Welcome to Covenant ERC

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. If you would like to know more about our beliefs, or engage us to help you in any crisis in life, kindly contact any of our leaders:

Rev. Andy Lanning
Elder Wee Gim Theng
Elder Chan Chee Seng
Elder Wong Chee Choong
Elder Lee Kong Wee
Deacon Lim Seow Thong
Elder Leong Fai Chong
Deacon Tang Yoon Chuan

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 behaviour – *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

“The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance” (Psalm 33: 11 - 12)

Announcements

Coming Church Programme 2013

27 July: Family Seminar
8 Aug: Sports Day
1 Sept: Lord’s Supper
22 Sept: CERC 26th Anniversary
Oct: Mission Seminar
3 Nov: Lord’s Supper
Nov: Reformation Day Conference

“Godly Friendship”: An 8 - Part Workshop by Rev. Lanning

Follow-Up committee has put together an 8 - part workshop on godly friendships and it is opened to everybody. The first workshop starts on 21 July at 4pm (after the afternoon worship service). Registration is required with Bro. Marcus Wee by 14 July

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THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST (17)
AM
MADE NIGH BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST
Rev. Lanning

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2
Text: Ephesians 2: 11 - 13

I. A Hopeless Alienation

II. A Gracious Inclusion

III. A Powerful Propitiation

PM
BEARING TO THE TRIUNE GOD
Rev. Lanning

Scripture Reading: Psalm 33
Text: Lord’s Day 8

I. The Triune God

II. Fellowship With The Triune God

III. Following After The Triune God
Dearly beloved saints of CERC,

As we gather for worship today, we hear God’s Word concerning the fundamental doctrine of the Trinity.

How important is this doctrine? Well, it could be argued that the truth of the Trinity is the most fundamental doctrine of the entire Reformed faith, and indeed, of the entire Christian faith. From the truth of the Trinity flows the truth of the divinity of Jesus Christ. From the truth of the Trinity flows the truth of God’s covenant fellowship with Himself, and with His people. The truth of the Trinity is not merely a statement of what God does, but expresses the reality of who God is. If anyone strays here, he has denied God, and cannot build a sound theology.

Not only is this truth fundamental for a proper understanding of doctrine, but it is fundamental for salvation. To put it plainly: those who deny the truth of the Trinity are not saved, but will perish in hell (except they repent by God’s grace). The Athanasian Creed forms part of the confessional basis of CERC, since this creed is mentioned by name in Article 9 of the Belgic Confession. In the Athanasian Creed, we confess, “Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith; which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity” (Articles 1 - 3).

The doctrine of the Trinity is important for us, personally. It is not a cold, dry, abstract theory about what divinity is like. It is not an intellectual puzzle that leaves us frustrated and weary. Rather, in the doctrine of the Trinity, we come face to face with our God! And what a sight! He is great, and greatly to be praised, far above the grasp and capacity of our earthly minds. We can understand what He is like, because He has revealed Himself, but we can never comprehend Him with an exhaustive knowledge. At the same time, this great God is warm and personal, a God whose very being is that of fellowship. And what is more, He draws us into that fellowship through Jesus Christ so that we are changed from aliens to sons!

As we gather for worship today, we hear God’s Word concerning the fundamental doctrine of the Trinity. To the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one only true God, be honour and glory both now and forever! Amen!

Your servant in Christ’s love,
Pastor Lanning

Announcements (cont’d)

Catechism Classes
Catechism assignments for next week:
- Assignments for Pri 1 - 6 for 21 July: Memorize the answers to Lesson 15 and the memory work
- Assignments for Sec 1 - 2 for 20 July: Memorize the answers to QA 31 and 32 of LD 12
- Assignments for Sec 3 - 4 for 20 July: Memorize the answers to Lesson 7
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today
9.30am         Morning Worship Service
11.30am        Men’s & Ladies’ Fellowship
12.30pm        Lunch Fellowship
2.00pm         Afternoon Worship Service

Translator’s Schedule: today             next week
AM :        Suet Wan / William Ow         Suet Wan / William Ow
PM :         Angela Chan                William Ow

CK Schedule for July
20     Free / Join CKS Bible Study
27     Attend Family Seminar

CKS Schedule for July
20     CKS Romans Bible Study & Dinner
27     Attend Family Seminar

Prayer Items
1. Pray for the following event: Family Seminar (27 July), Sports Day (8 Aug)
2. Pray for Follow - Up committee as they look for a chairman. Pray that the Lord may convict a brother to be willing to serve in this area
3. Pray for the Study Committee as they prepare to submit the report of their findings to Session. Pray that the Lord may direct CERC concerning the use of our present premises beyond June 2015
4. Pray for Family Support Ministry as they prepare for the coming Family Seminar in two weeks’ time. Pray for Rev. Lanning as he prepares the message
5. Pray for journey mercy as Bro. Jonathan Lee leaves home to States tomorrow. He will return to Singapore around the end of the year to begin his National Service
6. Do continue to pray for Mischa, son of Kees and Esinee, as he continue to rest at home. Although Mischa does have some pain, it has been very manageable so far. We thank God for His mercy to the family, not only in giving a measure of healing to Mischa, but also for the contentment that He has given the family during this trial

Family Seminar 2013
The Family Support Ministry is delighted to invite husbands and wives, and everyone to join the annual Family Seminar on Saturday, 27 July from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The theme of the seminar is "Growing in Faith Together as Husband and Wife". Our dear pastor, Rev. Andy Lanning will be the speaker for this special occasion. Please register for your attendance

Family Support Ministry
Come and join the video screening on “Shepherding A Child’s Heart” this coming Lord’s Day, 21 July at 11.30am focusing on the subject, “Session 5: Embracing Biblical Methods – Appeal to Conscience”. Everyone especially parents are invited and learn the ways of the Lord in bringing up our children

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Counting Offerings today:           next week
AM: Vivian, Kah Pik                Michelle, Siew Chin
PM: Angela, Eunice                Foong Ngee, Wan Teng

Pastoral Visitation
15 July  - Josephine Chan          - Rev. Lanning
               & Dn Tang
28 July  - Daniel Tin & family    - Rev. Lanning
               & Elder Lee

Bible Study Groups
Bread of Life: Elder Lee Tan’s residence. Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday at 8pm. Study on “Hebrews.”
I/C: Elder Chan
Beulah: Church. Every 2nd and 4th Friday at 8pm. Study on “Ecclesiastes.” I/C: Bro Meng Hsien
Shalom: Robert / Grace’s residence. Every 1st & 3rd Friday at 8pm. Study on “1 Corinthians.”
I/C: Bro Robert Lee
Gethsemane: Samuel / Jane’s residence. 3rd Friday of month at 8pm. Study on “Judges.”
I/C: Bro William Ow
Ebenezer: Please contact Sis. Daisy on venue.
Every 2nd & 4th Saturday at 3pm. Study on book of “Minor Prophets.” I/C: Sis. Daisy Lim
The Rubies: Dorcas’s residence. Every 1st Wednesday at 1.45pm. Study on “The Unlikely Mothers of Christ.” I/C: Sis Angela Chan
Glowing Candles: Stephanie’s residence. Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10am. Study on “The Unlikely Mothers of Christ.” I/C: Sis Kim Neo, Sis. Jee Fung

Next Week Preaching Schedule:
AM: Rev. Lanning         PM: Rev. Key

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