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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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**LORD’S DAY 23 DECEMBER 2012**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### *Morning Service – 11am*

### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Isaiah 49:7-13

Psalms 36:7-10

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 36 – “High in the Heavens,  
Eternal God”

RHC 26 – “Come, Thou  
Fount”

*Opening Prayer \**

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

*Responsive Reading*

Psalms 147

Isaiah 52

*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 147 verses 1-7*  
(to the tune of Evan, RHC 342)

RHC 141 – “That Beautiful  
Name”

*Announcements &  
Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings &  
Doxology \**

RHC 142 – “Tell Me the Story of  
Jesus”

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*Scriptural Text*

Matthew 17:1-9

John 1:1-18

*Pastoral Prayer*

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*Sermon Message*

*This is My Beloved Son*

*Jesus, Full of Grace and Truth*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 63 – “Jesus, The Glories of  
Thy Face”

RHC 57 – “Jesus, the Very  
Thought of Thee”

*Benediction/3-Fold  
Amen \**

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*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

*May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour*

\* Congregation Stands

### **THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE**

The Lord is in His holy temple,  
The Lord is in His holy temple:  
Let all the earth keep silence,  
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -  
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

### **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, Amen.

### **THE LORD BLESS YOU**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

**Church Theme 2012 – “Have a Mind to Work” – Nehemiah 4:6**

# MY CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU

This Tuesday is Christmas Day; my family and I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Blessed Christmas!

We had lunch with friends in Chinatown on Friday and after the meal as we were walking out of the place our friends met a pastor. He greeted them "Merry Christmas." His wish for my friends is they have a merry Christmas. So I thought besides wishing you a God-blessed Christmas, I also have 3 other wishes for the church. I wish –

A. Each year as we celebrate Christmas, may your faith in God strengthened.

The prophet Isaiah prophesied the birth of Jesus some 700 years before it happened. (Isa 7:14) We know however that the promise concerning the coming of the Messiah was made long before Isaiah's prophecy. In Genesis 3:14 God cursed the serpent for deceiving Eve. In verse 15 God said to the serpent, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." The woman's seed is Christ the promised Messiah.

The promise of a woman's seed was made some 2000 years before Christ's birth. God is faithful; He remembers His promises to man and He will do them. There are about 6000 promises in the Scripture. This is a staggering figure. These promises cover every aspect of our lives – the provision of our needs, the protection from harm and danger and the perfecting of us through His work of grace so that we may be presented as chaste brides at the day of Jesus Christ.

Every Christmas reminds us of God's mercy and faithfulness. Our faith in God must grow with each Christmas. Is your faith growing or declining?

B. Each year as we celebrate Christmas, may your hope in God be strengthened.

Hope is defined as the joyful and confident expectation of God's promise, particularly His promise of eternal salvation. The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and said, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God." (Luke 1:30) When Joseph heard that Mary was with child he was perplexed. An angel said to him, "Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." (Matt 1:20) After the birth of Jesus, an angel appeared to the shepherds and said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." (Luke 2:10)

The private message to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds was the same – "Fear not." What is your fear today? Some one says, "Hope gives courage for the tomorrow." Thank God for the blessed hope we have in Jesus Christ.

C. Each year as we celebrate Christmas, may your love for God be strengthened.

The sublime message of Christmas is the love of God. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Christ came to reconcile men to God. Christmas is a time for reconciliation. Let the love of God and the grace of Jesus mend our broken relationships, heal all wounds and give us grace to forgive others even as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven us. May the Lord bless you this Christmas with abounding faith, hope and love for the Lord Jesus Christ and for each other! Paul has a special affinity to the church in Thessalonica. These are his words in the beginning of his epistles to the church – “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

We at each Christmas time thank God for you and we remember your work of faith, labour of love and patience of hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev Lim Chee Boon

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

| APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK  |                                 |                     | WELCOME   |
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| Wed 26 Dec   | No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study  |                     | We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.  |
| Fri 28 Dec   | No Young Adults Fellowship      |                     |   |
| Sat 29 Dec   | No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting |                     |   |
| Next Lord's Day  | Morning Service                 | Evening Service     | LORD'S DAY DUTIES   |
| <b>Preacher</b>  | Rev Lim Chee Boon               | Rev Lim Chee Boon   | <b><u>TODAY: 23/12/2012</u></b>   |
| <b>Message</b>   | Things to Remember              | The God Who Commits | <b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan<br><b>Organist:</b> Anthony<br><b>Pianist:</b> Anthony<br><b>Ushers:</b> Alan / John<br><b>Sunday School:</b> No Sunday School<br><b>Lunch:</b> Christmas Lunch<br><b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers<br><b>PA Crew:</b> Scott |
| <b>Text</b>  | 2 Peter 1:1-16                  | Jeremiah 31:31-40   |   |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS   |                                 |                     | <b><u>NEXT WEEK: 30/12/2012</u></b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Rev Lim will continue his study on the book of Matthew.</li> <li>• <b>Christmas Service (25/12 @ 10am):</b> Do invite your family and friends to join the service.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Tom, Nina, Helen, Elizabeth, Alan &amp; Abigail.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travel:</b> Sonia, Nana, Matthew, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Margaret, Rev Lim &amp; family, Joy &amp; Jasmine, Hannah, Justin, Yangfan, Sarah, Rachael.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta.</li> <li>• <b>Condolences:</b> to the relatives of Eld Jack Ford who passed away last Sunday. A funeral service will be held in January.</li> </ul> |                                 |                     | <b>Chairman:</b> Alan<br><b>Organist:</b> Anthony<br><b>Pianist:</b> Anthony<br><b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Yetta<br><b>Sunday School:</b> No Sunday School<br><b>Lunch:</b> Constance<br><b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers<br><b>PA Crew:</b> Scott           |
| <b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £703.00, Lunch: £49.00<br><b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 27 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 22 (A) 4 (C)   |                                 |                     |   |

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 49

**Q: Which is the Second Commandment?**

*A: The Second Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth, THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM, NOR SERVE THEM: for I the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

Comments:

The First Commandment tells us whom we are to worship. The Second tells us how we are to worship him. It tells us we must not think to represent God to our minds by any image visible or even conceivable, or that he will accept such worship at our hands. We must worship God, who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. We are here likewise told that God visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children; but this does not mean that the children have to bear the *guilt* of the fathers. It means only that bad fathers are punished by seeing the evils of their misconduct entailed upon their children, while good fathers are cheered and rewarded by the opposite.

## MEMORY VERSE

| Last Week  | This Week  | Next Week  |
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| “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”<br><b>2 Corinthians 12:10</b> | “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”<br><b>1 Corinthians 15:10</b> | “The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.”<br><b>Psalms 103:19</b> |