading in Unison**

Philippians 1:27-30

Hymn 240: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Collection of Offerings

Gethsemane Church Choir

***Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 375: Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

Scripture Memorisation

***Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Contend for the Faith!"

Jude 3

*Hymn 433: Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

**Congregation Standing*



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP AT 11.00AM

TODAY, 12 JANUARY 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 19 JANUARY 2020

<p>Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Choong Kai Shuin, Sarah Lee Ushers: Gerry Lee Ng Kwan Teng, Edward Wong Jason Low, Timotheus Liu Greeter: Eunice Wong AV Ministry: Aron Ong, Gideon Lee Jumar Balicao, Tan Yeh Wen Flowers: Genevieve Cheah Refreshments: Stella Tan, Khoo May Ping Judy Chan, Eunice Wong Junior Worship: Sharon dela Cruz, (Eunice Setiawan) Aileen Yan, (Trang Thanh) Pr Kelvin Lim</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Setiawan, Sarah Teo Ushers: Benny Skariah Nikko Sario, Theodore Wang Melvin Mendoza, Marcus Lim Greeter: Violet Quek AV Ministry: Zacharias Tan, Goh Yong Wei John Zhang Flowers: Stephanie Lee Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Esther Quek Stella Yang, Koh Li Hui Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Gan Chien Huey) Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Jenice Choy) Elder Alan Choy</p>
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Chinese Worship Service is held concurrently at 11.00am at the foyer area.

OTHER SUNDAY MINISTRIES

TODAY, 12 JANUARY 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 19 JANUARY 2020

2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy</i>	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim</i>
	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
	CATECHISM CLASS (On Break)	CATECHISM CLASS (On Break)
	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Dn Low Boon Siang Dialect Speaker: Bro. Stephen Yap	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Pr Ho Kee How Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim
6.00pm	EVENING TEACHING SERVICE (GBI) @ GMC	EVENING TEACHING SERVICE (GBI) @ GMC

12 January 2020

“Walk Not As Fools!”

Prabhudas Koshy

In Ephesians 5:15, Paul exhorted believers, “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise”. What does the Bible mean by the word “fool”? Why is the idea of “fools” such a grave matter that we are told not to be or behave like fools?

Jesus warned against calling a brother “fool” (*mōros*). He said, “Whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire” (Matthew 5:22). Using it as a derogatory term on a believer is forbidden because it is to accuse and condemn a person as a “godless” individual, which is an indictment of the highest guilt.

However, Christ and the Scriptures repetitively referred to certain people as “fools”. Consider the following words of Christ to the Pharisees - “Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?... Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar

that sanctifieth the gift?” (Matthew 23:17, 19). “Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?” (Luke 11:40). “O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken” (Luke 24:25). Likewise, the apostle Paul rebuked the erring Galatians, “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?” (Galatians 3:1; cf. 3:3).

According to the Scriptures, the greatest fool is the person who denies the doctrine of God and lives apart from God. Psalm 14:1 describes such a fool – “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good” (cf. Psalm 53:1). The fool lives as a theological or practical atheist, or as both, denying God by his actions as well as his words.

Romans 1:21-22 sheds further light on those whom God regards as fools, who “when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools”. Scripture further reveals that fools, in their natural, unregenerate state, would discount, disregard and discard spiritual matters—“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Corinthians 2:14). No matter what the level of his intellect, education, wealth or reputation may be, the fool will not esteem divine truths and counsels.

