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CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



25 July 2021

Restoring the Temple: Giving God the Glory

By John Lim

Livestream @ 11am
ppcoc.org/live-stream

As we complete this series on Giving, there has been a clear refrain that "Giving" is about more than what we do with our dollars and cents. It is about an attitude towards everything we have - time, money, energy, job description - that says "This belongs to God first." Such wholehearted giving is ultimately an act of worship.

Today, we encounter the story of King Hezekiah, one of the most faithful kings of Judah who chose to honour God first. He set the example and direction, commissioning the priests and Levites to do their God-given duty, and the people responded by giving sacrificially and abundantly.

What can you give God today that can become an act of worship?

COVID-19 Guidelines

We welcome up to 50 persons to attend in-person worship. If you would like to attend, please visit ppcoc.org and fill out the registration form. The form opens on Monday and closes on Friday, 12 noon. You will be notified if you are eligible to attend.

If you are unable to attend in-person, do join us by accessing the live-stream through our website. We look forward to worshipping with you!

Please contact Ministers Tan Beng Chuan and Patrick Ong should you have any enquiries (phone numbers on the last page).

Giving

Last week's contribution: **\$26,209.06**



General Fund
S76SS0008AGFD



Missions Fund
S76SS0008AMFD



Building Fund
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 28 July | Midweek Bible Study

Midweek Bible Class

"Consolation in Sufferings"

By Harry Wong

Livestream @ 7:30pm

Sunday, 1 August | Bible Classes

Adult Bible Class

"Faith With Passion"

The Book of Joshua

By Kelvin Koo

Livestream @ 8:00am



Youth Bible Class

"We Feed On The Produced"

12 Ways Your Smartphone Is

Changing You

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)



FFF Bible Class

"Learning and Teaching"

Growing Older In God's Family

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact Dorothy Tay (9363 1260)

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

David and Goliath

Zoom @ 10:00am

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)



GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"Jesus Anointed By Mary"

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact Eunice Chen (9176 1667)



GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"The Crafty Gibeonites"

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

Upcoming Events

27 July | Gladiolus Place Devotion

Sis Lucy Kwan organizes a bi-weekly devotional at Gladiolus Place, a home for at-risk teenage girls. Please contact her if you are searching for a place of ministry, whether to join their sessions, share a devotional message, or you simply want to befriend and mentor them.



The group meets via Zoom at 7:30pm.

29 July | Online Prayer Warriors

Join us on Zoom for our monthly Prayer Warrior gathering! This month, our prayer focus is our beloved Filipino & Friends Fellowship (FFF), an active and dynamic ministry catering to foreign domestic workers and many others.



If you would like the prayers of the Church over anything, please contact bro. Lian Chye (9159 4697) or sis. Catherine Leow (9270 1717).

Upcoming Events



31 July | AMF Classes

Asian Mission Forum 2021 (AMF) will be held from 31 July to 1 August as a two-day virtual conference via Zoom.

Sign up for this FREE event at <https://bit.ly/3d1nukH>



1 August | AMF Worship

On Sunday, AMF will be embarking on something massive and exciting: an international Sunday worship service.

At 11am Singapore time (UTC+8), worship leaders from Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, India, New Zealand, and the United States will lead our global community in worship via Zoom.

What You Need To Know:

Our Sunday schedule remains unchanged. We will continue to hold in-person worship and live-stream via our church website. The only difference will be that there will not be worship leaders physically standing on stage.

The sermon will take the form of a dialogue between two missionaries. It may feel less formal than usual, but you will be in for a treat as we talk about the Kingdom of God.

For those of us live-streaming on our personal devices, try and see if you can invite two guests into your home to worship with you. That way, you'll get to experience a glimpse of the greater fellowship going on throughout the world.



Rebuilding Progress: Tender Calling

On Friday, 16 July, the Church put out a call for tender in the Straits Times, inviting the public to take part in the rebuilding project.

In addition to the main building, the Church is now also calling for sub-contractors for ACMV, electrical, and fire protection purposes.

We also invite members of the Church and your contacts to participate in the tender process if you are interested.

For more information on both the main building and nominated sub-contract work, please visit our “Rebuilding Project” tab on our website (ppcoc.org/public-tender).



