



CHURCH of CHRIST
— PASIR PANJANG —



19 April 2020

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

Worship Theme:

To Be Empowered by God the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit
Today's scripture texts: Act 2:14a, 22-32; John 20:19-29; Psalm 16

Peter proclaimed to the Israelite crowds, "And of that all of us are witnesses. (Acts 2:32). What did Peter and the people from the Upper Room have in common? They were from varied backgrounds and occupations, from different places on the socioeconomic ladder. What glue held them together and turned them into a mighty force for righteousness? I would like to suggest that they were gathered by the Wind (the WIND of the Holy Spirit that blew on the day of Pentecost). Their common belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ combined with a shared transcendent experience of wind and fire helped them become a group defined by their beliefs and their experiences. Standing in the courtyard with Peter, they could all give voice to the same testimony: Jesus is alive! What implications are there for the twenty-first-century church?

In everyday life, we experience daily "little deaths" – job losses, sickness, broken relationships, bereavements. This period has been a testing time for numerous people across the globe.

This Sunday all the scripture texts speak about Jesus' resurrection. Is resurrection just a "past" thing? Are you switched on by the assurance that comes from God's life in the Spirit? Put together, these readings give us a basis for confidence as we face the challenges – the 'little deaths' – of each day, and they invite us to experience Christ's resurrection life now, not just after we have died. So, resurrection is not just an amazing thing that happened long ago. It can be our lived experience every moment.

Do we welcome doubt and recognize that failure and brokenness are universal? What transformation could be experienced if we accepted people as they are during their pain and struggle? And when we've experienced the assurance that comes from God's life in this way, we discover that we cannot help but be agents of resurrection in every moment, every place and every relationship we may find ourselves.

EVENTS

Sunday Online Streaming Bible Class & Worship

19 Apr
9.30 am Bible Class
Parables of Jesus
Kuek Lee Hock

11.00 am Worship
Edwin Choy
Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Wednesday Online Streaming Bible Class

22 Apr
7.30 pm
Study on the book of Daniel
Lim Lian Chye

Zoom Prayer Warriors

Every 2nd & 4th Tue
Lim Lian Chye

5 Jul: Youth for Christ (Youth Day)

12 Jul GEMS Hour

25-29 Jul (Sat-Wed)
59th Asian Mission Forum
Chennai India
<http://amf2020.webflow.io/>



Use this QR code to access Live Stream Worship



CIRCUIT BREAKER TO MINIMISE FURTHER SPREAD OF COVID-19

These heightened safe distancing measures will be in place for four weeks (i.e. two incubation cycles) from 7 April 2020 until 4 May 2020 (inclusive).

YOU can join us in worship by going to www.ppcoc.org and click on our Live Stream 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.

What does SG Stay at Home mean to me?

I am not a retiree yet but hold a full-time job as a Kindergarten teacher. No thanks to the Covid 19 virus, our PM required all the preschools to be closed and we as teachers have to work from home from 8 April to 4 May.

Benefits of staying at home:

Quality quiet time – no more rushed and hurried quiet time especially when pressed for time in the mornings. A good one-month break to slow down and know God more deeply.

Watch the Live streaming 9.30 am bible class and 11 am worship on Sundays – prepare giving on Saturdays and make sure the Lord's supper is at hand to partake during Sunday worships. Ask God to help me focus during these times as it can be distracting at times.

Catch up with members especially my care team through WhatsApp. We will start monthly zoom meetings with effect from 18/4 and did a trial run on 9/4. It was supposed to be a 40 min meeting but God has blessed us with double the time. We started at 8 pm and we ended at about 9.45 pm.

Learn to cook simple meals – since eating out is a no-no and the queue at food courts/eating places is long. Not worth the trouble/time.

Catch up on work since we have a deadline to meet daily- plan and organise tasks to do daily.

Temperature taking 4 times - clock in through office chat group - it can be troublesome but on the bright side to know we are healthy.

Save on transport fares - no need to squeeze with the students and office workers in the mornings.

by Josephine Seow

An update on how members are doing at home since the start of the Covid 19 pandemic

How are you folks doing at home since the covid-19 pandemic started?

Phay Siew Hua

Initially life was as usual minus the group activities, gatherings and crowded places that I and other seniors go to. My normal routine of social activities are from 9 am to 12 noon Mondays to Fridays. We do exercises, craft work, attend health talks, etc. Now it is different. After quiet time with God each morning I do some sewing, cross stitch work, crocheting and telephoning a few old folks to check on their health conditions and updating them of the Covid 19 situation. Sometimes in the afternoons I do some meditation and have a "chit chat" with God. Then it is tea time, doing a bit of exercise followed by planning the dinner menu. After dinner, it's relaxation / tv time and off to bed.

God's speaks to me constantly, promising to take care of me daily. When I am anxious and frail, He calms me and gives me peace. God promises He is always there for me.

My prayer for all:

Dear Lord, I pray that You will help us be faithful always to You and confess that Jesus is our Lord. I pray that during this Covid -19 period, people in the world will surrender their lives to You and obey You. God please heal our land. Touch the hearts of our leaders. Be with our church leaders as they continue doing Thy will. May we keep strong trusting in your promises. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Joan Lee

I am still reporting to work everyday, not allowed to work from home due to the nature of job. Currently staying at a friend's house because my whole house is under major renovation. In view of Covid-19 virus, the renovation is banned by govt wef 9 April. I will still continue to stay at my friend's house.