By his words and his actions, the fool will show his disregard for God and His perfect counsels. The Scriptures assert that the fool’s speech, attitude and deeds will give evidence to his folly:

- His foolish speech: Denial of God (Psalm 14:1; 53:1); blasphemy and reproach of God (Psalm 74:18b, 22b); making a mock at sin (Proverbs 14:9a); lying and slandering (Proverbs 10:18), utter foolish talking (Proverbs 15:2).
- His foolish attitude: No fear of the LORD (Proverbs 1:29b), hatred of godly knowledge (Proverbs 1:22b, 29a); despising wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:7; 15:5); lack of delight in understanding (Proverbs 18:2), refusal to depart from evil (Proverbs 13:19b); self-conceit (Proverbs 12:15); self-confidence (Proverbs 14:16); self-trust (Proverbs 28:26); self-deceiving inclination (Proverbs 14:8); corrupt and abominable lifestyle (Psalm 14:1; 53:1); angry disposition (Ecclesiastes 7:9; Proverbs 14:17a); contentious nature (Proverbs 18:6); slothfulness (Ecclesiastes 4:5); self-righteous and hypocritical behaviour (Matthew 25:2-12).
- His foolish actions: Engaging in mischief as sport (Proverbs 10:23); holding on to evil (Proverbs 27:22); walking in darkness (Ecclesiastes 2:14); disobedient response to the Word of God (Matthew 7:26); idolatrous conduct (Jeremiah 10:8; Romans 1:22-23).

The fool always sets himself up as his own god. He thinks highly of himself, and considers his thoughts and feelings to be superior to all others, even that of God’s. Proverbs 12:15 states, “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes.” Whatever he finds acceptable

and pleasant to his corrupt reasoning and carnal sense, he would pursue, even though it is forbidden by God! His self-righteous mindset justifies all his ungodly conduct and rejects godly counsels. To him, even open profaneness becomes acceptable.

Such a foolish living, according to the Scriptures, will meet with tragic repercussions. Honour is unbecoming to him (Proverbs 26:1, 8); his own words shall ensnare his soul (Proverbs 18:7); afflictions resulting from transgressions shall plague him (Psalm 107:17); retribution and punishment will be upon him (Proverbs 19:29); divine condemnation will ultimately catch up with him (Proverbs 26:10; Matthew 23:17, 19).

Those who live foolishly within the church are they who are “ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 3:7). Those who are guilty of the foolish walk must repent at once and seek the Lord for forgiveness and restoration, lest they “die for want of wisdom” (Proverbs 10:21). For this reason, Paul cautions all who claim to be Christians that “ye walk ... not as fools”.

As we have already seen, even clever, determined, self-assured people can be trapped in foolishness that brings divine retribution upon them. Only the

knowledge from God can grant a foolish individual deliverance from his folly and all its painful results. Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord (cf. Proverbs 1:7), and continues by acknowledging His truth and ways. Only “the holy scriptures... are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15b).

Some believers also “play the fool” when they regard the things of this world above God and His Word. To drive home the peril of such attitude, Paul told Timothy that “they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition” (1 Timothy 6:9). Hence the apostle exhorted Timothy to live different from those who walk foolishly—“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses” (1 Timothy 6:11-12).

Let us heed the counsel of the apostle Paul: “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is” (Ephesians 5:15-17). ❀

Junior Worshipper's Page

O Worship Jesus Christ, the Eternal King!

*“To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”
(Jude 25)*

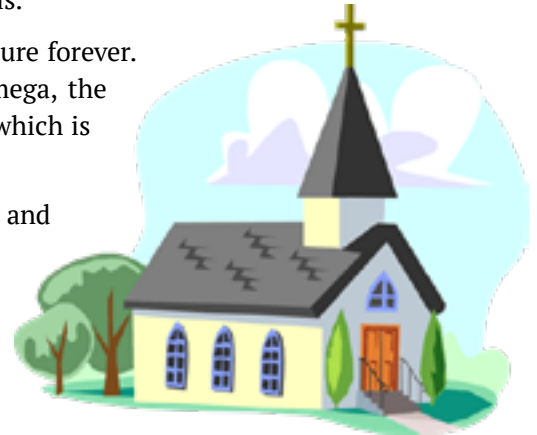
At the close of his epistle, Jude offered praise to “the only wise God our Saviour”. He ascribed “glory and majesty, dominion and power” to Christ our Saviour and God.

