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

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### *Morning Service – 11am*

### *Afternoon Service – 3pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 34:1-3

Isaiah 26:3-4

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 217 – “*Rejoice – the Lord is King!*”

RHC 323 – “*Trust and Obey*”

*Opening Prayer \**

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 11

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 11 verses 1-7*  
(to the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 311 – “*Does Jesus Care?*”

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*Scriptural Text*

Revelation 3:7-13

Revelations 3:14-22

*Pastoral Prayer*

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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*Sermon Message*

*Christ’s Letter to the Church at Philadelphia*

*Christ’s Letter to the Church at Laodicea*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 328 – “*How Firm a Foundation*”

RHC 389 – “*Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

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\* 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.

# **TOO YOUNG TO BELIEVE?**

**Adapted from Life BPC Singapore Weekly, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**

The prince of preachers, Charles H. Spurgeon once wrote: *“The conversion of children is not expected in many of our churches and congregations. I mean, that they do not expect the children to be converted as children. The theory is that if we can impress youthful minds with principles which may in after years prove useful to them, we have done a great deal; but to convert children as children and regard them as being as much believers as their seniors, is regarded as absurd. To this supposed absurdity I cling with all my heart. I believe that of children is the kingdom of God, both on earth and in heaven.”*

If one were to glean from the history of eminent Christians, one would discover that some of them were saved when they were very young in age. The founder of the Moravians, Count Nikolaus von Zinzerdorf was saved at the age of 4; Richard Baxter, the Puritan preacher was converted when he was 6 years old; Jonathan Edwards, the great 18<sup>th</sup> Century preacher was saved at 7 years old, and Isaac Watts and Matthew Henry trusted in Christ at the ages of 9 and 10 respectively. Salvation belongs to the Lord (Jonah 2:9). Thus God saves a person irrespective of age.

## **Why Evangelize Children?**

### **1. They Need Salvation**

Children may appear like angels but in reality none of them are sinless. Romans 3:23 declares the universal truth that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” The word “all” encompasses all mankind—including children. Children are therefore like adults, desperately in need of the gospel of salvation. Without Christ, children, left to themselves, will choose evil and turn away from God. Children are therefore born with a sinful nature. The sin of Adam was imputed to all individuals (Romans 5:12). David acknowledged this fact when he wrote in Psalm 51:5, *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

Children are sinners under God’s condemnation. Therefore it is urgent that they hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Their eternal souls are at stake. A child can be saved. He is never too young to understand the gospel. God’s effectual calling will convince him of his sin and enlighten his mind to the knowledge of Christ. Jesus saw the children’s need of salvation. Only He can meet their need for salvation, and therefore He invited them to Himself for eternal salvation— *suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God* (Mark 10:14). Since Jesus saw the importance of reaching out to children, we must likewise see this importance of evangelizing the young.

## **2. They Have a Lifetime of Service for God**

Once a young child is won to the Lord, he has a lifetime of service for the Lord ahead of him. The Lord used Samuel the prophet mightily ever since he was a child (1 Sam 1:24) and he was tireless in judging Israel with integrity and blamelessness (1 Samuel 12:1-5). How much potential in the Lord's service lies ahead of every child who believes. After a gospel rally, an evangelist was asked by his wife how many people have accepted the Lord. His reply, "Three and a half." The wife thought it was three adults and one child. But the response was "No, it was three children and one adult. For the children have their whole lives before them, the adult only has a half a life left."

## **3. They are More Ready to Hear the Gospel**

Children are more easily reached than adults. Many adults are overwhelmed with their busy schedule. Coupled along with hardened hearts and self-centredness, this makes them difficult to reach unless the Holy Spirit by His grace regenerates their hearts. Children are easily taught, and their unprejudiced minds are more receptive to biblical truths. Having less social and personal restraints, they respond more easily. I like what a German pastor, R.C.H Lenski wrote about how children are so receptive to the things of God:

*As the flower in the garden stretches toward the light of the sun, so there is in the child a mysterious inclination toward the eternal light. Have you ever noticed this mysterious thing that, when you tell the smallest child about God, it never asks with strangeness and wonder, "What or who is God? I have never seen Him" – but listens with shining face to the words as though they were soft loving sounds from the land of home?*

*Or when you teach a child to fold its little hands in prayer, it does this as though it were a matter of course, as though there were opening for it that world of which it had been dreaming with longing and anticipation. Or tell them, these little ones, the stories of the Savior, show them the pictures with scenes and personages of the Bible [and] see how their pure eyes shine, how their little hearts beat. (R.C.H. Lenski, The Interpretation of St. Matthew's Gospel [Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1943], p. 743)*

## **The "Don'ts" of Reaching Children with the Gospel**

Do not role play the Holy Spirit. We may fall into the error of forcing a response from a child that pleases us and unwittingly usurp the role of the Holy Spirit's convicting work. Sometimes when we ask a child whether he believes in Jesus and he says No, we get edgy and force him to give an affirmative reply.

