



# COVENANT

## EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

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Lord's Day 49

December 09, 2018

*Church Theme 2018*

**BE YE HOLY**

*1 Peter 1:13-16*

### Welcome to CERC

We are a Reformed Church that holds to the doctrines of the Reformation as they are expressed in the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism and the Canons of Dordt. We embrace the Reformed Faith with its emphasis on the absolute sovereignty of God over all people and events. This absolute sovereignty saves and preserves the people which He has chosen before the foundation of the world, through Jesus Christ. If you would like to know more about our beliefs, kindly contact any of our leaders:

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Elder Wee Gim Theng   | Deacon Cornelius Boon |
| Elder Chew Lap Meng   | Deacon Lee Meng Hsien |
| Elder Lee Kong Wee    | Deacon Paul Liu       |
| Elder Leong Fai Chong |                       |
| Elder Lim Seow Thong  |                       |

### Propriety in Worship

Worship is a sacred and holy experience. The people of God meet in public worship to seek God. Our focus in worship is to exalt God, to praise Him, and to listen to the preaching of His Holy Word. As such, the Bible expects all worshippers to:

Be punctual for worship service – Psalm 63:1  
 Be reverent in behavior – Exodus 3:5  
 Be sincere in worship – John 4:24  
 Be silent in worship when God speaks in the preaching – Habakkuk 2:20  
 Be active in praise and prayer – Psalm 66:1-2

### Verse of the Week

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you,  
 with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted,  
 forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.  
*(Ephesians 4: 31 - 32)*

### Today's Program

|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| 9:30AM  | Morning Worship Service   |
| 11:30AM | Free                      |
| 12:30PM | Lunch Fellowship          |
| 2:00PM  | Afternoon Worship Service |

### Upcoming Events

|              |           |         |                          |
|--------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|
| 11-13 Dec 18 | Tue-Thurs | -       | Vacation Bible School    |
| 19-22 Dec 18 | Wed-Sat   | -       | CK/CKS Camp              |
| 25 Dec 18    | Tue       | 10:30am | Christmas Gospel Meeting |
| 1 Jan 19     | Tue       | TBC     | Church Retreat           |
| 6 Jan 19     | Sun       | 9:30am  | Lord's Supper            |
| 10-13 Jun 19 | Mon-Thurs | -       | Church Camp              |

## Pastoral Voice

Dearly beloved saints of CERC,

*“O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.” Psalm 95: 1-3*

May we come this morning with joyful and grateful hearts to worship our great God, Who is the rock of our salvation, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

December is the busiest month for our Church. Many activities are being organized. We thank God for the Vacation Bible School (VBS) which is open to children between ages 5 to 12. A total of 8 children will be joining the VBS of whom 2 are relatives of our Church members. Do pray for the attendees and those who are involved in this work. The CK/CKS Camp is the highlight of the CK/CKS activities. Pray for the Lord’s blessings on the youths as they learn about “Contentment as Covenant Youths”. Do take the golden opportunity to invite your loved ones/friends to hear “The Wise Men’s Christmas” as we commemorate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Come 1st Jan 2019, we will be having our Church Retreat where Prof Cammenga will launch the new Church theme: “Keeping the Unity of the Spirit (Eph 4: 1 - 3)”.

Elder Leong and Deacon Lee will be making a trip to the Philippines from 15 Dec to 20 Dec 2018 to explore the possibility of having a sister church relationship with the Protestant Reformed Churches in the Philippines (PRCP). They have been mandated by the Session to: 1. Confirm the unity that we have; 2. Discuss CERC’s and PRCP’s current church relationships and plans (if any) in seeking church relationships with other churches; 3. Gain familiarity with each other; and 4. Discuss the process of establishing the sister church relationship.

The PRCP comprises 3 churches, namely Berean Protestant Reformed Church (BPRC) in, Antipolo, Rizal; the Protestant Reformed Church in Bulacan (PRCB) in Muzon, San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan; and the Maranatha Protestant Reformed Church (MPRC) in Valenzuela. The BPRC has Rev. Vernon Ibe as its pastor and has a membership of 28 families. The PRCB has Rev. John Flores as its pastor and has a membership of 19 families while MPRC is pastored by Rev. Leovino Trinidad and has a membership of 13 families. For your information, Rev Leovino Trinidad is the father of our brother Jun Trinidad.

Another congregation, the Provident Christian Church in Marikina City which is being mentored by Rev Daniel Holstege, has indicated its desire to be a member of PRCP. Presently, PRCP has adopted the Protestant Reformed Fellowship in Albuera, Leyte (IPRFA) as its first official Mission field. PRCP has also established a sister relationship with the PRCA recently and is currently working with PRCA in establishing a Protestant Reformed Seminary as well as a Christian school in Philippines.

Do pray for the labours of Elder Leong and Deacon Lee.

May God be pleased to grant us a blessed Lord’s Day.

Your Servants in Christ’s love,  
Session of CERC

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### Pastoral Visitation

|        |                          |                          |
|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jan 08 | Paul Goh & Family        | Elder Wee & Deacon Liu   |
| Jan 08 | Tan Wei Choo             | Elder Lim & Deacon Lee   |
| Jan 15 | Tang Yoon Chuan & Family | Elder Chew & Deacon Boon |
| Jan 22 | Jimmy Teo & Family       | Elder Leong & Elder Lee  |

### Classes

#### Catechism:

Classes resume in Mar 2019

#### Pre-Confession:

No Classes

## Announcements

### CKCKS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Dec 15 Free  
 Dec 22 Free (CKCKS Camp)  
 Dec 29 Free

**VBS 2018:** Theme: Are You A Christ-Like Giver? (Eph. 5:2)

Date: 11-13 December 2018 Venue: Church

Activities: Lessons, Games, and... Giving!

