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A Warm Welcome to all our guests

Do send your children to our Children's Ministry. We have a well-supervised and nurturing programme for your children. 'Kids For Christ' (7 to 12 years) and 'Little Lambs' (24 months to 6 years). There is also a Toddlers' Room upstairs.

Please do not feel obliged to participate in the offertory. The offertory is meant for Christians.

After the service, do stay back for a cup of coffee. We would like to get to know you better.

Do join us again next week. We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Speaker : Revd John Lin

Sermon Title : Persecution: Suffering for the gospel

Text : Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 24:3-14



For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:29



COLLECT

Fifth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mission and Purpose: As we see the gracious salvation plan in the missional heart of God, may we be a missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

Vicar writes

Dear family in Christ

All over the world today, just like in the book of Acts, Christians are persecuted for following Jesus Christ.

Let me share a short article from **OPEN DOORS ministry**.

“Christians remain one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world. While Christian persecution takes many forms, it is defined as any hostility experienced as a result of identification with Christ. Christian torture remains an issue for believers throughout the world, including the risk of imprisonment, loss of home and assets, physical torture, rape and even death as a result of their faith.

*Trends show that countries in **Africa, Asia and the Middle East** are intensifying persecution against Christians, and perhaps the most vulnerable are Christian women, who often face double persecution for faith and gender. Every day we receive new reports of Christians who face threats, unjust imprisonment, harassment, beatings and even loss of family because of their faith in Jesus.*

Every month, on average:

- 345 Christians are killed for faith-related reasons.
- 105 Churches and Christian buildings are burned or attacked.
- 219 Christians are detained without trial, arrested, sentenced and imprisoned.

*Our research found that 245 million Christians experience high levels of persecution in the countries on the “**World Watch List**”. Islamic oppression fuels Christian persecution in 8 of the top 10 countries. North Korea is ranked #1 for the 18th consecutive year as the most dangerous country for Christians.”*

Let us remember our brothers and sisters in prayer as they face persecution and suffer for the gospel. May they experience God as their Refuge and Strength, find rest in the sufficiency of God’s grace, and trust in the sovereignty of God’s power.

Maranatha
Pastor John

Intercession

Mandarin Service - Vision & Mission:

- To be a Christ-centered discipleship church that impact lives with our lives.
- To preach the gospel, ushering them into the Kingdom of God; shepherding and equipping them as disciples of Christ, and to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in their lives.

Pastoral Staff Team: Rev Bernard Yee; Ps Tan Chwee Lian; Ps Alan Yong; Ps Roger Fu; Ps Lyu Yang

Honorary: Ps Honey Lau; Ps Lawrence Mun; **Administrative:** Sis Lydia Leong

Areas of concern: The strengthening of the congregation’s spiritual maturity through the studying of Word & Prayer. The unity of staff and members and the moving in the Holy Spirit as we seek to fulfil God’s missional call & purpose for the congregation.

Points for Praise & Prayer

- We thank God for the 15 members who are to be confirmed.
- We continue to seek God’s wisdom and strength to upon the leadership as we step up in faith & power to lead in the various ministries.

Combined Services

There will be a Combined Service on the following Sundays at **10.00am**:

- 1) 28 July 2019 – SJCP Family Day cum 135th Anniversary celebration in the school hall.
- 2) 18 August 2019 – Confirmation Service in the sanctuary.

Buffet lunch will be served after both services.

'1 John' Service will not be held on Saturdays, 27 July and 17 August 2019.

Combined Family Day Service cum 135th Anniversary Lunch Celebration

The combined SJCP Family Day Service cum 135th Anniversary lunch celebration will be held on **Sunday, 28 July 2019, 10.00am** in the SMSS school hall. The committee invites homecell's participation, either presenting an item or conducting a mass game after lunch. Please approach Derek Cheng for the homecell participation.

