

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Rev Lee Kien Seng as he prepares to speak on Sunday (24 September) from Romans 11:33-36. Message title: "Knowing the Incomprehensible God." He is the Senior Pastor at Trueway Presbyterian Church English Congregation. Service will be livestreamed at 9:30 am at bit.ly/gracebpsermons.

Rev Tan Eng Boo is speaking at Sovereign Hope BPC this morning at 10.00am

BPCIS Annual Presbytery Meeting (APM) will be held in Grace Church on Saturday, 23 September 10:00am. Gracians are welcome to join this meeting and be host to our guests coming from other B-P Churches. Pastor Edric Sng will speak on "Youth Culture." He is the Pastor of Bethesda Bedok-Tampines and founder of Salt and Light Ministry.

Mandarin Service Mid-Autumn Celebration will be held on 23 September in Grace B-P Church from 7:30-9:00 pm. All are welcome.

Pray for Eld Victor Goh as he prepares to speak at the Mandarin service on the 24 September.

Adult Fellowship meeting on Saturday, 30 September at 5.00 pm in church. "Renewing our Fellowship with the Hiding Place." Testimonies on how God is working in their lives through the Hiding Place ministry.

Flower Contribution Slots are available on October 15 and November 12.

Refreshment Contribution Slots are available on October 15 and 22.

NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

Speaker	Rev Lee Kien Seng
Worship Leader	Dn Jeremy Hor
Musicians	Adeline Lek, Dn Daniel Tan
Scripture Reader	Magdalene Wong
AV Ministry	Nathanael Goh, Sarah Goh
Ushers	Augustine Tham, Lee Kee Min, Alex Chan, Elsie Chan
Junior Worship	Dn Lim Chien Chong
Pre-Primary Worship	Hannah Yeo
Flowers	Eld Victor Goh, Goh Jee Eng
Refreshments	Hor Siow Shia
Prayer Meeting Devotion	Tan Chew Gim

LAST WEEK'S GIVINGS

Offerings \$ 3, 656.50
Tithes \$ 2, 239.50

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LET US PRAY

Join us in praying for the church and the world via Zoom. Please contact Rev Tan at 9784 2761 for Zoom meeting ID and password. You may also email us your prayer items at prayer@gracebpc.org.sg

MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

Rewards for Good Works

"It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice."

Psalm 112:5 ESV

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Stanley Poh

Scripture Reader
Carol Lee

AV Ministry
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Sarah Goh

Ushers
Tan Teck Shi
Jonathan Sam
Evonne Tee

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OUR MISSION
To bring people to salvation in Jesus Christ and disciple them in their relationship with Christ.

OUR VISION
To be a church that is passionate about God, transformed by the Word, authentic in relationship, and bold in witness.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	
Call to Worship	The Lord Is in His Holy Temple
Opening Song	MH44 To God Be the Glory
Opening Prayer	Gloria Patri
Worship in Song	Christ Our Hope in Life and Death Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Responsive Reading	Psalm 104:1-18 (KJV)
Giving and Thanksgiving	MH177 Our Great Saviour
Doxology	
Scripture Reading	John 17:20-23 (ESV)
Pre-Sermon Song	MH84 Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Corporate Prayer	
Sermon	<i>Knowing the Triune God</i>
Closing Song	MH401 Open My Eyes, That I May See
Closing Prayer	Threefold Amen

Month of September Preaching Schedule

3 Sep	"Warfare in the OT: Show Them No Mercy." (Deut. 7:1-16)
10 Sep	"Knowing the Unchanging God" (Jas. 1:16-18)
17 Sep	"Knowing the Triune God" (Jn. 17: 20-23)
24 Sep	"Knowing the Incomprehensible God" (Rom. 11:33-36)

Sunday Worship & Activities

9.30am Main Service 10.00am Junior Worship (7-12 yrs old) 11.30am Bible Classes

Attributes of God: Triune

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
 —Matthew 3:13-17

God has always existed as the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While God is one, and the three persons are therefore inseparable, we must distinguish them, as Matthew’s report of Jesus’ baptism illustrates.

Jesus travels from his home province of Galilee to Judea to receive John’s baptism in the Jordan River. John balks at first, insisting he needs Jesus to baptize him. John protests because while he baptizes with water, he knows that Jesus the Messiah “will baptize . . . with the Holy Spirit and fire,” referring to Pentecost (v. 11). However, Jesus convinces John to baptize him, declaring, “It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” (v. 15). John then baptizes Jesus with water, even though Jesus has no sin and does not need to repent, unlike everyone else John baptizes. Jesus submits to baptism to identify with sinners, whom he came to rescue through his sinless life and substitutionary death.

After Jesus’ baptism, he comes out of the water, heaven opens before him, and he sees the “Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him” (v. 16). The invisible Holy Spirit takes on a visible form so John can witness the Father anoint his Son with the Spirit as Israel’s king and Messiah. Next the Father announces from heaven, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (v. 17). From all eternity the Father and Son have loved each other (John 17:24); now the Father proclaims his love for his Son from heaven to encourage him.

The Father’s words identify Jesus as both messianic King and humble servant who obeys the Father. While both Testaments insist there is only one living and true God, Jesus’ baptism shows we should distinguish the three divine persons: Jesus is baptized, the Father speaks from heaven, and the Spirit descends on Jesus.

Theology for Life

We worship the one true God when we come to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. All three persons are worthy of worship, trust, and obedience, for they constitute the one God.

For more on the Trinity see:

- John 14:8–11
- 2 Cor. 13:14
- 2 Thess. 2:13–14
- 1 Tim. 2:5–6
- Titus 3:4–6
- Jude 20–21

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