Condolences to the Family of Irene Cheang

On 15 July, sister Irene Cheang's brother, Steve Leong, passed away. The funeral was held on Sunday, 18 July. The Church extends condolences and prayers on the family's behalf during this time of grief and mourning.

Family News



Celebrating Baby Asher Wang Zheng Rui

We celebrate with Magdalene and Wang Wei on the birth of their first child, Asher, on 21 July 2021 at 2:30am, popping in at 3.33 kilos. Both mother and son are doing well.

Praise God for this gift of new life! We pray that Asher may grow in stature and favour with God and man, and be filled with the Spirit of God all the days of his life!



Youth Huddle

Just before Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) Restrictions came into effect, the Youth Group managed to meet for a time of food, fellowship, games, and a "Singspiration" worship. A huge thank you to our hosts (Peng Liam and Catherine Leow, Yong Chean and Joanne Foo, and Molly Ponnusamy) for welcoming the youth into your homes!



A Minister's Musings

Faithfulness In Frustration | By John Lim



First it was an unsuspecting boy, barely a teenager, suddenly felled by an axe stroke from another boy, barely of legal age. Less than a day later, the government enforced rules that restricted movement and social activities. Again.

It felt like we're living in some dystopian teenage fiction novel. I wish as hard as I can to wake from this garish nightmare, from the shockwaves that have rippled through our nation's consciousness and shaken us to the core.

This has to be fake news, I tell myself, things aren't supposed to be this way. We were supposed to be headed towards wholeness and recovery and the life we once knew. We weren't supposed to regress from it!

The next thing I know, I'm watching Angela Lim report the details on News 5 Tonight. Nightmares are terrifying, but it's scarier when they turn out to be real.

So what do we do now?

One option is to let frustration overwhelm us. The more we read the news to stay up-to-date, the more darkness creeps over our hearts. As we read about the River Valley High School incident, we realize anew that depression, suicidal thoughts and other mental conditions are more endemic than ever. As we read about the new

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Faithfulness In Frustration (cont.)

restrictions, we learn that livelihoods, especially in the volatile F&B sector, have to endure yet another round of disappointments and dashed hopes. Before long, those depressing thoughts have become our own.

Another option is to fall asleep. The world is just too broken to fix. There's nothing I can do to change the situation. Those of us who are lucky aren't directly impacted, so we say, "It's not my problem." And then we try to go about life as per normal, ordering GrabFood and scrolling through Shopee sales. We pretend that everything is all right in our own lives while a hurting world screams outside our windows.

Neither of those options seem satisfactory. That's because neither of them are Christian.

How then, as followers of Jesus Christ, do we live in response to the pain of our world? What are we supposed to do when our news feeds flood us with nothing but bad news of worsening brokenness?

Is there perhaps a *third* response—one that is neither consumed by frustration nor falls asleep to it?

I propose that it depends on what story we choose to live with. The story of Christianity says that we are children of light and heirs of everlasting hope. We've inherited a legacy that says the Creator of the Universe will one day recreate all things, mend every shattered life, heal every hurting heart, and restore all things to righteousness.

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Faithfulness In Frustration (cont.)

Our story says that God is *not* blind to a hurting world, nor is He deaf to the cries of the afflicted. Rather, God took on human flesh so that He could see with human eyes and hear with human ears. Jesus Christ stretched out human hands, cried human tears, and died a human death.

God doesn't get any closer to humanity than that.

To faithfully respond to the events of our day is to become like Jesus. He joined us in our death in order to bring about new life. What would it look like to join in the suffering of our nation, yet be driven by the hope of a brighter future?

Perhaps you feel moved to pray, whether it be a deep, intimate conversation with God in your own room, or calling up friends to cry out to God together.

Perhaps you know a friend who is directly affected by the incidents of this past week. And you have a phone, a computer, internet connection, and multiple channels through which you could contact them.

Perhaps you have a social media following that could use a ray of light in the middle of this darkness. Why not stop their scrolling by sharing a message of hope?

By the mercies of God, do not give in to frustration. Do not fall asleep to the pain. However you do it, choose faithfulness, and let us boldly offer a radical hope to our world that lasts beyond sickness and death, even to everlasting life.

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



<http://bit.ly/35FTEyp>

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