Take this opportunity to invite your family members and friends who were once with us at SJCP. **To-date, 375 have registered.** All are welcome but registration is required. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/y6hdehpt> of your attendance by Sunday, 21 July. Let's look forward to this day of thanksgiving to God for His blessings all these years.

Church Prayer Meeting

The church prayer meeting will be held in the Patmos Hall on **Friday, 26 July 2019, 7.45pm to 9.15pm.** Revd John will be teaching on "Church as a Community of Prayer" - lesson 11: Growing in Grace and Selflessness through Intercession. Let's come together as one body to intercede for individuals, families, various ministries in the church, and for Singapore and other nations. Yau Mun Loong will lead us in the prayer, the praise team is C2 homecell. Staff on-duty is Susan & Ps Fu-Man.

National Day Thanksgiving Service 2019

The National Day Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Thursday, 15 August 2019, 7.45pm** at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Cathedral New Sanctuary, . Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung will be speaking on the topic "Pray and Give Thanks for our Nation and our People". Guests to be seated by 7.35pm. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Community Care Education

St. Andrew's Mission Hospital (SAMH) and Singapore Anglican Community Services (SACS) is organizing a Talk on "Caring For Persons with Dementia".

Date/Time : Saturday, 31 August 2019, 9.00am to 12.30pm

Venue : St James' Church, Sanctuary One (Level 3),

1 Leedon Road, Singapore 267828

The brochure with registration details are available on the usher's table.

GB FORTNIGHT

The Girls' Brigade Singapore Annual GB Fortnight is from **14 to 28 July 2019.** Your contribution received is in support of the Company Programmes and Leadership Training, Community Service and Development Projects, Brigade Activities and Administration. Prayerfully consider and respond. Your generous donation will be greatly appreciated.

DUTY ROSTER	SATURDAY 20/7/2019	SUNDAY 21/7/2019	NEXT SATURDAY 27/7/2019	NEXT SUNDAY 28/7/2019
Worship Officiant	Hide Ie	Ho Boon Sing	No '1 John' Service. Combined SJCP Family Day cum 135th Anniversary Celebration at SMSS School Hall on Sunday, 28 July at 10.00am	Hide Ie
Celebrant	Revd John Lin			-
Holy Communion Assistant	Ps Fu-Man, Patrick Lee & Hide Ie	Ps Fu-Man, Boon Sing & Kenneth Sng		-
Community Praise Team	David's Legacy			Livingstreams
Preacher	Revd John Lin			Revd John Lin
Scripture Text	Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 24:3-14			Ephesians 4:1-6
Sermon Title	Persecution: Suffering for the gospel			Growing in Unity and Purpose
Scripture Reader	Sonia Ie	Gan Pak Lim		Joshua Tung
Ushering Team	DR30	Shema		Flint & CA338
Floral Arrangement	-			Audrey Kua
Refreshment	-	Lee May & Sunali		Buffet lunch
Treasurer	Felyn Chan	Ho Boon Sing		Helen Sng
Treasury Witness	Judy Siak	Esther Ling & Lye Chee		Eileen Mok & Florence Ho
Staff On Duty	Ps Florence & Patrick	Ds Lena & Lydia	Doris, Ps Fu-Man, Ps Lyu Yang & Ps Chwee Lian	

Upcoming Events

Confirmation Service on 18 August 2019
 Combined Church Prayer Meeting on 30 August 2019
 Marriage Preparation Course on 1, 8, 15 & 22 September 2019

Worship Service on Saturday

English Service 4.30 pm at Sanctuary

Ministries

Home cell Fellowship 8.00pm on Fridays
Youth Meeting 2.00pm on Saturdays at Patmos Hall

Worship Services on Sunday

English Service 9.00 am at Sanctuary
Cantonese Service 9.00 am at Patmos Hall
Mandarin Service 11.15 am at Sanctuary
Hokkien Service 11.15 am at Patmos Hall

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School Gate E Open for Entry: Saturday: 7.00am to 5.00pm
 Sunday: 7.40am to 12noon