



# NEW LIFE

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*"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)*

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 9:1-2

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 17 – *"Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme"*

*Opening Prayer*

Jonathan Kim

*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 32

*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 32:1-6*

*(to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)*

*Scriptural Text*

Job 2:11-13 (John 15:1-17, Job 2:1-13)

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Wes Bredenhof

*Sermon Message*

*How to be a friend to the suffering*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 446 – *"Lord, Speak to Me"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Rev Wes Bredenhof

*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

*\* Congregation Stands*

#### **THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE**

The Lord is in His holy temple,  
The Lord is in His holy temple:  
Let all the earth keep silence,  
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -  
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

#### **THE LORD BLESS YOU**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

### **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 91**

**Q: How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?**

*A: The sacraments become effectual means of salvation - not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them - but only by the **blessing of Christ**, and the **working of his Spirit** in them that by faith receive them.*

Comments:

We are here taught the proper way of using the sacraments. We must pray for the blessing of Christ on them. It was he who appointed them and it is he alone who can make them of benefit to our souls. In themselves the sacraments are of no value, nor can the minister (notwithstanding what the Roman Catholic Church says) give them any power whatever apart from Christ.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 11:29, 1 Corinthians 3:7

Dear brethren, this week we conclude the article written by Rev Jack Sin, Pastor of Sovereign Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore. This was published in their church weekly on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and it has been reproduced for our edification (Words consulted include Work consulted include Westminster Confession of Faith, Directory of Public Worship).

## **The Discipline of Reverential Worship – Part 2**

During the worship service, members are to note the following, (see WCF Directory of Public Worship):

- The congregation being assembled, the minister, after solemn calling on them to the worshipping of the great name of God, is to begin with prayer,
- In all reverence and humility acknowledging the incomprehensible greatness and majesty of the Lord (in whose presence they do then in a special manner appear) and their own vileness and unworthiness to approach so near him, with their utter inability of themselves to so great a work; and humbly beseeching him for pardon, assistance, and acceptance, in the whole service then to be performed; and for a blessing on that particular portion of His Word then to be read: And all in the name and mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The public worship having begun, the people are wholly to attend upon it, forbearing to read anything, except what the minister is then reading or citing; and **abstaining much more from all private whisperings, (browsing of our HPs) conferences, salutations, or doing reverence to any person present, or coming in; as also from all gazing, sleeping, and other indecent behaviour, which may disturb the minister or people, or hinder themselves or others in the service of God.**
- If any, through necessity, be hindered from being present at the beginning, they ought not, when they come into the congregation, to betake themselves to their private devotions, but reverently to **compose themselves to join with the assembly in that ordinance of God** which is then in hand.

### **Practical Worship Pointers to Consider**

Consider prayerfully also the following practical guidelines for the preparation for holy worship on the Lord's Day:

1. **Prepare your heart** for the beginning of the Lord's Day and frame your mind for reverential public worship and prayer.
2. Enter into the holy assembly of saints in the presence of God reverently and punctually, not carelessly and flippantly. Never miss the Lord's Day worship service except for valid reasons of absolute necessity or if one is on a bed of affliction.
3. Do not judge or be prejudiced against the message, messenger or the Word. Mark and attend to the Word of God, which is being read and preached to you.

4. **Beware of a slothful and sluggish disposition.** Be attentive, receptive and **pray for the minister and for yourself** in the humble reception of the Word preached to us.
5. Apply all the Word of God to yourselves according to its **relevance and usefulness.** As you leave the church, ask “**How do these promises reproof, or counsel, comfort or exhortation or direction concern me and how can I apply it throughout the week?**”
6. Above all, resolve to obey what God shall made known to be **His will for you.** Beware of Careless or inattentive hearing and living tend most dangerously toward a hardened heart and spiritual decline.
7. Do not be a mere hearer of prayers of the preacher but pray with the minister and beseech heaven corporately to answer our feeble cries and petitions for the saving of souls and edifying of the saints.
8. **Stir up your hearts** to alacrity and joy in the singing of hymns, reading of scripture and the worship of God and sing aloud joyfully with the congregation.
9. **Be meditative and sober** in the whole worship service, ready to sing the hymns and read the scripture text and pay attention the prayers made and bring an offering to the Lord and receive any instruction from God; be it from a prayer, hymn or the Word preached.
10. **Confess your sins and repent** of your evil ways and seek the Lord for forgiveness and pardon.
11. **Do not be distracted** by the things around you (HPs to be put to silent mode) and do not let the cares of the world cloud your mind during the service.
12. Consider how you may **apply or practice** what you have learnt into your life today.
13. **Share** with someone a relevant lesson that you have learnt from the service and let another be blessed by the Word.
14. **Teach our children** to respect God’s house by paying attention and keeping silent, especially when the service is on.
15. At the close of the service, after the benediction, spend a few **quiet moments** to pray and **reflect** or ponder to thank God for His holy Word.

## Conclusion

**The worship of God is an important discipline of the church and personal Christian life, and it requires us to prepare the night before by resting earlier...**

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# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

**We thank God for providing Rev Wes Bredenhof to minister to us this Lord's Day.**

Rev Bredenhof will be ministering to us until end January.

**Tithes & Offerings** – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

**After-Service Fellowship** – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service.

Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

**Afternoon Bible Study** – Rev Bredenhof will conduct the study on “How the Triune God brought us the benefit of the holy conception and birth of Christ” taken from Luke 1:26-38 and Galatians 4:1-7.

**Children's Sunday School** – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

**Christmas Service, 11am on 25 December** – Please join us for our Christmas service. We will have a carry-in lunch. Please inform Mark if you would like to contribute a dish.

## MEMORY VERSE

### This Week

*“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”*

**John 15:12-13**

### Last Week

*“But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.”*

**Job 2:10**

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**and to come early for worship on the Lord's Day and not be late. Children are also to be trained by parents to be discipline in not running around or shouting or playing.** Learn to be still in times of reverential worship in the sanctuary. Worshippers are to be attentive, humble and receptive to the Word. They are not to distract others by dreaming, sleeping or talking but paying attention to the preaching of the Word and to sing out orally and from the heart to the hymns and praying together with the chairman, speaker or the minister.

Col 3:16 says, *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”* After the service, we are to meditate on the Word on its application and ponder about it. Have family worship with your children on the Lord's Day. We are to share it with others and our family, friends and members and to exhort and encourage others in the most holy faith.