



COVENANT

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

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Lord's Day 41

October 14, 2018

Church Theme 2018

BE YE HOLY

1 Peter 1:13-16

Welcome to CERC

We are a Reformed Church that holds to the doctrines of the Reformation as they are expressed in the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism and the Canons of Dordt. We embrace the Reformed Faith with its emphasis on the absolute sovereignty of God over all people and events. This absolute sovereignty saves and preserves the people which He has chosen before the foundation of the world, through Jesus Christ. If you would like to know more about our beliefs, kindly contact any of our leaders:

Elder Wee Gim Theng
Elder Chew Lap Meng
Elder Lee Kong Wee
Elder Leong Fai Chong
Elder Lim Seow Thong

Deacon Cornelius Boon
Deacon Lee Meng Hsien
Deacon Paul Liu

Propriety in Worship

Worship is a sacred and holy experience. The people of God meet in public worship to seek God. Our focus in worship is to exalt God, to praise Him, and to listen to the preaching of His Holy Word. As such, the Bible expects all worshippers to:

- Be punctual for worship service – Psalm 63:1
- Be reverent in behavior – Exodus 3:5
- Be sincere in worship – John 4:24
- Be silent in worship when God speaks in the preaching – Habakkuk 2:20
- Be active in praise and prayer – Psalm 66:1-2

Verse of the Week

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him:
God is a refuge for us. Selah.
(Psalm 62: 7 - 8)

Today's Program

9:30AM	Morning Worship Service
11:30AM	Men's and Ladies' Fellowship
12:30PM	Lunch Fellowship
2:00PM	Afternoon Worship Service

Upcoming Events

03 Nov 18	Sat	10 AM	Reformation Day Conference
04 Nov 18	Sun	9:30 AM	Lord's Supper
10-13 Jun 19	Mon-Thurs	-	Church Camp

Pastoral Voice

Dearly beloved saints of CERC,

Welcome to the Lord's House. It is our great joy and privilege that we and our loved ones are able to call upon the Great Name of our Jehovah God each Lord's day. Indeed may our blessed God be praised and honoured as we worship Him in spirit and in truth.

We sorrow (and yet rejoice) together with our bro Zong Jie, Sis Julia and families on the home-going of Zong Jie's mother last Sunday morning. May our great God of comfort be their help and their stay during this difficult time of their lives.

Last Sunday, the Grandville PRC congregation had voted to call Rev William Langerak, Pastor of Southeast PRC, Grand Rapids to be the Minister-on-Loan to Singapore. He will have 3 weeks to prayerfully seek God's will. Do remember to commit him in your closet prayers.

Do pray for your Session members as they come together to deliberate on the Lord's matters this Thursday, 18 Oct. Do pray for them regularly that God will be pleased to bless CERC through their labours.

The Kolkata Fellowship will be gathering this week, from 16 to 18 Oct for their annual Church Camp. The theme of the Camp is "I Will Build My Church", Matt 16:18. The total number of campers as of today is 40. Three brothers from our Church, the Lord willing, will also be attending the Camp! Do pray for the Lord's blessings and safe-keeping as Pastor Andy Lanning speaks at the Camp.

Your Servants in Christ's love,
Session of CERC

Pastoral Visitation

Oct 16	Roy Tan & Family	Elder Lim & Elder Wee
Oct 23	Vicktorsky Tey	Elder Chew & Deacon Liu
Oct 30	Stanley Lim	Elder Leong & Deacon Boon
Nov 13	Kelly & Joshua Kiew	Elder Lee & Elder Lim

Classes

Catechism:

P1 – P3: Sunday, 14 Oct, 11:30am.
P4 – P6: Sunday, 14 Oct, 11:30am.
S1 – S2: Saturday, 20 Oct, 1:00pm
S3 – S4: Saturday, 20 Oct, 2:00pm

Pre-Confession:

14 Oct: Meeting at 3:30pm
21 Oct: Meeting at 3:30pm
28 Oct: Meeting at 3:30pm

Announcements

CKCKS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Oct 20 CKCKS BS
 Oct 27 Free
 Nov 03 Free (RDC)
 Nov 10 Outing

REFORMATION DAY CONFERENCE 2018: Theme: By Grace Alone - Commemorating 400 years of the Canons of Dordt
Date: 3 Nov 2018, 10am Speaker: Ptr Den Hartog Venue: CERC
 More details to follow. Please mark your calendars, pray for the Pastor as he prepares the speeches, and spread the word!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DISCUSSION:

1. Our illness makes us sad on account of dear ones on whom we are made dependent, upon whom this illness exercises some pressure. They may go at great length to aid us. The thought of that is a great aggravation of our trouble. Discuss when in this situation what should be the proper response.
2. Can a belief that those who help us God will take note and who in His own time and way will reward them. Can we derive comfort from this belief?
3. The sick bed, or arm chair, are not without their opportunities for thoughtfulness and self-denial. Give examples.

