



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

Worship Theme:
Adoption & Inheritance
Rom 8:12-25; 1 John 2:9-10; Psalm 139:1-6

Romans' Teachings About the Spirit
Romans 2:29; 8:2-27

Benefits to those who are in Christ Jesus (see 8:1)

- They belong to God**
2:29; 8:9, 14-16
- They are set free from the law of sin and death**
8:2
- They live by the Spirit, not by the flesh**
8:4
- They desire what the Spirit desires**
8:5
- They enjoy life and peace**
8:6, 10, 13
- The Spirit lives in them**
8:11
- The Spirit intercedes for them**
8:26-27

**I AM BLESSED,
CHOSEN, ADOPTED,
ACCEPTED, REDEEMED,
AND FORGIVEN.**

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.
— Ephesians 1:11-12 —

This morning, we learn from Paul that if we follow our lower nature, we are enslaved and destined to death. However, when we are moved by God's Spirit, we become God's children and heirs with Christ.

Just like the psalmist, we can sing praise to God for He knows and loves us. God alone has the wisdom to perceive the heights and depths of life.

EVENTS

20 – 22 December 2020
Youth Camp
Contact John Lim for details & sign up via <https://bit.ly/3m6r3ss>

27 December 2020
Thanksgiving Service
Sunday

3 January 2021
Welcome New Members

9 January 2021
Focus Day

20 December
9.30 am Online Bible Class
The Vine & Branches – Cher Yam

11.00 am Live Stream
Worship
Adoption and Inheritance
– Romaine Jackson

23 December
7.30 pm Online Wed
The Lord is my Shepherd.
Psalm 23 – 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
Catherine / Lucy

TRACETOGETHER REQUIRED for SafeEntry check in and check out. Use of TraceTogether app or token mandatory by end Dec. In-person Congregational Worship Service continues today (up to 100 persons maximum). Members who intend to worship in the church premises on Sunday are to register and submit the online form on the PPCOC website each week. You may also use the QR code on back of this 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.



GEMS CELEBRATION
27 DECEMBER 2020
Online Viewing @ppcoc.org
Available from 8.00am

Watch the kids as they express their love
and gratitude to God in this special year!



Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

Our deepest condolences to sister Doreen Chew on the demise of her beloved mother, Ms Nancy Oon Beng Suan, who was called home on 10th Dec. The funeral service was held on 13th Dec. And condolences to sister Veronica Lim on the demise of her father-in-law on 16th Dec. The funeral is on 20th Dec. Pray for the bereaved families of Doreen Chew and Veronica Lim during this time of grief.

We rejoice with the angels in heaven over the baptism of Danzel Mariaraja on 6 December. Pray for Danzel to grow and increase his faith in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



We thank the KL COC for their contribution of S\$15,000 towards our church rebuilding project, which was received on 14 December. Praise the good Lord Almighty!

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Church worship is not the goal of our life here on earth. As important as church worship and personal praise are, they are only part of our goal.

We are here to glorify God with both our lips and our lives, and with our hearts and our hands. While the world we live in is caught in Satan's traps, God wants us to hear His call to us in our church and private worship, and respond by saying, "Here am I. Use me!"

Then He wants us to enter the world redemptively, making a difference in our "public worship" of ministry.



"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:

*his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*"
-Lamentations 3:22-23



Nuggets for our Souls

by Lee Hock

In good times, it is easy to forget our need for God, even though He is the one sustaining the very world we live in. We tend to become complacent in our relationship with God. Paul said, "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; & character, hope" (Rom 5:3-4). Also, in Lamentations, prophet Jeremiah told of God's correction of Israel. The pain is palpable: "He pierced my heart with arrows from his quiver" (Lam 3:13). Through it all, Jeremiah still trusted in God's faithfulness: "His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lam 3:22-23).

Father God, help us to trust You today, even when we cannot see the light of what You are doing for us. You are always faithful. In Christ name. Amen.

Note: The key reason for our hope is God's faithfulness.

SUNDAY GIVING

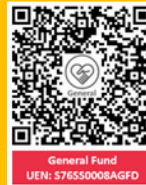


13 December
GF - \$8,394.80
MF YTD - \$103,466.51

WAYS TO GIVE

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2. Verify that it shows:
Church of Christ PPG,
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3. Indicate your name in the "Reference No." (optional)
4. Enter the amount you wish to contribute
5. Click next, verify the details and confirm.



General Fund
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Building Fund
UEN: S76SS0008ABFD

Church of Christ Pasir Panjang Sunday Worship Attendance

Starting today, a maximum of 100 persons is allowed for the In-person Congregational Worship Service every Sunday. Members who intend to worship in the church premises must register before Friday noon for successful balloting.

Registration is open from **Monday** and the cut-off date/time for submission is **Friday, 12 noon**, for the coming Sunday Worship Service.



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