



COVENANT

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

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Lord's Day 03

January 20, 2018

Church Theme 2019

KEEPING THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:1-3

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

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.
Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities,
that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
(II Corinthians 12: 9)

Today's Program

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

Upcoming Events

9 Feb 19	Sat	TBC	Chinese New Year Visitation
3 Mar 19	Sun	9:30am	Lord's Supper
30 Mar 19	Sat	TBC	ECM (Church Budget)
19 Apr 19	Fri	TBC	Good Friday Gospel Meeting
10-13 Jun 19	Mon-Thurs	-	Church Camp

Pastoral Voice

Dearly beloved saints of CERC,

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." (Ps 122:1-2). May this be our heartfelt confession as we worship the Lord this day.

We welcome Rev Spriensma & his wife Alva once again into our midst. They will be here for 4 Sundays through till Feb 10. We thank God for continuing to provide ministers to feed the sheep and lambs here in CERC with the preaching of His Word while we wait on Him to send us another under-shepherd. God willing, Rev Erik Guichelaar will answer the call extended to him to be our MOL this evening. By God's grace, we continue to pray, "not our will Lord, but Thine, be done." May we rest in His perfect will for us.

We thank the Lord for the Open Sunday program, through which we are reminded of our calling as a church to faithfully catechize and teach our covenant children the truth of the Scriptures. We thank God for giving us the children, as well as the teachers who teach faithfully week after week. Some of us may remember teaching some of the young people, who are now teaching our children. What reason to give thanks to God for preserving the precious Reformed faith in the line of our generations!

We rejoice with Milton and Celina as the Lord joined them together in holy matrimony yesterday. We rejoice with Yang Zhi and Nicole too for the gift of a covenant child the past week. Two very significant events for the two couples. We pray the Lord will give them grace in their new callings.

We pray too for sisters Ah Moi and Yoke Mui that the Lord will sustain them by His all-sufficient grace. But not just for newly-weds, new parents and those afflicted with illnesses, but for each one of us we need the Lord's grace in whatever circumstances of life or state we are in - to fight against our sinful nature and resist the devil. In health or in sickness, in riches or poverty, in joy or sorrow, in plenty or in want; young or old, married or single, male or female - we face peculiar temptations and are prone to sin against the Lord. Let us pray with the psalmist for ourselves and for one another: *"With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments. Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."* (Ps 119:10-11) And we need the grace of God not only to deliver us from the guilt and dominion of sin, but also to teach us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world and to look for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:11-13). *"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire."* (Heb 12:28-29)

your servants in Christ's love,
Session of CERC

Pastoral Visitation

Jan 22	Jimmy Teo & Family	Elder Leong & Elder Lee
Jan 29	Daniel Teo & Family	Elder Wee & Deacon Liu
Feb 12	Daniel Tin & Family	Elder Lim & Deacon Boon
Feb 19	Samuel Wee & Family	Elder Leong & Deacon Lee

Classes

Catechism:

Classes resume in Mar 2019

Pre-Confession:

No Classes

Announcements

CKCKS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Jan 26 Free
 Feb 02 Workshop
 Feb 09 Free (CNY Visitation)
 Feb 16 Outing

PRE-CONFESSION CLASS: A new round of pre-confession class for those who are interested to join CERC will be starting soon. For those who are interested, please approach Elder Lim before end of Jan 2019.

OPEN SUNDAY: There will be an Open Sunday programme today at 11:30am.

ARRIVAL OF REV AND ALVA SPRIENSMA: We thank God that Rev and Alva Spriensma will be coming to Singapore, DV, to preach for us for the next 4 Sundays beginning 20 Jan 2019. If you are keen to host them, please let Elder Wee know soonest to avoid disappointment.

FSM SURVEY: Today is the deadline regarding submission of the Fsm Survey Form. For those who have not responded kindly do so by today. Forms are available at Lobby counter.

PULPIT SUPPLY:

Jan 20, 27 : Rev. Spriensma
 Feb 03, 10 : Rev. Spriensma
 Feb 17, 24 : Rev. Regnerus
 Mar 03 : Rev. Regnerus

Collections	Jan 06	Jan 13
General	\$7,880.25	\$3,962.70
Benevolent	\$1,576.10	-
Student Aid	-	\$1,464.05

Bible Study Groups

Bread of Life: Eld. Lee's residence.
 Study on Malachi.

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: Chinese New Year Visitation (09 Feb)

	<u>Today (Jan 20)</u>	<u>Next Week (Jan 27)</u>
Translation	AM: Suet Wan / William PM: Lap Meng	AM: Suet Wan / Lap Meng PM: Jean
Counting Offerings	AM: Michelle, Serene PM: Wan Teng, Eunice	AM: Kah Pik, Siew Chin PM: Jemima, Hui Yi
Washing	David Teo, ZiHui, Shirley, Jotham Chin	Milton, Meryl, Charis, Johann Trinidad

Morning (9:30 AM)

Prelude
Reading: Canons of Dordt
(Head 3 & 4, Rejection 1)
Call to Worship
Votum ¹
Opening Doxology ²
Song 1 – Psalter 381
Reading of the Law
Song 2 – Psalter 55
Congregational Prayer
Song 3 – Psalter 221
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Offering (General)
Offertory Song ³ & Prayer
Song 4 – Psalter 202
Benediction
Doxology – Psalter 197

The Promise to Make All Things

Rev Spriensma

New

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21
Text: Revelation 21: 5

- I. The One Who Promises
- II. The Content of the Promise
- III. The Blessed Recipients of the Promise

Afternoon (2:00 PM)

Prelude
Call to Worship
Votum ¹
Opening Doxology ²
Song 1 – Psalter 40
Congregational Prayer
Song 2 – Psalter 84
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Offering (Student Aid)
Offertory Song ³ & Prayer
Song 3 – Psalter 363
Benediction
Doxology – Psalter 197

The Knowledge of Our Misery

Rev Spriensma

Scripture Reading: Psalm 32
Text: Lord’s Day 2

- I. The Origin of Our Misery
- II. The Teacher of Our Misery
- III. Our Spiritual Impotence

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.