



COVENANT

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

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Lord's Day 11

March 18, 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 Chan Chee Seng	Deacon Cornelius Boon
Elder Chew Lap Meng	Deacon Lee Meng Hsien
Elder Lee Kong Wee	Deacon Tang Yoon Chuan
Elder Leong Fai Chong	
Elder Lim Seow Thong	

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

“My voice shalt thou hear in the morning,
O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee,
and will look up.”
(Psalm 5: 3)

Today's Program

9:30AM	Morning Worship Service
11:30AM	FSM
12:30PM	Lunch Fellowship
2:00PM	Afternoon Worship Service

Upcoming Events

Mar 25	Sun	3:30PM	Covenant Christian Education Society AGM
Mar 30	Fri	TBA	Good Friday Gospel Meeting
Mar 31	Sat	TBA	Extra Congregation Meeting (Budget)
May 1	Tue	TBA	Sports Day
May 6	Sun	9:30 AM	Lord's Supper
Jun 12 – 15	Tue - Fri	-	Church Camp
Jun 30	Sat	TBA	31 st Annual Congregation Meeting

Pastoral Voice

Dearly beloved saints of CERC,

Session met on 15 March 2018 and we are thankful to God for His leading hand in the Ministry and life of CERC. Below are some of the highlights of God's Faithfulness to His church.

We are thankful to receive three infant baptism requests from three of our covenant families. Session has set the baptism date for our three covenant children on 8 April 2018 at the morning worship Service. We rejoice together with the families (Bro Micah – son of Paul and Anthea. Bro Jedidiah – son of Kong Wee and Dorcas. Sis Lydia – daughter of Cornelius and Jem Joy) that through the sign and seal of Infant Baptism, we can again witness the covenant faithfulness of our God to His church.

We are thankful to God for the faithful labour of Pastor Emmanuel in the Mission work in Kolkata. The Lord has indeed blessed the work there. Pastor Emmanuel has completed the membership class for the saints in CERC Kolkata Fellowship. We have received request for 8 Adult Baptism, 4 children and 10 Confession of Faith. Session has appointed Elder Leong and Elder Chan to be in Kolkata in the last week of April to conduct Baptism and COF interview together with Pastor Emmanuel. This is a significant development in the mission work in Kolkata. This is also a step nearer in the Institution of a Reformed church in Kolkata. We are thankful to God for His blessing in this work. We continue to pray for our missionary Pastor and the saints in CERC Kolkata that they continue to grow in the faith.

Another thing we can be thankful to God is that we will have Minister Supply till August 2018. We are thankful that Pastor den Hartog is willing to extend his stay in Singapore till mid-July. From mid-July till end August, Prof Dykstra is willing to come over to assist us while we wait for a Minister on Loan from our sister church PRCA. We are indeed thankful to God for His provision.

Last but not least, this Lord's day you will receive an Agenda for the coming Extra Congregation Meeting to be held on 31 March 2018 at 3pm in Church. We will be deliberating the Budget for FY 2018/2109. Members of CERC do make sure you get hold of a copy of the Agenda and the Proposed Budget. Let us consider this Proposed Budget prayerfully and also trust that God will provide all of our needs.

Your servants in Christ's love,
Session of CERC

Pastoral Visitation

Mar 27	Robert Lee & Family	Elder Leong & Elder Chew
Apr 03	Lee Kong Wee & Family	Elder Chan & Deacon Tang
Apr 10	Milton Ho	Elder Lee & Elder Chew

Classes

Catechism:

P1 – P3: Sunday, 18 March, 11:30am.
P4 – P6: Sunday, 18 March, 11:30am
S1 – S2: Saturday, 25 March, 1:00pm.
S3 – S4: Saturday, 25 March, 2:00pm.

Pre-Confession:

18 Mar: Meeting at 3:30pm
25 Mar: No Class
01 Apr: Meeting at 3:30pm
08 Apr: Meeting at 3:30pm

Announcements

CERC CHURCH CAMP IMPORTANT NOTICES: Deadline for Camp Registration - 1st April 2018. Registration Counter – open today 1100AM (Lounge Area) Camp T Shirt Sizing – Kindly refer to Notice Board.

Collections	<u>Mar 04</u>	<u>Mar 11</u>
General	\$7,699.25	\$5,210.00
Benevolent	\$1,905.70	-
Student Aid	-	\$1,620.40

COVENANT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY: The 2018 Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held March 25 (Sun) at 3:30PM. Members, please make plans to attend. Those who wish to join the Society, please inform a Board member.

FSM GROUP DISCUSSIONS – 18 MAR 18, 1130AM: There will be an FSM group discussion today at 1130AM, Lord willing, based on these questions. The facilitators will be Marcus Wee (Grp 1), Samuel Wee (Grp 2), Paul Goh (Grp 3), Andrew Lau (Grp 4). May the good Lord bless our fellowship and discussions during this time of sharing.

1. ...it necessary that we remember that we are dealing not with our own children, but with God's children (pg 4). Do you think this understanding will make us deal more carefully with our children?
2. What difference should people be able to see between children born in a covenant home vs children born in an unbelieving family's home?
3. God instructs us to use the rod in love. How can we do so in order to avoid having our children think of the rod as just some form of punishment? Provide some examples.

EXTRA CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The 1st ECM 2018 will be held on 31 Mar 18, 3PM at church. All male communicant members are to be present.

INFANT BAPTISM: Lord willing, the sacrament of baptism will be administered on 8 Apr 18 during the morning service to:

1. Bro Micah (Son of Paul and Anthea)
2. Bro Jedidiah (Son of Kong Wee and Dorcas)
3. Sis Lydia (Daughter of Cornelius and Jemima)

CKCKS Activity Schedule

Mar 24 CKCKS BS
 Mar 31 1st ECM 2018 (Free)
 Apr 07 Workshop: Antithetical Living
 Apr 14 Outing

Prayer Items

- Pray for the coming activities: CCES AGM (25 Mar), Good Friday Gospel Meeting (30 Mar).

Bible Study Groups

Bread of Life: Eld. Lee's residence.

Study on Zechariah.

3rd Fri | 8:00PM

I/C: Eld. 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 Revelation.

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: Ella'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.

	<u>Today (Mar 18)</u>	<u>Next Week (Mar 25)</u>
Translation	AM: Suet Wan / William PM: Angela / Lap Meng	AM: Suet Wan / Lap Meng PM: Andrew Lau / Jean
Counting Offerings	AM: Serene, Kah Pik PM: Angela, Ah Moi	AM: Siew Chin, Andrea PM: Suet Yin, Foong Ngee
Washing	Ruth, Melina, Marcus Boon, Rachel	Elias, Natalie, Joseph, Celina

