

*lief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 1:13–14). Paul understood faith in Christ was given to him because of God’s grace in spite of his own sinful life (1 Corinthians 4:7).*

The Bible specifies the way, or the means, that God gives faith to people. “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). It is the Word of God that produces faith. Someone could receive faith while hearing a sermon teaching the gospel, someone else by reading about Jesus in the Bible—any time the true gospel of Jesus is communicated, there is potential for faith. This is why it’s of paramount importance for believers everywhere to be obedient to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16–20) and tell people what Christ has done for mankind. Faith is not the product of a preacher’s compelling presentation, his eloquence, or even his theological soundness—faith is given through the message about Jesus. This is the means God has chosen.*

It is good for anyone who wants faith to ask for it. God freely gives what is good to all who ask (Luke 11:9–12), and it’s good to ask for an increase of faith (Luke 17:5; Mark 9:24). Jesus prayed for Peter’s faith to be strengthened (Luke 22:32).

As with any gift from God, it is our responsibility to exercise the gift and not become complacent, lazy, or apathetic (Romans 12:1–2, 6–8). Christians can find comfort and peace of mind knowing their faith is from God, because He has said He will finish the good work He started (Philippians 1:6). God is the Author and the Perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:2a; Romans 8:29–30).

Yours humbly in Christ,  
Pastor David Weng



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## Where Does Faith Come From?

Where does faith come from? Faith is the instrument God uses to bring salvation to His people. God gives faith because of His grace and mercy, because He loves us (Ephesians 4,5). Faith does not produce from man’s inner desire or logging for God for none seeks after God (Romans 3:11). Faith comes from God in the form of a gift (Ephesians 2:8). A gift is not earned by some good deed or kind word, and it is not given because the giver expects a gift in return—under any of those conditions, a gift would not be a gift. The Bible emphasises that faith is a gift because God deserves all of the glory for our salvation. If the receiver of faith could do anything whatsoever to deserve or earn the gift, Paul says that person would have every right to boast (Ephesians 2:9) and all such boasting is excluded (Romans 3:27). God wants Christians to understand they have done nothing to earn faith, it’s only because of what Christ did on the cross that God gives anyone faith (Ephesians 2:5, 16).

By knowing our saving faith comes from God alone, it should encourage Christians to “*not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think,*” but remember God decides the measure of faith each one receives (Romans 12:3). The apostle Paul gives an example of the godly humility believers should have when they contemplate their own faith: “*13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbe-*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 主日崇拜程序

**Prelude**  
序乐

*The Lord is in His Holy Temple*  
主在圣殿中

**Call to Worship**  
宣召

**Pastor David Weng**  
翁志仁 牧师

**Opening Hymn**  
唱诗

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
美哉主耶稣

**Invocation/Gloria Patri**  
祷告/荣耀颂

**Responsive Reading**  
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**Philippians 4:1-13**  
**Pastor David Weng**  
腓力比书 4:1-13  
马益明 弟兄

**Tithes & Offerings**  
奉献

**Doxology & Offertory Prayer**  
三一颂和感恩祷告

**Scripture Reading**  
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**2 Peter 1:1-7**  
**Pastor David Weng**  
彼得后书 1:1-7  
沈政赢 弟兄

**Hymn**  
唱诗

*It is Well with My Soul*  
平安有时如宁静河

**Pastoral Prayer**  
牧祷

**Pastor David Weng**  
翁志仁 牧师

**Sermon**  
证道

*“Growing in Jesus”*  
在恩典中成长

Messenger: Pastor David Weng 讲员: 翁志仁 牧师  
Interpreter: Sister Michelle Yan 传译员: 闫晓蕾姐妹

**Closing Hymn**  
诗歌

*I am Resolved*  
坚决立志

**Benediction/Threefold Amen**  
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**Rev. Edward Paauwe**  
包爱华 牧师

**Silent Prayer & Postlude**  
默祷散会

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
愿主赐福看顾你

**Announcements**  
报告事项

**Theme for 2018: Rejoice in Hope (Romans 5:2)**  
**2018年的教会主题: 在盼望中喜乐(罗马书 5:2)**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Welcome to Providence Bible-Presbyterian Church! If you are a visitor here, please fill up the visitor's card so we can get in touch with you.
2. There is sermon reflection, Chinese Adult's Sunday School and Seeker's class after the service.
3. The Lord's supper will be postponed to the third Sunday of this month (18/11).
4. If you would like to know more about today's message or the Christian gospel, please feel free to approach Pastor David Weng.

