

FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



8 August 2021

Communion with God through the Eyes of Flawed People

Livestream @ 11am
ppcoc.org/live-stream

Communion is more than just the Lord's Supper—it is a glorious fellowship with God. Communion is the whole point of our existence. God has come to us in Jesus Christ and we respond to Him in love and reverence.

Today, brother Lee Hock will preach from the stories of Peter, Pilate and Judas. Each of these men experienced a flawed communion with Christ, which is really the story of all of us.

But there is always hope. Jesus has initiated a new communion with humanity on His terms and His authority. We are all invited to participate anew in that glorious fellowship, symbolized in our weekly celebration of bread and wine.

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 our ministers should you have any enquiries (phone numbers on the last page).

Giving

Last week's contribution: **\$11,217.41**



General Fund
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Missions Fund
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Building Fund
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Upcoming Events



Wednesday, 11 August | Midweek Bible Study

Midweek Bible Class

"The Humility To Endure"

By Lim Cher Yam

Livestream @ 7:30pm



Sunday, 15 August | Bible Classes

Adult Bible Class

"Men of Faithfulness"

The Book of Joshua

By Johnston Seah

Livestream @ 8:00am



Youth Bible Class

"We Get Lonely"

12 Ways Your Smartphone Is

Changing You

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)



FFF Bible Class

"Finding New Opportunities"

Growing Older In God's Family

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact Dorothy Tay (9363 1260)

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"Solomon's Wisdom"

Zoom @ 10:00am

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)



GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"Second Cleansing of the Temple"

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact Eunice Chen (9176 1667)



GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"The Conquest of Canaan"

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



Myanmar Fundraising



From the Elders: Many of us are aware and concerned about the volatile situation in Myanmar. This was made worse with the recent surge in COVID cases.

The leaders have kept in close contact with our Myanmar mission partners and brethren. We are very much encouraged by their unwavering faith in God and commitment to His Kingdom work despite the unrest and COVID situation.

However, they face increasing hardship, mainly from the lack of food and medical supplies. Several have appealed for financial support to help them through this difficult period.

The leaders have decided to send an initial amount of S\$1000 and want to provide the opportunity for members to partner in this support for them.

If you would like to contribute to this financial support, please send your donations via Bank Transfer or PayNow to the PPCOC Missions Fund and indicate “Myanmar” in the remarks column (see page 2).

The cut-off date for sending your contributions is 22 August 2021. On behalf of our Myanmar brethren, we thank you for your support and ask that you continue to pray for them.



Ministry Opportunity: AV Team



The Church is looking to upgrade its audio-visual and live-stream set up. This is due to multiple factors, including the expiry of our current streaming service and the eventual Rebuilding.

As we acquire new equipment and software, **we are also looking for about a dozen members who might be interested in serving as our AV/Tech Team. This opportunity is open to men and women of all ages.**

This team will be responsible for handling our live-streams each week, including learning the technological set-up, running slides and mixing audio. The commitment will be relatively light, with each person serving about one Sunday per month. All members will also be given training before being released into service.

If you are interested, please contact Minister John Lim or Deacon Dennis Law (contacts on the last page). You can also “come and see” for a few sessions just to get a sense of what it is all about before deciding.

Family News

Young Adults Camp: 30-31 October

The Young Adults Camp, originally scheduled for 7-8 August, has been rescheduled for 30-31 October in light of Phase Two (Heightened Alert) restrictions.

Introducing Joena Eslaba

We want to welcome sister Joena to our church family! Joena comes to us from La Trinidad, Philippines. After worshipping with us for the last six months, she has decided to place membership with the church. We're so glad you're here, Joena!



Keith Tang Enlists

This Thursday, 12 August, brother Keith Tang will begin his two-year National Service and go from civilian to soldier and "Ah Boy to Man". May God clothe him with strength, resilience and faith as he begins this new phase of life.



Condolences to Moon

The Church grieves with Moon over the loss of her grandmother. Moon is one of our most regular attendees at our in-person Sunday worship. May the Father of Mercies and God of all Comfort, draw near to this family at this time of loss.

A Minister's Musings



For King And Country: How To Celebrate National Day

By John Lim



It's that time of the year again. Shopping malls and HDB estates fly banners of red and white. Restaurants and e-commerce platforms everywhere are promoting special offers and discounts tied to the magic number '56'.