**CK/CKS CAMP 2018:** Theme: Contentment as Covenant Youth (1 Tim 6:6)

Date: 19-22 December 2018 Venue: CSC@loyang, garden bungalows

**CHRISTMAS GOSPEL MEETING:** Theme: The Wise Men's Christmas

Date: 25 Dec 18, Tuesday Time: 10.30am - 1pm

Speaker: Prof Ronald Cammenga

Lunch provided. Please Register your attendance

**BUDGET FOR FY2019/2020:** It's time to budget for the next financial year 2019/2020. The Finance Committee would like to urge all Chairman / subtreasurer of various ministries / committees to submit their budget by the first week of January 2019. Thank you.

**PUBLIC CONFESSION OF FAITH & ADULT BAPTISM:** The following brethren are presented to the congregation for approbation till 15 Dec 2018. The CoF and Baptism will be held on 16 Dec 2018, morning service.

Bro Chin Yuh Bin (CoF)            Sis Annie Chin (CoF)  
 Sis Nichelle Wong (CoF)        Sis Emily Chua (Baptism)  
 Bro Eric Quek (CoF)

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Lord willing, the sacrament of baptism will be administered on 16 Dec 2018, morning service, to:

Bro. Joezer Chin (Infant son of Mr & Mrs Chin Yuh Bin)

**NOTE FROM CEMC:** There are a number of old items that have been left in the church's office over the years since CERC moved in to this current premise, some are left there after an event / activity.

The items are left on the table at the church's side entrance. If any items belonged to you, please remove them within 2 weeks, after that anyone who wants them can take them away, otherwise they will be disposed. CEMC would like to urge all members to help maintain our church premises tidy and clean. Please DO NOT leave your personal belongings or unwanted items in church.

### Prayer Items

- Pray for the coming activities: Vacation Bible School (11-13 Dec)

| Collections | Nov 25     | Dec 02     |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| General     | \$6,932.20 | \$7,948.00 |
| Benevolent  | -          | \$1,211.70 |
| Student Aid | \$1,878.20 | -          |

### Bible Study Groups

**Bread of Life:** Eld. Lee's residence.

Study on Zechariah.

3<sup>rd</sup> Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Bro. Felix Chan

**Beulah:** Church.

Study on Romans.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Dn. Lee

**Gethsemane:** Church.

Study on 1 Peter.

3<sup>rd</sup> Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Bro. William Ow

**Shalom:** Robert & Grace residence.

Study on Genesis.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Bro. Robert Lee

**Ebenezer:** Enquire for venue/date.

Study on the Major Prophets.

Sat | Once monthly

I/C: Sis. Daisy Lim

**Glowing Candles:** Pastor's residence.

Study on The Fruit of the Spirit.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed | 10:30AM

I/C: Sis. Wan Teng

Assistant: Sis. Jee Fung

**Living Stones:** Enquire for venue/date.

Study on 1 Peter

Once monthly on weekday | 8PM

I/C: Bro. Jun Trinidad

I/C: Bro. Andrew Lau

Announcements for next week's bulletin should reach cercbulletin@yahoo.com by 2:00PM Friday.

### Translation

#### Today (Dec 09)

AM: Suet Wan / Lap Meng

PM: Andrew Lau / Jean

### Counting Offerings

AM: Boon Siok, Serene

PM: Wan Teng, Eunice

### Washing

Noelene, Phoebe, Joy, Nathaniel

#### Next Week (Dec 16)

AM: Suet Wan / William

PM: Angela / Lap Meng

AM: Kah Pik, Siew Chin

PM: Angela / Ah Moi

Joseph, Angela Ng, Zi En, Stanley

## Morning (9:30 AM)

Prelude  
Reading: Canons of Dordt  
(Head 3 & 4, Article 12)  
Call to Worship  
Votum <sup>1</sup>  
Opening Doxology <sup>2</sup>  
Song 1 – Psalter 408  
Reading of the Law  
Song 2 – Psalter 100  
Congregational Prayer  
Song 3 – Psalter 271  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon  
Offering (General)  
Offertory Song <sup>3</sup> & Prayer  
Song 4 – Psalter 83  
Benediction  
Doxology – Psalter 197

## Jesus and Zaccheus

Scripture Reading: Luke 19: 1 - 10  
Text: Luke 19: 1 - 10

- I. Zaccheus the Lost Sinner
- II. The Savior Who Seeks and Saves the Lost
- III. The Wonderful Change Which Salvation Accomplished in Him

Rev. Den Hartog

## Afternoon (2:00 PM)

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Votum <sup>1</sup>  
Opening Doxology <sup>2</sup>  
Song 1 – Psalter 349  
Congregational Prayer  
Song 2 – Psalter 261  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon  
Offering (Student Aid)  
Offertory Song <sup>3</sup> & Prayer  
Song 3 – Psalter 124  
Benediction  
Doxology – Psalter 197

## The Wonder Child, The Hope of Israel

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9  
Text: Isaiah 9: 6

- I. Who He is
- II. His Wonderful Names
- III. The Unending Increase of His Rule

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### <sup>1</sup> Votum

Our help is in the  
name of Jehovah,  
who has made the heaven and  
the earth.

### <sup>2</sup> Opening Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### <sup>3</sup> Offertory Song

O Lord accept our offering  
Receive and bless the gifts we bring  
To Thee as Prophet, Priest and King  
I yield my heart, my offering.