



COVENANT

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

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Lord's Day 2

January 14, 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 Chan Chee Seng
Elder Chew Lap Meng
Elder Lee Kong Wee
Elder Leong Fai Chong
Elder Lim Seow Thong

Deacon Cornelius Boon
Deacon Lee Meng Hsien
Deacon Tang Yoon Chuan

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

“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me?
hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.”
(Psalm 42: 5)

Today's Program

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

Upcoming Events

24 Feb	Sat	TBA	Chinese New Year Visitation
04 Mar	Sun	9:30 AM	Lord's Supper
30 Mar	Fri	TBA	Good Friday Gospel Meeting
31 Mar	Sat	TBA	Extra Congregation Meeting (Budget)
01 May	Tue	TBA	Sports Day
06 May	Sun	9:30 AM	Lord's Supper
12 Jun - 15 Jun	Tue - Fri	-	Church Camp

Pastoral Voice

Dearly beloved saints of CERC,

Here are several items for this pastoral voice. Firstly, Session met on 11 January for its first Session Meeting of 2018.

After devotions and the usual passing of previous meetings' minutes, Session assigned new members to the various committees and pastoral work to replace Rev Lanning. We certainly feel the additional burden but we know the Lord will give strength for the work He lays upon His servants. Do remember the office-bearers in your prayers.

To avoid over-burdening Rev den Hartog, Session has decided not to ask him to continue teaching the Church Order class during the adult CI slot on Sundays. Besides preaching for both services each Lord's Day, he would be taking the two secondary catechism classes on Saturdays, starting a new pre-confession class, and speaking for the church camp in June. When he's able, he would also help in our mission work & speak for other special meetings or events. We are very thankful that Rev den Hartog is so willing and eager to help CERC for an extended period when we are without our own minister. Nevertheless, we ought to bear in mind that he is retired from the active ministry and must not expect him to take on the full workload of a younger minister. For the month of January, the 1130am to 1230pm slot for adult CI would be left free. We encourage members to use that time well in fruitful fellowship, sermon discussions or bible studies. Session is planning the program for February and would inform the congregation again once the details are ready. From March to May, the usual Men's & Ladies' fellowship meetings and FSM programs would resume.

Rev Singh joined the meeting via Skype and provided his monthly report of the work in Kolkata. Again, we thank God for his diligent labours in the mission field and the good progress of the work. We continue to work towards instituting the fellowship as an organised church in May 2018, God willing. Do remember one of the brothers there in prayer as he suffered a fall on New Year's Eve and had sustained a serious head injury. He has received treatment and is currently recovering at home.

Arising from a feedback from a member, Session has taken a decision to replace the multiple versions of the Psalter with the latest version printed by the PRCA so that the entire congregation can use the same version for worship on Sunday. This would avoid confusion and inconvenience especially when referencing the creeds and various liturgical forms at the back of the psalter. We can look forward to the latest psalter versions in the coming months.

The Session also approved a new bulletin format. The order of worship, sermon outlines and songs are all found on the back page to facilitate easier reference. We thank Bro Daniel Tang who willingly helped in the re-design.

Session would next meet on 1 February 2018, God willing.

Next, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to our brother Dave Noorman for leading us in worship and bringing us the Word of God over the past three Lord's Days. We thank God for the fellowship we can enjoy with him and his wife Carisa over the past few weeks. We pray the Lord will show Dave His will clearly as he considers the present call before him. As we bid them farewell, we pray the Lord's richest blessings upon them & that He will warm their hearts with fond memories of their trip here even as they return home to freezing temperatures.

Finally, Rev Lanning would be coming back to conduct the wedding of Bro Jia Chin & Sis Millie this coming Saturday & preach for us next Lord's Day. We thank God for setting up another covenant home in our midst. We pray for the couple that the Lord would use their marriage as a faithful reflection of Christ's love for His church as they walk down life's pathway together.

Your servants in Christ's love,
Session of CERC

Pastoral Visitation

23 Jan	Paul Goh & Family	Elder Lim & Deacon Boon
30 Jan	Milton Lee	Elder Chew & Elder Chan
06 Feb	Koh Cheng Chye & Family	Elder Leong & Deacon Tang
13 Feb	Koh Zong Jie & Family	Elder Lim & Deacon Lee

Classes

Catechism:

P1 – P3: Classes will resume March 2018.

P4 – P6: Classes will resume March 2018.

S1 – S2: Classes will resume March 2018.

S3 – S4: Classes will resume March 2018.

Pre-Confession:

(To be Scheduled)

Announcements

COVENANT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY: Society members: The next Society Meeting will be held Jan 21, 2018 (Sun) at 3:30PM-5:00PM. The agenda has been distributed; please read it before the meeting. CERC members who are interested to join the Society, please approach Bro Seow Thong or Bro Daniel Tang. The congregation is also welcome to participate in the meeting as observers.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP: This week we are studying about Prayers from the book of Proverbs by Rev. Key.