National Day is a time to remember our history and roots. In various ways, we retell the Singapore Story of how a fishing village transformed, against all odds, into a metropolis through the grit, determination and unity of people from different lands.

In particular, this National Day is a unique celebration of hope. It celebrates that there is still some good in this world, even in the middle of the pandemic. It affirms the resilience of the Singapore spirit where people from every background play their part to keep the nation going.

And here we are, a Christian community that believes we are citizens of a different country. We confess that our ultimate allegiance belongs to Jesus the Messiah rather than any human state or institution.

How then should we engage with National Day festivities as disciples of Jesus?

A Minister's Musings

For King And Country: How To Celebrate National Day (cont.)

We could dismiss it as secular or even pagan and stay away from the celebrations completely.

Alternatively, we could quietly go along with it, singing “Home” and watching the parade without ever connecting our national identity with our faith.

Neither of those seem like good options.

But what if there was a third way? Could we celebrate National Day in a way that makes us more aware about God and our faith?

For example, hope is one of the great triad of Christian virtues - faith, hope and love (1 Cor 13). As Singapore affirms its hope that we will move beyond the pandemic into a brighter future, we Christians might learn to look even further: a world beyond all sickness and strife, a kingdom where we live in eternal, perfect communion with our One True King.

Or what about celebrating “the human spirit”? While that phrase may sound arrogant or humanistic, Genesis does tell us of how God created us humans to be amazing creatures, the crowning glory of all creation. We do indeed have amazing capabilities because we are created in the very image of God, and that is certainly worth celebrating.

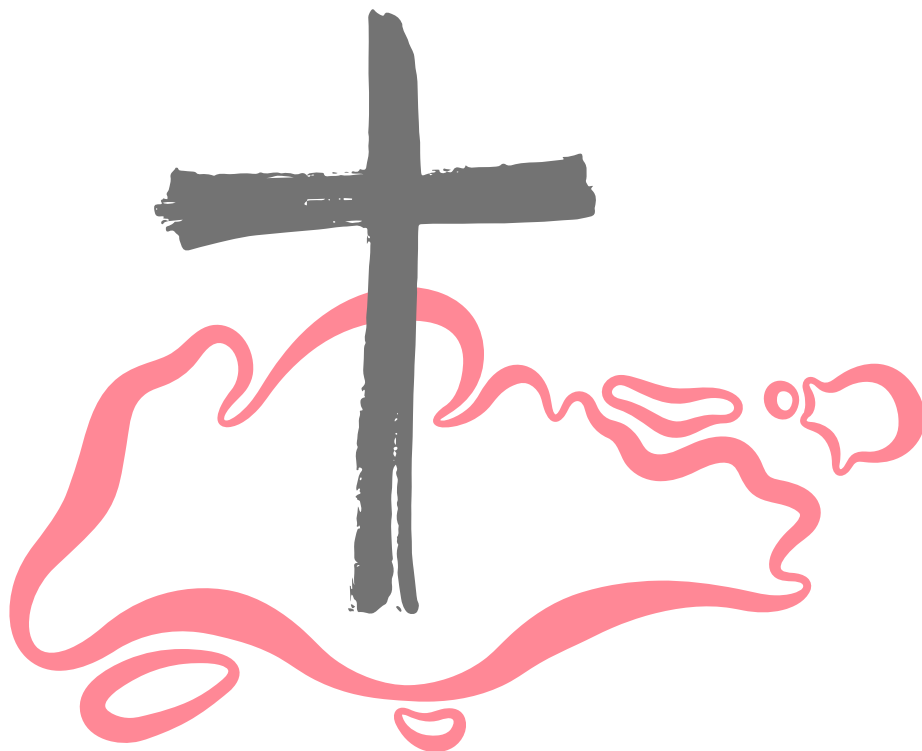
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For King And Country: How To Celebrate National Day (cont.)

Our secular state knows how to celebrate these gifts of God, even if it does not yet recognize the Giver. How much more should we be inspired to celebrate them, since we do know the Giver!

As Christians living in Singapore, let us celebrate Christ wherever He is present in our land. Let us join wholeheartedly in the National Day celebrations - not because our allegiance belongs here, but because it is God's gift to us.

And by God's grace, these virtues that we celebrate as a nation may just be the bridges that would enable the gospel to reach our communities.



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