

God's grace alleviates our fear of loss of value and dignity. Our flesh and our culture demand that we find our value and dignity in our material wealth. But we are freed from this bondage and are now being conformed to the image of Christ. Once again, Jesus is our example. In His incarnation Jesus was "born in a low condition." In His life on earth He underwent "the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross" (WSC 27). Jesus voluntarily assumed a lower status. So, in following Him we do the same. We give that which we possess even when it requires that we assume a lower station in the eyes of the world (Phil. 2:6). We trade bigger cars, homes, and bank accounts for the work of God's kingdom. The riches we possess we give away as needed for the kingdom because Christ's goals have become our own — His gracious giving has become the pattern for our lives, and His everlasting inheritance has become our reward (1 Peter 1:4).

God's grace blesses our giving with righteousness. Christ calls us to see our giving in terms of "sowing" and "reaping" (2 Cor. 9:6). We are to view our money as "seed" entrusted to us from God. He intends a portion of this seed to be sown in the service of His kingdom to generate gracious spiritual fruit — a "harvest of your righteousness" (v. 10). We sow money at the grocery store to reap an immediate harvest of food. We sow money to provide for our children's needs. We sow money in investment accounts to reap (so we thought) future gains. Paul says that we are to sow money for the kingdom of God as well. And, just as in every other type of sowing, we will reap according to what we sow (v. 6). In contrast to so many of our other financial investments, our investments in God's kingdom always bear fruit. God grants a harvest of righteousness when we give. He conforms us to Christ, the ultimate giver. Our giving results in praise to God for those who receive the gift, either directly or through the ministry of another. This harvest of righteousness is part of an enduring righteousness (v. 9), which lasts forever. We have a cheerful satisfaction in knowing that our investment in God's kingdom will bear fruit according to His promise.

God's grace is able to meet our future needs. We fear that if we give to the kingdom of God we will jeopardize our future (or our children's future). We need not fear because God is sovereign. Paul reminds us that God is the one who supplies bread for food. He knows our need for daily sustenance. He will provide for us to have enough for our own needs and still have something to share with others (vv. 9–10). We need not fear the future. God's grace abounds to provide for us.

We are made in Christ to give. As Calvin says, "For as we are not born for ourselves merely, so a Christian man ought neither to live to himself, nor lay out what he has, merely for his own use." Start giving regularly and bountifully to the kingdom of God. When you give you will feel His pleasure, for "God loves a cheerful giver" (v. 7).

James L. Harvey, *God Loves a Cheerful Giver*, 2009, *tabletalk* magazine August 2009, <https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2009/08/god-loves-cheerful-giver/>



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God Loves a Cheerful Giver

I love the movie *Chariots of Fire*. Now over twenty-five years old, the movie remains a compelling testimony of God blessing the faithful use of our gifts and talents. The film chronicles the life of Eric Liddell, a Scottish missionary who was an Olympic-caliber sprinter. At one point in the movie Eric discusses his love of running with his sister Jennie. She is concerned that running is interfering with his call to the mission field. Juxtaposing his own sense of purpose to serve with his love of running, he says to Jennie: "I believe that God made me for a purpose, but He also made me fast, and when I run, I feel His pleasure." When we use the gifts God gives us for the purpose He intends, we do indeed feel His pleasure. Eric Liddell was made to run. We have been made—made new in Christ (2 Cor 5:17)—to give. When we use our money as God intends, giving a generous portion to His kingdom work regularly, we will feel God's pleasure because we are doing what we are made to do. When we feel pleasure in giving, we will be cheerful givers. Paul tells us that God loves a cheerful giver. The beauty of the gospel is that God supplies the grace to achieve in us the very thing that He loves. God provides grace to us that we might give cheerfully, feeling His pleasure.

God's grace abounds to us in every good work of giving (2 Cor. 9:8). Our Father's ultimate goal for us is that we be conformed to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:29). Jesus is the supreme example of a cheerful giver. So when Paul urges the Corinthian church to support their impoverished brothers and sisters in Jerusalem, he turns to Jesus' example: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

God loves a cheerful giver because those who feel pleasure in giving display the glorious grace of His Son. His grace abounds to us in giving because in the act of giving we are being moved toward the image of Christ. Every time we give to a kingdom work, we can know a joy and peace in entrusting ourselves to the grace of our Father and being moved by grace toward the image of His Son. We shall not trade this joy for all the riches in the world.