The words which Jude used to render praise to God are depictive of Christ’s divine greatness and supremacy. “Glory” denotes all the divine attributes of Christ in their powerful radiance; “majesty” signifies the absolute reign of Christ with the Father; “dominion” refers to the extent of His authority and might over all creatures and realms; “power” denotes Christ’s supreme right and strength to do all that He wills.

Christ reigns over everything in the universe, and His reign shall endure forever. In Revelation 1:8, the Lord Jesus said of Himself, “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”

Oh, how wonderful it is that our Saviour Jesus Christ is so wondrously and powerfully great! Because of His incontestable greatness, our salvation is sure and our hope of heaven is settled. Let us joyfully worship our Saviour and King, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 5th January 2020

(11.00am service)

Tithes: 3,810.00

Offerings: 6,714.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 60.00; Missionary Conference 150.00; Pastor Koshy 200.00; 500.00; Pr Ho Kee How 200.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 100.00; Bro. Raja 100.00; Matthew Peh 50.00

Non-Sunday Love Gifts

Designated Gifts: TGCM 1,600.00

FOR NON-SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Use the QR code below (through PayLah! or PayNow) to send in your non-Sunday love gifts to Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church.



PRESENTATION OF JW CERTIFICATES

There will be a presentation of certificates at the end of today's worship service to those who had attended Junior Worship classes last year.

YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Anniversary Message from the Book of Ephesians

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Dn Low Boon Siang

Date & Time: Fri, 17 Jan 2020, 7.30pm

Venue: Home of Pastor & Mrs Koshy Blk 826, Tampines Street 81, #02-92, Singapore 520826

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Maintaining an Intimate Communion with God

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis. Annie Ho

Date & Time: Sat, 18 Jan 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

A concurrent, separate programme will be catered for children aged 4-12.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Proverbs

Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

Chairperson: Bro. Amoz Choy

Date & Time: Sat, 18 Jan 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

MISSION PANGASINAN 2020

Dates: 22nd to 26th April 2020
(Wed to Sun)

Brethren who are spiritually prepared and led of the Lord to serve in the short-term mission to Pangasinan are asked to contact Elder Mah or Bro. David Tan by today. 20 brethren have signed up to-date.



Come, join us at our
**Tuesday Night
Prayer Meeting!**

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

Topic: Biblical Response to
Inter-Denominational Activities

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date & Time: Saturday, 15 Feb 2020, 2.00pm–6.00pm

Venue: SingPost Level 5 Auditorium

For catering & planning purposes, please register early at <https://tinyurl.com/GLF-seminar-2020>.

A concurrent, separate programme will be catered for children aged 4-12.

18TH BIBLE WITNESS BIBLE STUDY RETREAT

Dates: 18th-20th March 2020 (Wednesday – Friday)

Theme: “Church—A People in Prayer (Part III)”

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Venue: Hotel Jen Puteri Harbour, Johor

Please mark out these dates if you wish to attend the retreat. More information will be made available in the coming weeks.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 2020

Dates: 8th to 12th June 2020 (Monday – Friday)

Venue: Holiday Inn Resort, Batam, Indonesia

Please take note of the dates for the Missionary Conference this year and apply for leave early. More information will be made available in due course.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer
8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Thursday Seniors' Ministry
11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Campus Bible Study
NAFA-Lasalle: Mondays @ 1.00pm
SUTD: On Break

Saturday Church Choir Practice
2.00pm @ Gethsemane Media Centre

Sunday First Worship Service
8.30am @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Sunday Children's Choir Practice
9.30am @ L6 Powder Room, Singpost Centre

Sunday Lions Home Ministry
Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

Sunday Teaching Service (GBI)
6.00pm @ Gethsemane Media Centre

PRAISE & PRAYER ITEMS

Please send your praise and prayer items for publication in the church prayer list to Bro. Norefel at norefel.gbwl@gmail.com latest by 10.00am every Tuesday.

Time & Place of Worship:
11.00am

Singapore Post Centre,
Level 5 Auditorium,
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