

# FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



**Romaine Jackson | 6 November 2022**

In Taylor Swift's recent record-breaking album, her chart-topping song "Anti-Hero" is a song of "violent confession". It is the gut-wrenching cry of those who look at their broken world and realise in horror that they were responsible for the mess they made. It is a song of self-accusation that exposes the ugliness in all of us, and there is much truth in that - but it's not the whole truth.

Scripture tells its own story about who we are. God says that we are His royal priesthood, a people redeemed into holiness and commissioned to bless the world through the gospel of Jesus. Yes, we were once wretched and without hope. Yes, we humans are responsible for the brokenness in the world. But we have been given a new story and identity and mission.

Swift and much of popular culture are slowly recognising that something is wrong with us, but only the biblical story brings hope that carries us past our brokenness.

# Sunday Morning Worship

## Order of Worship

Opening

You're Worthy Of My Praise

No Other Gods

Scripture: Psalm 98

Prayer

Come to the Table

As Bread That Is Broken

Communion

Giving

Here I Am To Worship

Scripture: Hebrews 4:16-5:1

Sermon

Humble Thyself

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Doxology & Amen

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$11,895**



General Fund  
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Missions Fund  
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Building Fund  
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If you plan to make a contribution via cheque, please make sure it is made payable to "**Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang, Singapore**". Please ensure that you write the full name so that the cheque can be processed smoothly.

# Upcoming Events



**6 Nov | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

"The Murder of Stephen"

Acts 6:8-7:60

By KC Cheang

## **GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)**

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

## **Youth Bible Class**

"Doctrine of The Holy Spirit 1"

*Christian Cornerstones*

By Kenneth Kuek

## **GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)**

"Jesus Goes Back To Heaven"

*Matthew 28:16-20*

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

## **GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)**

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

## **GEMS Bible Class (P123)**

"Jericho Is Destroyed"

*Joshua 6:1-27*

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

## **GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)**

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

## **GEMS Bible Class (P456)**

"Absalom Murdered Amnon, Fled and Returned Home" (2 Samuel 13-14)

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



**9 Nov | 7:30pm**

## **Wednesday Bible Class**

"They Will Be Taught By God" (John 6:41-47)

# Family News



## Witnesses in "Judea and Samaria"

This week, our ministers are being witnesses for Jesus in "Judea and Samaria", so to speak! Kyle is in New Zealand for two weeks, teaching at the South Pacific Bible College and connecting with ministry partners, while John has been invited to preach at the Moulmein Church of Christ. The kingdom of God is bigger than we imagine, and we celebrate that God has opened these doors for them to participate in the kingdom!



## Baptism of Myrna Vergara

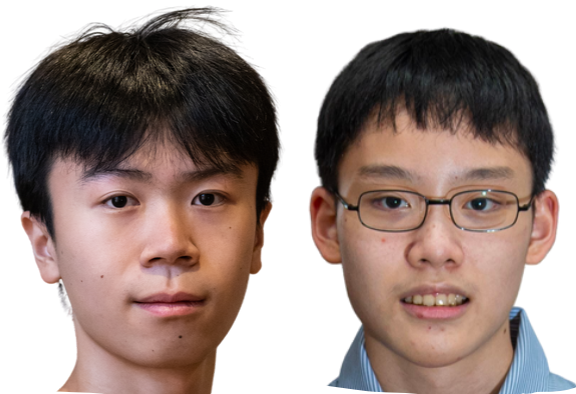


Myrna Vergara will be baptised into the Lord Jesus on Sunday afternoon (12:30pm) at the Moulmein Church of Christ. She got to know our FFF community through their BBQ celebrations and studied the gospel with sister Dorothy. We are excited to welcome Myrna into the PPCOC family!

If you would like to witness the baptism, minister Irvin Wan will be arranging transportation after our worship service. You may look for him at the AV booth once the service ends.



## PP Internship



We are delighted to announce the very first home-grown PPCOC internship! This internship is designed for young people from Sec 2 to university to have a glimpse into full-time ministry and intentionally spend time in personal spiritual formation. Interns will pray, eat, work and rest alongside the full-time ministers and explore ways in which their God-given talents can bless others.

We welcome Peter Guo and Cameron Lim as our first interns! They will be working primarily with the AV and Youth ministries, and we look forward to how God will work through them to bless the church. Peter begins on 8 November and Cameron begins later in December.



## Annual General Meeting



The church will hold its Annual General Meeting next Saturday, 12 November, in the Paradiso Room at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, level 3. All members of the church are to attend this meeting, and must fill and submit a proxy form if they are unable to do so.

Sunday, 6 Nov, is the LAST day for you to submit your proxy form. Forms will be provided at the table outside the worship hall.

Sunday, 6 Nov, is also the LAST day for you to submit questions or queries regarding the financial statements and budget. You may email questions to [johnstonseah@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonseah@gmail.com) and the Finance Team will take them into consideration.

Please note that financial questions raised during the AGM itself may not be addressed due to time constraints.



All AGM documents and financial statements may be accessed via this QR code.



## More Than Friends: We are brothers and sisters!

I have been a child of God since 1971, yet I must confess that there are a number of brothers and sisters that I know superficially. Am I the only one who feel this way?

One finding from the World Economic Forum indicated that “The more digital and high-tech the world becomes, the greater the need to feel the human touch, nurtured by close relationships and social connections. There are growing concerns that, as the fourth industrial revolution deepens our individual and collective relationships with technology, it may negatively affect our social skills and ability to empathise.”

A 2010 study by a research team at the University of Michigan also found a 40% decline in empathy today (compared with 20 or 30 years ago), with most of this decline coming after 2000 (Klaus Schwab, The Fourth Industrial Revolution).

Hi tech results in low-touch! The sad reality is that close relationships (hi-touch) should be the norm – a common experience in our congregation of fellow Christians - but often, for some members, this is not the reality.

We can base our relationships on the promise of Jesus: that He will be there where two or three gather in His Name (Matthew 18:20). It is also practical and easier for a small group of two or three to gather and find a common time to meet, compared to trying to get a large group together.

What do friends do when they get together?

- Love one another (John 13:34)
- Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)
- Build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
- Look to the interests of one another (Philippians 2:4)
- Encourage one another in love and good deeds (Heb 10:24)
- Show hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9)



Increasingly, there is a loud and constant cry for close relationships in a lonely world. Is the church modelling after how Jesus developed friendship with His disciples? Or are we as lonely as everyone else in this world?

## **Reflection: Do we do the following?**

Care and concern for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)

Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)

Be patient with one another (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)

Pray for one another (James 5:16)

Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)

## **Prayer for Spiritual Growth:**

Heavenly Father, we all belong to Your Church, and that makes us brothers and sisters and Your children. Help us to develop the two key relationships: first with You, and also with one another. Not superficially, but intricately bound by our love for one another.

Help us to be like Jesus. Send us brothers and sisters to encourage, admonish and support us to finish this race well. We eagerly await the promise of eternity to be with You forever. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



## Meet Our People

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