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

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
已负十架

Invocation/Gloria Patri
祷告/荣耀颂

Responsive Reading

Psalm 10
Michael Noble
诗篇 10
翁志仁 牧师

Tithes & Offerings
奉献

Doxology & Offertory Prayer
三一颂和感恩祷告

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1:12-2:5
Michael Noble
哈巴谷书 1:12-2:5
翁志仁 牧师

Hymn
唱诗

And Can it Be that I Should Gain
怎能如此

Pastoral Prayer
牧祷

Pastor David Weng
翁志仁 牧师

Sermon
证道

“Is God Fair?”
上帝公平吗?
Messenger: Pastor David Weng, Interpreter: Bach Zhao
讲员: 翁志仁 牧师, 传译: 赵一帆 弟兄

Closing Hymn
诗歌

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness
耶稣宝血赦罪功效

Benediction/Threofold Amen
祝祷/阿们颂

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 2020: Growing in Grace and Knowledge (2 Peter 3:18)
2020年的主题: 在恩典和知识上有长进 (彼得后书 3:18)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Welcome to Providence Bible-Presbyterian Church! If you are a visitor here, please fill in the visitor's card so we can get in touch with you! Please also stay behind for fellowship and refreshment.**
2. If you would like to know more about today's message or the Christian gospel, please feel free to approach Pastor Weng or Rev. Edward Paauwe.
3. There is Youth Bible Study and Catechism Class today.
4. There is no ladies' Fellowship this Tuesday.
5. There is a church picnic planned at 10:30am on Saturday, 7th March. All are welcome, especially if you are new to the church. Venue: Cobbler Creek Park.

MEMORY VERSE

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. (Psalm 116:5)

WCF SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 60: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; [1] and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, [2] except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy. [3]
 [1] Exodus 20:10; Nehemiah 13:15-22; Isaiah 58:13-14, [2] Exodus 20:8; Leviticus 23:3; Luke 4:16; Acts 20:7, [3] Matthew 12:1-13

NEXT LORD'S DAY (01/03/2020)

TITLE	RESPONSIVE READING/TEXT	MESSENGER
Trusting God No Matter What	Psalm 11-12/Habakkuk 3:16-19	Pastor David Weng

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS & NEXT LORD'S DAY (24 Feb 2020–01 Mar 2020)

DATE	MEETING/ACTIVITIES	TIME & VENUE
Tues 25 Feb	Ladies' Fellowship	Postponed
Wed 26 Feb	Prayer Meeting	7pm, 169 Brougham Dr, Valley View
Sun 01 Mar	Sunday Worship Service	3pm, Church
Sun 01 Mar	Children's Sunday School	3:30pm, Church
Sun 01 Mar	WCF Shorter Catechism Class	5pm, Church
Sun 01 Mar	Youth Bible Study	5pm, Church

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS (16th Feb 2020)

Sunday Service Attendance	28	General Offerings	\$315.00
		Mission Fund	\$40.00
		Direct Deposit	\$3500
		Building Fund	Total: \$1,630.30

PRAYER ITEMS & SUPPLICATIONS

1. Thanksgiving: For God's providence, protection and provision in the past week. Pray for forgiveness of sins, our personal walk with the Lord and growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. & Mrs. Edward Paauwe (Adelaide), Eld & Mrs. Elder George Foong (Singapore)
2. Pray for the Australian government to rule our country with justice and equity and for God's guidance in the parliament.
3. Pray for God's protection upon Israel and the salvation of the Jews.
4. Pray for the escalating persecution of Chinese house church Christians across China. Also pray for the persecuted Christians around the world.
5. Pray for Hong Kong's situation be resolved and for protection for Christians.
6. Pray for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in China and around the world, especially for recovery and developing its cure.
7. Pray for missionaries around the world for protection, provision and for God's grace in the ministry and guidance: Rev. Sun Sohka, Mrs. Nam Soon and family (Faith Church, Phnom Penh), Pastor Kimhak and family (Bak Deng Village, Phnom Penh), Evangelist Juniar and Helmi (Nusa Tenggara Timur), and Brother Haiseng Lim (Melbourne).
8. Pray for those who are involved in the ministry of Providence B-P Church this year: the Pulpit, Scripture reading, music ministry, ushering, logistics & PA, Children's Sunday School, Wed Prayer Meeting, Chinese Bible Study, Youth Bible Study, Ladies Fellowship, church bulletin, evangelism and etc.
9. Pray for evangelistic work and outreach in and around Sefton Park.
10. Pray for the Gospel Sunday on Sunday, 29th March. Speaker: Deacon Kevin Low.
11. Pray for students: Pray for Jamie Kellie (Uni), Jiawei, Bach Zhao & Evelyn Yeo (Foundation Year). Pray for primary and secondary students.
12. Pray for the salvation of family members, loved ones and friends.
13. Pray for those who are distressed over various issues in life and are discouraged for different reasons.
14. Health and healing: Rev. & Mrs. Edward Paauwe, David Paauwe, Michael Noble, Bro. Kuan Pang Loh (Singapore), Pastor Kimhak's father (Phnome Penh) & others.

