



2020 Year Theme:
Be Strong and Courageous! Joshua 1:9

Worship Theme:

Theme: Holy God, Holy People, Holy Space

Today's scripture texts: Exodus 25:8-9; Ephesians 1:3-14; Psalm 24

In Exodus 20-23, we move on from God's initial laws to the Wooden Ark and stone tablets on which the laws are to be housed and carried.

More detail is given about this Ark in Exodus 25-27 and further detail about the priests who will serve and the manner of the sacrifices in Exodus 28-31. In short, the primary concern for this week is proper worship, especially as it relates to the tabernacle and the priesthood.

In today's Ephesian reading Paul praises God for the glorious inheritance that has been ordained for those who are now the children of God. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, our freedom from sin is made possible. Hence, it is interesting to note that we are part of God's priesthood because we now share in the mystery of His plan.



As the psalmist praises God and His creation, he tells how the pilgrims cleanse themselves before they go up to God's holy place for worship. Just like the psalmist, let us consecrate ourselves when we worship our Lord God!



EVENTS

Online Bible Class & Worship

6 September

9.30 am Bible Class
The Parable of the Good Samaritan by Shawn Li

11.00 am Worship
Holy God, Holy People, Holy Space by Lee Hock

Wed Online Bible Class 9 September

7.30 pm
The Book of Psalms
Teacher: Lim Cher Yam

Zoom Prayer Warriors

8.00 pm
Every 2nd & 4th Tue
Lim Lian Chye

Gladiolus Place

Devotions 7.30 pm
Every 2nd & 4th Mon



Use this QR code to access Online Worship



In-person Congregational Worship Service continues today. (Up to 50 members). Members who intend to worship in the church premises on Sunday are to register and submit the online form on PPCOC website each week. May also use the QR code on Page 4 FOCUS Newsletter.

YOU can join us in worship by going to www.ppcoc.org and click on our Online Worship under Resources tab or Quick Links. You can also check the Donate tab on how to make bank transfers to the church for tithes and offerings.

Church Rebuilding Update

Since the last update in June 20, the Building and Relocation Committees have been working hard. While the pandemic has resulted in the project being delayed, it is also a blessing in disguise. Had we started work in 2019 or earlier this year, we would likely be stuck in the middle of reconstruction or having to deal with issues such as extending rental for the temporary location. God's timing for us is truly something we continue to be amazed and to put our trust in.

Building Plans

In the past few months, the committee has been hard at work preparing the plans to be submitted to URA. Initial submission to the URA required some minor changes to the plans. This was done and we are now waiting for final approval (i.e. written permission) from them before moving to the next phase which is the tender phase. Due to the uncertainty in the construction sector, this phase may be extended, and we can expect some delay to the reconstruction phase. Some pictures of the external facade of the new building based on the submission to URA are shown here. More details on the design concept and its meaning will be revealed later.



Relocation Plans

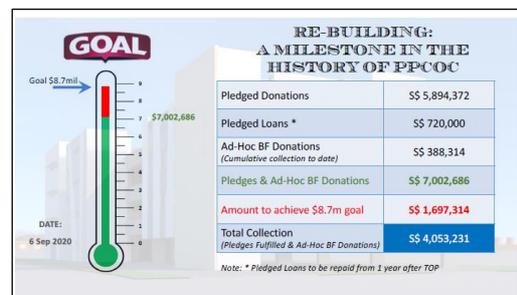
Due to the uncertainty and changing restrictions imposed by the authorities, the leaders decided not to proceed with the rental of the temporary premises and will decide later when things are more certain on whether to proceed with any rental. This will have to take into consideration the limitations on the number of people allowed, the safe management plan which will also limit the numbers depending on the size of the rental unit and other factors.

Pledge and Building Fund Plans

Despite the impact to the economy brought about by the pandemic, it is heartening to note that members who have started on their pledges continue to fulfill them. We are also encouraged by others who gave ad-hoc to the building fund. For the amount that was already in the fund, besides paying for some of the rebuilding related expenses, the leaders have put them in short-term fixed deposits, and these have reaped interest in excess of \$61,000.

Members may hold off fulfilling their pledges since the reconstruction phase is delayed but once that is started, we urge members to fulfill them so that payments can be made promptly.

The Building Fund crossed another milestone this week when it passed the \$7m mark - \$7,002,686 in total pledges, loans & ad-hoc giving with \$4,053,231 already collected. Our God is a great provider and PP members continue to be generous and sacrificial in their giving towards the rebuilding project.



October 3rd (8-10pm) Online Disciple-makers' Conference: *The Power of Coffee Time – Investing in A Few*



Conference Agenda:

1. Main-platform Message
2. Youth Breakout Room
3. Young Working Ladies' Breakout Room
4. Young Working Men's Breakout Room
5. Older Women's Breakout Room
6. Older Men's Breakout Room
7. Two Mandarin Breakout Rooms

Mission Reflection Sunday & PPCOC Anniversary

The Church is putting together a book of reflections for PPCOC's Anniversary and Mission Sunday, which both fall in October. We'd like to give Church members an opportunity to reflect about their journey with PPCOC and to inspire others to practice missions. Members who are interested in submitting their reflections for Mission Sunday and PPCOC Anniversary 2020, please email Kay at kylalee95@hotmail.com

Prayer for God's favours to heal the sick

Lord God Almighty,
You alone are worthy of honor, glory, and praise.
With You, we can overcome every storm—including the global impact COVID-19 pandemic is having on our world.
Right now, we are asking You Lord to:
Heal those who are sick and protect those who are not.
Give our leaders extra wisdom as they navigate this pandemic and economic uncertainty.
Strengthen Your global Church. Reveal to us how we can partner together to reach the needs of those around us.
Calm our fears. Fill us with Your hope, joy, and peace as we continue to trust in You.
Use this pandemic to pave the way for spiritual renewal for your people. We want Your glory, power, and healing to be on display.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Nuggets for our Souls

by Lee Hock

Today, I'll be sharing from Exodus 25-30: despite the Holiness of God, He desires to dwell among His people. The Tabernacle was God's design, a spiritual process to dwell not just physically but spiritually deep within the minds & hearts as we willingly worship Him.



Most humans struggle with Jehovah's invitation to be transformed spiritually from the inside out because of spiritual blindness, rebellion, stubbornness, pride & the deceitfulness of the pleasures of sin. For those who submit, the process is difficult, but the end results are glorious! We'll explore God's specifications for the Tabernacle construction & be convinced that differing from the 'pattern of God' is not a good idea. Read for yourself Exodus 25-30 and you will know how to please God & be blessed by the reading.

SUNDAY GIVING



30 August - \$11,048

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Church of Christ Pasir Panjang Sunday Worship Attendance

Please read and follow the instructions carefully. Failure to do so may make your registration void. Do this only once. Thank you for your cooperation.

Submission is open from Monday and the Cut-off date/time for submission will be Friday, 12 noon for the coming Sunday Worship Service.



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