Fred Yu and Family

After 2 weeks of working London hours in the office, I was finally told to work from home during the circuit breaker period.

I'm very thankful to the Lord that the family is now together at home from today onwards and in good spirits and health.

First day seems to be peaceful with kids having their own online lessons.

Thinking about it, it is very precious that we can have kids with us throughout the day for a whole month.

I pray that God can lead our family. Let us be filled with thankfulness and stay in good health.



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Ting Yen Peng and Family

Hi,

Thank you for checking in on us. We are all fine. Yen Peng is now home working. Yang Gin completed her SHN and is now home with us. Yang Lin is fine, busy working still.

We thank God for His mercy and grace, watching over us and keeping us safe and well.



The K C Chew Family

We aren't one of those people panic-buying rice and canned food -- instead, we're purchasing bread flour to bake bread at home. Every fortnight, the family indulges in an afternoon of yeast and measurements; one of us weighing ingredients, another rinsing equipment, and then finally banding together to knead a particularly stubborn lump of dough.

Another thing that we've embarked on happily ("too happily", sighs my mother) is computer-gaming. A simple search online for family-friendly multiplayer games has given rise to our new pastime: a first-person shooter game. Roars of victory and sighs of resignation after being shot at are now a nightly routine as the four members of the family sit themselves at the dining table with their screens flashing. Disclaimer: we only start after Hayley's homework. Another disclaimer: our parents still regulate gaming time.

Admittedly, staying at home can be boring. But if we try new things, whether it be in the kitchen or at the dining table, it can continue to bring color into our lives even after this health crisis.



Click the link below for Video on "Breadmaking" during the Circuit-Breaker

ppcoc.org/videos/breadmaking.mp4

Steven & Stella Sobak

Hi Beng Chuan, sorry for taking such a long time to reply you.

We are doing fine at home during this covid19 Circuit Breaker. I have been quite busy doing some back logs for the house as we cannot go anywhere and also the part time helper cannot come. During the past week Hannah my granddaughter still came over for a few days which I think she will not come so often now. On Sunday we tune in to the streaming worship for PPCOC and also to Bro Henry Kong's worship. Thanks for being able to tune in. We will try to keep busy during this time. Come to think of it we really enjoy the home worship.

Thanks for all the prayers and we will also keep on praying for all at PPCOC and the church. Take care and God Bless each and every one



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Family News & Concerns

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Pray for the well-being of all brothers & sisters and friends of PPCOC.

Congrats to Chen Yi & Eunice! Their first born baby boy, Hosanna was born on 14 April. Also congratulations to Beng Chuan & Woon Ching, Patrick & Judy for being proud grand parents of their 1st grandson.



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Manilyn Padu

Thank you for your concern Bro. By the grace and mercy of our Lord, I'm fine bro.

The past weeks has been so busy and so tiring here in our dormitory because we needed to move to other rooms. A lot of changes, new room, new room mates, new bed and so on as our company was trying to adhere to MOM guidelines to avoid spreading of the virus.

We were not allowed to walk around to other levels and mingle with other ward staff. As for my work, a lot of new routines were added for e.g. taking twice a day temperature for our 50 residents everyday, needing to wear mask the whole shift and we are not allowed to go out after work.

My prayers is that this pandemic will soon pass bro. I miss my family already, no more flights back home.

Please include us in your prayers bro. that my whole family will be safe and that one day we will serve again the Lord as a whole family again bro. Please relay my warmest regards to the whole family bro. keep safe and may God bless us with good health and sound mind.

Roy Tay

By the grace and mercy of our Father in Heaven, my family has been able to cope with the changes that have happened over the past few weeks. The most major of them all is when schools closed for both Joanne (P1) and Jaeden (K1) while both Yuepeng and I are working full time from home.

It has been challenging at times for both Yuepeng and I to be parents, try-to-be-teachers, play-date mates as well as full-time employees all at the same time and place. We are thankful that nothing has really pushed us to the edge, or even close. On the contrary, we have found much joy spending good, continuous time with our children. We have had so much laughter in the home over the silliest of things.

Yuepeng and I have also been able to see how our children manage their home-based learning, online classes, how Joanne enjoys the Simply Piano app, how Jaeden always comes to the electone to want to play too when someone else starts playing. We have also taken the opportunity to show Joanne and Jaeden what working from home is like, and how serious we take our work. Despite that, they have both pounced in on our work conference calls every now and then.

In the evenings, we take time to thank God for his blessings, to pray for comfort for those who have been affected by Covid-19 and for guidance, protection and rest for the medical workers who are doing all they can to help.

We are also very grateful for the bible class lessons that Joanne's teachers (P123 class) have put together. They are fantastic! Joanne, Jaeden and I huddle together for bible class to discuss the material every Sunday during bible class time. Yuepeng goes online at the same time to join a wonderful weekly small group discussion with other ladies from the church. The online streaming of worship has allowed us to continue worshipping God and to stay close to Him. My care team now uses Google Hangouts to "hangout". All glory and praise to our God!



Stephen Booker has joined hands with Then Cafe to distribute gift of love, i.e. cooked meals to our seniors and their family members. Thank you Stephen for your service of love! Stephen's wife, Kaylyn and their children had returned to USA. Stephen is alone at home.



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ACCOUNT NUMBERS

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