报告事项

1. 欢迎您前来笃信圣经长老会怀恩堂参加崇拜！如果您是第一次来怀恩堂聚会，请您填写新朋友联络卡，以便我们好与你们联系！聚会后请留下来与一同团契与茶叙。
2. 若您想更了解今天的信息或基督徒的福音，请向翁牧师或包牧师寻问。
3. 今天有青年查经班和要理问答课程。
4. 这个礼拜二姐妹团契将暂停。
5. 本教会计划在上午十点半星期六三月七日有野餐。欢迎各位来参加特别是新来的朋友或弟兄姐妹。地点：Cobbler Creek Park.

金句背诵

耶和華有恩惠，有公義，我們的神以憐憫為懷。(詩篇 116:5)

威斯敏斯要理问答

问 60：怎样才是尊安息日为圣？

答：尊安息日为圣，乃是整日合乎圣洁地安息，甚至停止平日那些合乎上帝律法的属世职务和娱乐[1]；并用全部时间与众人一起或在家中敬拜上帝[2]，只有为着必须的工作和施行怜悯所占的时间才是例外[3]。

[1] 出埃及 20:10；尼希米记 13:15-22；以赛亚书 58:13-14, [2] 出埃及 20:8；利未记 23:3；路加福音 4:16；使徒行传 20:7, [3] 马太福音 12:1-13

下主日 (2020年 三月一日)

题目	启应经文/讲道经文	讲员
总要信靠神	诗篇 11-12/哈巴谷书 3:16-19	翁志仁牧师

这周的聚会与下主日崇拜(2020年 二月二十四日至三月一日)

日期	聚会	时间与地点
礼拜二, 二月二十五日	姐妹团契	暂停
礼拜三, 二月二十六日	祷告会	晚间七点, 169 Brougham Dr, Valley View
礼拜天, 三月一日	主日崇拜	下午三点, 教堂
礼拜天, 三月一日	儿童主日学	下午三点半, 教堂
礼拜天, 三月一日	威斯敏斯特小要理问答	下午五点, 教堂
礼拜天, 三月一日	青年查经班	下午五点, 教堂

上主日聚会人数与奉献 (2019年二月十六日)

主日崇拜人数	28	主日崇拜奉献	\$315.00
		宣教奉献	\$40.00
		电子转账	\$3500
		建堂基金	总额: \$1,630.30

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。感谢神带领新朋友来到我们当中！求神赦免我们的过犯，使我们与祂的关系密切与在主耶稣基督的恩典和知识上有长进。包爱华牧师与师母（阿德莱德）与冯长老夫妇（新加坡）。
2. 为澳大利亚的官员能以公义来治国，国会有神的带领祷告。
3. 为着色列国有神的保守及犹太人的救恩祷告。
4. 为着中国政府近期间针对家庭教会的逼迫祷告。也为着世界各地被逼迫的基督徒祷告。
5. 为着香港最近的情况祷告。求神保守当地的基督徒。
6. 为着在中国与世界各国蔓延开来的冠状病毒(武汉肺炎, COVID-19) 祷告。求神医治与尽快找到治疗的方法。
7. 为世界各地的宣教工作祷告。求神保守，供应他们一切的需要和在事工上有神的引导：孙苏哈牧师 Sun Sokha (信心教会, 金边), 金赫 Kimhak 传道 (巴登村, 金边), 何米与君尼 Helmi & Juniar (东努沙登加拉州古邦), 林海成传道(墨尔本)的宣教事工祷告。
8. 为教会今年的服侍人员祷告：讲台、读经、司琴、招待员、音响、儿童主日学、祷告会，中文查经班，青年查经班、姐妹团契、周报，传福音和其它事工。
9. 为着在 Sefton Park 和邻近地区的传福音工作祷告。
10. 为着三月二十九日的福音主日祷告。讲员：刘伟荣执事。
11. 为着就读的学生祷告：Jamie Kellie (大学), 嘉微(大学), 赵一帆 (大学) 与杨依玲(大学预备生)。也为着小学生与中学生的学业祷告。
12. 为还未得救的家人、亲戚与朋友祷告。
13. 为那些在生活上面面对挑战而需要鼓励的弟兄姐妹祷告。
14. 身体健康与不适: 包爱华牧师与师母、David Paauwe、Michael Noble、罗宽邦弟兄(新加坡)与金赫 Kimhak 传道的父亲(金边)其他人。

23/02/2020

Pastor David Weng
翁志仁牧师

Is God Fair? 上帝公平吗?

Habakkuk 1:12-2:5 哈巴谷书 1:12-2:5

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