FSM – GROUP DISCUSSIONS: The next Group Discussions will be held on 21/10, based on the topic of Devotions in Marriage. The questions for discussions will be as follows:

1. Why is marriage devotion so different from personal or family devotion?
2. Are older couples still required to have marriage devotions despite having family devotions?
3. Share tips on how married couples can have their devotions despite having their own personal or family devotions?
4. How can we inculcate a habit of doing devotions early in our relationships?

Collections	Sep 30	Oct 07
General	\$5,718.95	\$5,830.05
Benevolent	-	\$1,320.05
Student Aid	\$1,594.70	-

Bible Study Groups

Bread of Life: Eld. Lee's residence.

Study on Zechariah.

3rd Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Bro. Felix Chan

Beulah: Church.

Study on Romans.

2nd & 4th Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Dn. Lee

Gethsemane: Church.

Study on 1 Peter.

3rd Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Bro. William Ow

Shalom: Robert & Grace residence.

Study on Genesis.

1st & 3rd Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Bro. Robert Lee

Ebenezer: Enquire for venue/date.

Study on the Major Prophets.

Sat | Once monthly

I/C: Sis. Daisy Lim

Glowing Candles: Pastor's residence.

Study on The Fruit of the Spirit.

1st & 3rd Wed | 10:30AM

I/C: Sis. Wan Teng

Assistant: Sis. Jee Fung

Living Stones: Enquire for venue/date.

Study on 1 Peter

Once monthly on weekday | 8PM

I/C: Bro. Jun Trinidad

I/C: Bro. Andrew Lau

Announcements for next week's bulletin should reach cercbulletin@yahoo.com by 2:00PM Friday.

Prayer Items

- Pray for the coming activities: Reformation Day Conference (Nov 03)

	<u>Today (Oct 14)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 21)</u>
Translation	AM: Suet Wan / Lap Meng PM: Andrew Lau / Jean	AM: Suet Wan / William PM: Angela / Lap Meng
Counting Offerings	AM: Michelle, Yoke Mui PM: Angela, Ah Moi	AM: Boon Siok, Serene PM: Suet Yin, Foong Ngee
Washing	Ruth, Melina, Marcus Boon, Rachel	Elias, Natalie, Joseph, Celina

Morning (9:30 AM)

Prelude
Reading: Canons of Dordt
(Head 3 & 4, Article 4)
Call to Worship
Votum ¹
Opening Doxology ²
Song 1 – Psalter 267
Reading of the Law
Song 2 – Psalter 64
Congregational Prayer
Song 3 – Psalter 385
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Offering (General)
Offertory Song ³ & Prayer
Song 4 – Psalter 174
Benediction
Doxology – Psalter 197

Rabshakeh at the Walls of Jerusalem

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 18
Text: 2 Kings 18: 28 - 37

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- I. His Bold Challenge
 - a. Rabshakeh's challenge boldly issued.
 - b. The bold and terrifying challenge of Rabshakeh was a tremendous test of faith.
- II. His Attractive Offer
 - a. Rabshakeh included an attractive offer in his speech to the men on the wall.
 - b. But what would be the result, if the Jews were to accept such an offer?
- III. The Silent Response
 - a. The response of the men on the wall to Rabshakeh was silence.
 - b. The men on the wall of Jerusalem are a powerful example to us.

Afternoon (2:00 PM)

Prelude
Call to Worship
Votum ¹
Opening Doxology ²
Song 1 – Psalter 37
Congregational Prayer
Song 2 – Psalter 286
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Offering (Student Aid)
Offertory Song ³ & Prayer
Song 3 – Psalter 396
Benediction
Doxology – Psalter 197

Praying for Our Daily Bread

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6: 19 - 34
Text: Lord's Day 50

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- I. The Petition
 - a. God is the source of all good.
 - i. What is meant by bread?
 - ii. God is the only source of our daily bread.
 - b. We must ask God to supply our daily bread.
 - i. What we are to ask...
 - ii. That we are to ask...
- II. The Purpose
 - a. That we trust in God alone to provide our daily bread.
 - b. That we trust in God alone to make our daily bread profit us.
- III. The Blessing

¹ Votum

Our help is in the
name of Jehovah,
who has made the heaven and
the earth.

² Opening Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

³ Offertory Song

O Lord accept our offering
Receive and bless the gifts we bring
To Thee as Prophet, Priest and King
I yield my heart, my offering.