### MEMORY VERSE

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:2,3)

### WCF SHORTER CATECHISM

#### Q. 99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; [1] but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer.[2]

[1] 1 John 5:14, [2] Matthew 6:9-13

### NEXT LORD'S DAY (11/11)

TITLE	RESPONSIVE READING/TEXT	MESSENGER
The Pilgrim in a Pagan World	Ephesians 2:1-22/1 Peter 2:11-17	Pastor Weng

### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS & NEXT LORD'S DAY (5 Nov – 11 Nov 2018)

DATE	MEETING/ACTIVITIES	TIME & VENUE
Wed 7 Nov	Prayer Meeting (Principles of Bible Interpretation)	7-8pm, 169 Brougham Dr, Valley View
Sun 11 Nov	Sunday Worship Service	2:00-3:20pm, Church
Sun 11 Nov	Children's Sunday School— Susan	2:30-3:30pm, Church
Sun 11 Nov	Chinese Adult's Sunday School—Shaun	3:30-4:30pm, Church
Sun 11 Nov	Sermon Reflection—Michael	3:30-4:15pm, Church
Sun 11 Nov	Seeker's Class —Pastor	3:30-4:15pm, Church

### LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS (21st October 2018)

Sunday Service Attendance	23	General Offerings	\$259.25
		Mission Fund	\$30.00
		Building Fund	Total: \$1520.00

### PRAYER ITEMS & SUPPLICATIONS

1. Thanksgiving: For God's providence, protection and provision in the past week.
2. Pray for forgiveness of sins, our personal walk with the Lord and grace to live a sanctified life.
3. Pray for the Australian government to rule our country with justice and equity and for God's guidance in the parliament.
4. Pray for God's protection upon Israel and the salvation of the Jews.
5. Pray for the escalating persecution of Chinese house church Christians across China.
6. Pray for missionaries around the world for protection, provision and for God's grace in the ministry and guidance: Brother Haiseng Lim and Evangelist Juniar and Helmi's ministry in Mentawai islands West Sumatra.
7. Pray for those who are involved in the ministry of Providence B-P Church in 2018: Pulpit, Scripture reading, sermon interpreting, music ministry, ushering, logistics & PA, Adult's/Children's Sunday School, Wed Prayer Meeting Family Fellowship, Ladies Fellowship, church bulletin and etc.
8. Pray for evangelistic work and outreach in and around Sefton Park.
9. Pray for the salvation of family members, loved ones and friends.
10. Pray for students studying/preparing for exams: Shaun Shen, Esther Lim & others.
11. Pray for God's guidance and provision to start Youth Fellowship.
12. Pray for God's guidance on John and Michelle's plans for the future.
13. Pray for those who are distressed over various issues in life and are discouraged for different reasons.
14. Pray for God's guidance for those who are looking for jobs.
15. Journey Mercies: Rev. & Mrs. Edward Paauwe (Singapore)
16. Health and healing: Rev. Edward Paauwe, David Paauwe, Michael Noble, & Bro. Kuan Pang Loh.

### 报告事项

1. 欢迎您前来本堂参加崇拜。如果您是第一次来参加敬拜，请填写新朋友联络卡，以便我们能与您联系。
2. 聚会后有信息的回思，慕道班与中文成人主日学。
3. 这个月的圣餐将会在第三个礼拜举行 (18/11)。
4. 若您想更了解今天的信息或基督徒的福音，请向牧师寻问。

### 金句背诵

2 凡事谦虚、温柔、忍耐，用爱心互相宽容，3 用和平彼此联络，竭力保守圣灵所赐合而为一的心。(以弗所书 4:2,3)

### 威斯敏斯要理问答

问99: 神赐什么准则指教我们怎样祷告?

