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LORD’S DAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 23 – “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

Opening Prayer

John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 41

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 41:1-4, 13
(to the tune of Belmont, RHC 7)

Scriptural Text

Luke 12:1-34

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

Sermon Message

“The Man Christ called a Fool”

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 429 – “We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* *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.

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.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 100

Q: What doth the Preface of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?

A: The preface of the Lord’s Prayer – (which is, OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN) – teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence – as children to a father, able and ready to help us; - and that we should pray with and for others.

Comments:

Preface means *introduction* or *beginning*. And we here learn that the Preface of the Lord’s Prayer teaches us three things: 1. That we should draw near to God *reverently*, seeing he is in *heaven*; 2. That we should draw near *confidently*, seeing he is our *Father*, 3. That we should pray along with others, and for them, seeing he is *our* Father.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 6:9, Romans 8:15, Isaiah 64:9

Dear brethren, this week's article written by Rev Jack Sin is taken from Sovereign Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church's bulletin dated 15th February 2026. This is reproduced for our edification.

The Case for Sovereign Grace in the Chinese New Year

As we enter into the Chinese New Year, the oriental world is obsessed with the Chinese zodiac sign of the horse with predictions for the year from astrology (which is forbidden in the Bible in Isa 47:12&13). **But as a Christian, we are made in the image of God and sustained and supported by the grace of God revealed to us in His inspired Word that can impact our lives for Him.**

Here are at least **8 Ss** where we need the Sovereign Grace of God in 2026:

Saved by Grace.

Paul in Eph 2:8,9 says, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

We are all Saved by Grace Alone and not by works or our good behaviour. This is a foundational doctrinal concept of the 16th century Reformation teaching that salvation is not earned from our good works but a free gift from God as we are justified by faith and redeemed by grace, not something that we can achieve through a moral life or personal effort or good works at all.

Speaking with Grace.

We live in a world of multilevel of interpersonal communication, both personal and electronic and non-verbal means too. We are to learn to communicate with a blend of goodness and kindness, wisdom, that will encourage or exhort others.

We need to develop spiritual depth in our interpersonal social skills and learn to grow in grace in speech and share more from the heart than from the head with others.

Let us consciously craft our words and prayerfully choose to speak to one another with humility and kindness and encouragement, even during disagreements.

Avoid unedifying words, uncouth speech or false or half-truth statements and negative communication that do not build up or exhort one another.

Paul in Col 4:6 advises us to *“Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”*

This suggests that our conversation should be meaningful and glorifying to God. In the new year, we should "season" our conversation with spiritual salt to preserve sound morals and to render constructive conversation, rather than letting it degenerate into malicious gossip or unedifying negativity. Let us watch our lips in the new year.

Standing before God in Grace

On what basis do we as sinners stand before a thrice holy God? Based on Romans 5:1-10, as believers we have been brought from a state of divine wrath and punishment to a personal relationship with God as a loving Father because of what Christ has done for us on the cross. That is the basis of our standing before a just and holy God.

In these last days, the fact that we are able to stand before God in trying times despite the wiles of the evil one is because of the enabling grace and protection of the Holy Spirit and putting on our full armour of God too.

Staying Strong by Grace

Our ability to stay strong amid trial and testing involves a conscious relying on divine strength beyond one's own. It is the divine assistance of an omnipotent God with patience, and a focus on the Lord in this present world and the future world to come. It is the spiritual wisdom and understanding that while God gives the endurance to remain in it and we survive by His strength. That is the only way to make it through the year for without Christ we can do nothing.

Suffering with Grace

The Apostle Peter tells us in 1Pet 4:16, *“Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.”*

In an increasing hostile world to the Christian faith, there are many Pastors who are behind bars now in some countries for the crime of preaching the Gospel or conducting Christian services. The Christian is to be prepared to suffer for our faith in Christ If it is His will for us. This involves us transforming our trying experiences into God-given opportunities for spiritual growth, character development and developing a deeper empathy for others who may be suffering too, fixing our eyes on the Lord and the glory to be revealed. Rom 8:18 says, *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”* **Our victory in hard times is rooted in faith that involves surrendering to God in the situation with a humble and teachable heart to learn from the lesson of our trial and testing as from the Lord.**

Sustaining Marriage & the Family by Grace

Even Christians are facing mounting challenges in preserving a marriage and raising a godly family these days amid much worldly distractions. A strong personal relationship with God provides the spiritual strength and guidance needed to extend grace to your spouse and children and in-laws too.

Let 2026 be of one of regular prayer and family devotion with your spouse and family and praying together as a couple and with the children or grandchildren. Let us seek God's guidance in our decisions in marriage, strengthening your spiritual bond with Christ and your family too.

Grace-based marriage and parenting acknowledges that spouses and Christian parents are also redeemed sinners in need of grace, which hopefully will not lead to a harsh attitude toward the children. It transforms the Christian home into a caring and warm place where there is no bitter provoking, favouritism or hatred or anger but gentle and firm correction if needed and all would need to seek Christ and grow in the knowledge and fear of God, and each learning to recover from our pitfalls by the mercy of God.

Studying the Word with Grace

This applies to children who are still in school and to all of us too. One of the privileges and duties of the child of God is the joy to meditate and study the inspired and sufficient Word of God. We need to be diligent to approach to read and meditate on Scripture with a humble mindset that we are receiving God's Word with divine favour rather than a legalistic obligation. Let the inerrant Word transform the mind and heart through prayerful meditation. **This requires regular and disciplined feeding on the Word for spiritual nourishment and growth; to be still and know that He is truly Lord of our lives amidst an exacting schedule in the new year.**

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WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

We thank God for providing Mr Charles Scott-Pearson to minister to us today.

Next week, Dr David Allen will be ministering to us.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

Afternoon Bible Study – Mr Scott-Pearson will conduct the study entitled “The Man Christ forced to wait” taken from Luke 8:40-56.

Children's Sunday School – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

After-Service Fellowship / Chinese New Year Carry-In Lunch – Please join us for lunch after our morning worship service. Thanks to all who have contributed to the lunch.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

“Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Luke 12:32

Last Week

“And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.”

1 Kings 18:24

Serving God & Growing & Glowing through Grace

We are all called to be stewards of the manifold grace of God (1Cor 4:1,2). What can I do for Jesus in my church this year? Let the new year of 2026 be one that is of humble and faithful service in His church. Let us be rooted in faith and diligence for Christ and not in indolence and unbelief. Let us dare to rely on God's favour rather than our own efforts as we seek to do His Holy Will. **It is one of responsible stewardship and restful trust in His promises and not self-seeking, to grow and glow in divine wisdom, character and in the fear of God.**

Conclusion

The new year may bring with it much unseen challenges and we cannot do without sovereign grace and much prayer. Let us prayerfully go through this new year in the sovereign grace and strength of our Lord. Christian living by the grace of God is trusting in God's unmerited favour that saves, empowers and guides us in our daily demeanour. **It is living by faith and resting fully in what Christ has already done for us at the cross and moving forward in the mercy and grace of the Lord. That is the only way to live out the victorious Christian life in this CNY and always; there is no other way!**