Do not create false issues. False issues include matters such as raising one's hand, kneeling, coming forward and any number of things that might be imposed upon a child arbitrarily. None of these are necessary for salvation, but we can unwittingly make these issues important in the mind of a child and precipitate some type of shallow response.

Do not fabricate a prayer. It is common for one to pray the sinner's prayer with the child but if the child is carefully instructed and the Holy Spirit has done His work then one would just need to tell the child that he needs to speak to Jesus to tell Him of his need and desire for salvation.

Do not tell the child he is saved—let the Word of God do that! When a child receives Christ as his Saviour, do not respond and say, “Now, you are saved!” We should point him to the Word of God and let God’s Word reaffirm his salvation. We can point him to Acts 16:31 or John 10:28.

Do not use tangible rewards in reaching out to a child. Many gifts like candies and stationeries are given to children who raise their hands to profess Christ. Linking salvation to tangible rewards is tantamount to sowing of the gospel seed on the wayside, stony or thorny ground (Matthew 13:19ff).

### **The “Dos” of Reaching Children with the Gospel**

The gospel should be presented to children in the light of the necessary work of the Spirit in conviction. However diligence is needed to ensure that the language in evangelism is simple and according to the child’s level. Theological or biblical words like *sin, repent, faith, grace, eternal life, died for our sins, and forgiveness* should not be taken for granted but explained plainly. The underlying motive and universal language which a child understands is love.

Do draw out the child by finding out how much he understands or misunderstands in regard to the gospel, and ascertain his readiness to receive Christ. Ask the child to explain the way of salvation. Keep to the essential issue of the child’s need for God’s forgiveness and saving grace.

Do use the Word of God. Open the Bible, look at it, read from it, have the child read a portion (if he is able), and in other obvious ways convey the fact that the message that was presented comes from the Word of God.

Do encourage the child to pray. Saving faith has its object in the Person of Jesus Christ. He is a living Saviour and the child needs to understand that salvation comes through Christ and not the parents or teacher.

### **Conclusion**

No child is too young to believe. May we give due diligence and the best of our abilities to bring the gospel to the children that God has entrusted to us, for when a child is won to Christ, he has a life ahead of him for the Master’s use. *And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children* (Isaiah 54:13).

- Rev Quek Keng Khwang

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 3.00 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
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>No Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b>	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.
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i> <i>Afternoon Service</i>	<b>LORD'S DAY DUTIES</b>
<i>Preacher</i>	Dr David Allen                      Dr David Allen	<p><b><u>TODAY: 09/06/2019</u></b></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i>            John</p> <p><i>Organist:</i>            Anthony</p> <p><i>Pianist:</i>              Anthony</p> <p><i>Ushers:</i>              Tom / Margaret</p> <p><i>Lunch:</i>                Tom</p> <p><i>Washing Up:</i>      Volunteers</p> <p><i>PA Crew:</i>            Venise / Jason</p> <p><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 16/06/2019</u></b></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i>            John</p> <p><i>Organist:</i>            Anthony</p> <p><i>Pianist:</i>              Venise</p> <p><i>Ushers:</i>              Daniel / Yetta</p> <p><i>Lunch:</i>                Maureen</p> <p><i>Washing Up:</i>      Volunteers</p> <p><i>PA Crew:</i>            Venise / Jason</p>
<i>Message</i>	TBC                                      TBC	
<i>Text</i>	TBC                                      TBC	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday School:</b> Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend.</li> <li>• <b>Church Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of Mr Mok Chee Cheong to become our resident minister.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for the forthcoming preachers:</b> June – Mr Marco Reale, Mr Charles Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen.</li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology 2019:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The theme this year is "<i>The True Dynamism of the Local Church</i>". Please see Jonathan or John for more information.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £618.25, Lunch: £30.20</p> <p><b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 28 (A) 3 (C), Afternoon: 14 (A) 3 (C)</p>		<p><b>Church Maintenance Fund</b></p> <p><b>Total: £4,910.50</b></p>
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 68		
<p><b>Q: What is required in the Sixth Commandment?</b></p> <p><i>A: The Sixth Commandment requireth all lawful endeavours to <u>preserve</u> our own life, and the life of others.</i></p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u></p> <p>Ephesians 5:29, Matthew 10:23, Mark 6:31, Psalm 82:3-4, Job 29:13, 1 Kings 18:4</p>		
MEMORY VERSE		
<p><b>Last Week</b></p> <p><i>"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."</i></p> <p><b>Colossians 3:13</b></p>	<p><b>This Week</b></p> <p><i>"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."</i></p> <p><b>Revelation 1:8</b></p>	<p><b>Next Week</b></p> <p><i>"No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."</i></p> <p><b>1 John 4:12</b></p>