答: 全部圣经都指教我们怎样祷告, [1] 但有基督教导门徒的主祷文, 特为我们祷告的准则。[2]

[1] 约一 5:14, [2] 太 6:9-13

### 下主日(2018年十一月十一日)

题目	启应经文/讲道经文	讲员
活在异教徒的世界中的圣徒	以弗所书 2:1-22/彼前 2:11-17	翁志仁 牧师

### 这周的聚会与下主日崇拜(2018年十一月五日至十一月十一日)

日期	聚会	时间与地点
星期三,十一月七日	祷告会(解经学概论)	晚间七点, 169 Brougham, Valley View
星期天,十一月十一日	主日崇拜	下午二点至三点二十分, 教堂
星期天,十一月十一日	儿童主日学—翁师母	下午二点半至三点三十分, 教堂
星期天,十一月十一日	中文成人主日学—政赢弟兄	下午三点三十分至四点三十分, 教堂
星期天,十一月十一日	英语信息回思—Michael N.	下午三点三十分至四十五分, 教堂
星期天,十一月十一日	慕道班—牧师	下午三点三十分至四点, 教堂

### 上主日聚会人数与奉献 (2018年十月二十一日)

主日崇拜人数	23	主日崇拜奉献	\$259.25
		宣教奉献	\$30.00
		建堂基金	总额: \$1520.00

### 代祷事项

1. 感谢事项: 神过去一周对我们的看顾, 保守及供应。
2. 求神赦免我们的过犯, 使我们与祂的关系密切与恩典来过着分别为圣的生活。
3. 为澳大利亚的官员能以公义来治国, 国会有神的带领祷告。
4. 为着色列国有神的保守及犹太人的救恩祷告。
5. 为着中国政府近期间针对家庭教会的逼迫祷告。
6. 为世界各地的宣教士祷告。求神保守, 供应他们一切的需要和在事工上有神的引导: 林海成传道、Juniar 和 Helmi 在西苏门达腊的福音工作祷告。
7. 为教会 2018 年的事工祷告: 讲台、讲道传译、读经、司琴、招待员、音响、成人/儿童主日学、祷告会, 家庭团契、姐妹团契和其它事工。
8. 为在 Sefton Park 和邻近地区的传福音工作祷告。
9. 为还未得救得家人, 亲戚与朋友祷告。
10. 为着以下就读的学生/准备考试祷告: 沈政赢弟兄与林慧婷姊妹与其他的学生。
11. 为青年团契的事工有神的带领祷告。
12. 为益明弟兄与晓蕾姐妹前面的计划有神的带领祷告。
13. 为着那些在生活上面面对挑战而需要鼓励的弟兄姐妹祷告。
14. 为在找工作的弟兄姐妹与朋友有神的带领来祷告。
15. 外旅平安与神的保守: 包爱华牧师与师母(新加坡)。
16. 身体健康与不适: 包爱华牧师, David Paauwe, Michael Noble 与罗宽邦弟兄。

**Growing in Grace (2 Peter 1:1-7)**

在恩典中成长 (彼后 1:1-7)

**I. Virtue—The application of faith to life.**

德行 - 活出信心的表现

**II. Knowledge--A growing knowledge of the Lord.**

知识 - 在主的知识上成长

**III. Temperance or Self-control---The discipline of life under the control of the Holy Spirit.**

节制 - 一个有记律又被圣灵控制的生命

**IV. Patience —The strength to keep going when difficulties come.**

忍耐 - 在困境中继续坚持的力量

**V. Godliness—An attitude of reverence toward God.**

虔敬 - 敬畏神的态度

**VI. Brotherly Kindness or Affection —a genuine affection for others in the family.**

爱弟兄的心 - 一个真正爱他人的心

**VII. Charity or Love - The ultimate sign of our growth.**

爱众人的心 - 信心成长终极的表现

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. Discuss each of the following and consider what it means to your Christian walk with God:
  - a) Virtue—*The application of faith to life.*
  - b) Knowledge--*A growing knowledge of the Lord.*
  - c) Temperance or Self-control---*The discipline of life under the control of the Holy Spirit.*
  - d) Patience —*The strength to keep going when difficulties come.*
  - e) Godliness—*An attitude of reverence toward God.*
  - f) Brotherly Kindness or Affection —*a genuine affection for others in the family.*
  - g) Charity or Love - *The ultimate sign of our growth.*