FINAL CALL TO SUBMIT BUDGET: All Committees are reminded to submit their budget for Financial Year 2018/19 to the Treasurer via email - yctang65@gmail.com by TODAY.

DAVE NOORMAN AND CARISA: will be leaving Singapore on Tuesday, 16 Jan 2018 via UA 38 at 11AM from Terminal 2. They will be at the airport by 8.15AM.

REV ANDREW LANNING: will be arriving on Thursday, 18 Jan 2018 via Emirates Airline EK 352 at 8.25AM at Terminal 1.

CERC CHURCH CAMP 2018: Kindly take note of the updated camp details below. Campsite: Bayou Lagoon Park Resort (Melaka) Date: 12th June (Tuesday) to 15th June (Friday) Theme: Holiness: Not a condition but a necessity (1 Peter 1:16) Speaker: Rev Arie den Hartog

PRE-CONFESSION CLASS: Rev. Den Hartog will be conducting Pre-Confession class when he is in Singapore. For those who are interested to attend, please inform Deacon Boon. The timings for the class will be arranged at a later date.

CKCKS Activity Schedule

Jan 06: Outing	Feb 03: Workshop: Stewards of
Jan 13: Workshop: Stewards of Our Abilities & CK/CKS Opening	the Truth
Jan 20: Free (Jia Chin & Millie's Wedding)	Feb 10: CK/CKS BS
Jan 27: CK/CKS BS	Feb 17: Free
	Feb 24: Free (CNY Visitation)

Prayer Items

- Pray for the coming activities: CNY Visitation (24 Feb).

Collections	Dec 31	Jan 07
General	\$4,427.20	\$7,867.80
Benevolent	-	\$1459.95
Student Aid	\$4,192.60	-

Birthdays

Jan 16	Ishu Mahtani, Aaron Lim
Jan 17	Johann Trinidad
Jan 18	Dorcas Lee
Jan 21	Robert Lee, Paul Ong
Jan 22	Megan Lanning
Jan 23	Claudia Leong

Bible Study Groups

Bread of Life: Eld. Lee's residence. Study on Zechariah.

3rd Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Eld. Chan (9107 7077)

Beulah: Church.

Study on Galatians.

2nd & 4th Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Dn. Lee (9650 6495)

Gethsemane: Church.

Study on 1 Peter.

3rd Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Bro. William Ow (9622 1283)

Shalom: Robert & Grace residence.

Study on Revelation.

1st & 3rd Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Bro. Robert Lee (9765 8119)

Ebenezer: Enquire for venue and date.

Study on the Major Prophets.

Sat | Once monthly

I/C: Sis. Daisy Lim (9815 2591)

Glowing Candles: Ella's residence.

Study on Women of the Bible.

1st & 3rd Wed | 10:30AM

I/C: Sis. Wan Teng;

Assistant: Sis. Jee Fung (9190 8734)

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

Duties

	Today (14 Jan)	Next Week (21 Jan)
Translation	AM: Suet Wan / Lap Meng PM: Andrew Lau / Jean	AM: Suet Wan / William PM: Angela / Lap Meng
Counting Offerings	AM: Andrea & Michelle PM: Eunice & Ah Moi	AM: Yoke Mui & Boon Siok PM: Suet Yin & Foong Ngee
Washing	Elias, Natalie, Joseph, Celina	YangZhi, Cassia, Jonah, Zi En

Morning (9:30 AM)

Prelude
Reading: Canons of Dordt
(Head 1, Article 8)
Call to Worship
Votum ¹
Opening Doxology ²
Song 1 – Psalter 251
Reading of the Law
Song 2 – Psalter 312
Congregational Prayer
Song 3 – Psalter 333
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Offering
Offertory Song ³ & Prayer
Song 4 – Psalter 1
Benediction
Doxology – Psalter 197

Fruitful Hearing of the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-23 |
Text: Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

Dave Noorman

- I. The Parable's Principles
- II. The Negative Application
- III. The Positive Calling

Afternoon (2:00 PM)

Prelude
Call to Worship
Votum ¹
Opening Doxology ²
Song 1 – Psalter 115
Congregational Prayer
Song 2 – Psalter 83
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Offering
Offertory Song ³ & Prayer
Song 3 – Psalter 369
Benediction
Doxology – Psalter 197

The Communion of Saints

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4 | Text: Lord's Day 21, QA 55-56

Dave Noorman

- I. A Two-Fold Reality
- II. The Gracious Possibility
- III. Our Living Confession

¹ Votum

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

² 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.

³ 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.