

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Call to Worship

Kathy

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Music Team

Welcome, Pass the Peace

Bron

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Bong

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Offering

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Reflection/Thanksgiving Song

Music Team

Message

Bron

Commitment Song

Music Team

Benediction

Bron

Audio recording of this service is available on the church's website.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

How do you identify yourself? Is it with the country where you were born, the colour of your skin, your sexual orientation, your job, the amount of money you have, accomplishments, title, country of allegiance or the community you belong? Why is this so? Do you identify yourself of what you did in the past, who you are right now or the person you'll be or status you believe and know you'll have in the future? Why? Who are you...really? Are you the person who you know you are or the person other people expect you to be? How often do you reflect on who you were, you are and who will you be? Would you rather have someone else's identity? Again, why?

IN FOCUS:



PRAYERS:

- Paolo, Arline and Pastor Quijano's son** had undergone the surgery last Monday. His leg is now in a cast. Please continue to pray that his leg heals as they are anticipating. Cast will be taken out in two weeks.
- Trevor** is and will be undergoing through a number of medical diagnoses up to the week of the 21st of November this year. Please pray for favourable test results and Trevor's comfort and well being.
- We have got brothers and sisters in the church who are in need and **looking for jobs or permanent jobs**. We pray that our Lord sustains their needs and lead them to people who might direct them to a gainful employment.
- Our church is blessed with people who are ably and **willingly volunteering to make a difference** in our mission as church. Let us all be thankful and express our gratitude to our Lord in prayer the blessings God is providing us. These include our **Pastors Rowena and Bron**. The Spirit of God is moving through, around and in us. As many of us are feeling blessed and joyful, let us also be sensitive to those who might feel to be suffering alone.

CHRISTIAN QUOTATION:

"We go back to creation and we see that man is made in the image and in the likeness of God (Genesis 1:26, 27), not in the sense that God has a body, but in terms of our nature. You are called to be living images that reflect and communicate the character of God Himself." R.C. Sproul 1939



Robert Charles Sproul is an American Calvinist theologian and pastor. Sproul has been an ardent advocate of Calvinism in his many print, audio, and video publications, and he is also known for his advocacy of the Thomistic and Evidentialist approaches to Christian apologetics and his rejection of presuppositionalism. A dominant theme in many of Sproul's *Renewing Your Mind* lessons is the holiness and sovereignty of God.

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Nick Name	Ini
Birth Date	05 June
Birth Country	Fiji
Interests	Helping other people.
Favourite Bible verse	John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
Message	<i>Learn to love and share and be kind to one another.</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Worship Theme**—Today is the last Sunday of our focus on **God's beautiful creation**. For the next six weeks leading to Christmas our worship service focus will be on **"The Prophetic Imagination"** mostly based in the book of the prophet Isaiah.
- Weeks of Prayer**. Second week. Every week groups of people will be praying for many aspects of our church life. We believe in the power of God through our prayers. For this week, **11-16 Nov, Mel Are, Kathy Baxter, Andrea McAdam and Sue Stokes**. We use the following guides in our households to pray together or alone. Set aside during the day or in a quiet place. **We pray God guides and blesses...Our Dreams and Visions...Our Church...Our search for a new Pastor...Our Faith and Action...Our Leaders, now and in the Future.**
- Wednesday 13 Nov. Combined Deacons and Transition team workshop**. David Devine will be leading this workshop in Pastor Bron's place. They will be learning about **conducting church meetings**.
- 24 Nov—Quarterly members' meeting and Commitment Sunday**. Jot it down in your diaries. Make time to be present. You are the church. It is about you, it is about our community, it is about our obedience to God and making a difference to someone's life.
- Commitment Sunday**—24 Nov. During our service, each and everyone of us will have an opportunity to discover, enhance and share our God given Talents. Leading to that Sunday let us ask ourselves these questions: *How do I want this church to minister to me? With my current abilities, capabilities and resources, what can I contribute that I may be someone else's answer to the first question? If people beside and around me responds positively to this question, everyone's need, including mine, will be met. This is great! What is stopping me to contribute? What can I do or other help me that I may be able contribute?*
- Saturday, 30 Nov**—Our final church working bee for the year. This will be from 10AM to 12 noon. We will focus on the front and back yards. Please see Bong if you can make the time to assist.
- We will be raising a fund to purchase a **scooter battery charger** which will be kept in the church for Paul Sultana. The cost is \$286.10 + GST. If you want to contribute please see Bong or Len. Paul will appreciate your help.

DEACONS MEETING UPDATE:

Wednesday, 06 November 2013

- New Church Strategic Plan in achieving our church vision, mission and values. a. Worship and Spirituality b. Care and church community, c. Outreach and Justice. More information will be provided on our Commitment Sunday.
- Companion in our faith Journey. Christian mentoring, discipleship, confirmation. People will be invited to learn more and be involved in this ministry.
- Church Leaders Handbook is in the process of being produced. This is for clarity of leaders' roles and responsibilities both in tasks and spirituality.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS:



MALAYSIA

Location: South-eastern Asia. Shares borders with Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore and Brunei.

Language: The Malay language is an Austronesian language spoken not only by Malaysians but all Malay people who reside in the Malay Peninsula, southern Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, central eastern Sumatra, the Riau islands, parts of the coast of Borneo, Cocos and Christmas Islands in Australia. It is also very similar to Indonesian, known locally as Bahasa Indonesia. In Malaysia, the language is officially known as Bahasa Malaysia, which translates as the "Malaysian language". The term, which was introduced by the National Language Act 1967, was predominant until the 1990s, when most academics and government officials reverted to "Bahasa Melayu," which is used in the Malay version of the Federal Constitution.

Capital: Kuala Lumpur, **Population:** 2010 Census- 28,334,135

Religion: The Malaysian constitution guarantees freedom of religion while making Islam the state religion. 61.3% practice Islam, 19.8% practice Buddhism, 9.2% Christianity, 6.3% Hinduism and 1.3% practice Confucianism, Taoism and other traditional Chinese religions. 0.7% declared no religion and the remaining 1.4% practised other religions or did not provide any information. Sunnis form the majority with non-denominational Muslims being the second largest group of Muslims at 18%.

Malay Society and Culture

A Multi-Cultural Society

Malaysia is a multi-cultural society. The main ethnic groups are the native Malays as well as large populations of Chinese, and Indians. When visiting the country it is clear that the ethnicities retain their religions, customs and way of life. The most important festivals of each group are public holidays.

Group Orientation

The family is considered the centre of the social structure. As a result there is a great emphasis on unity, loyalty and respect for the elderly. The family is the place where the individual can be guaranteed both emotional and financial support. When one member of the family suffers a financial setback, the rest of the family will contribute what they can to help out. Families tend to be extended, although in the larger cities this will naturally differ.

The Concept of Face

Malays, Chinese and Indians all strive to maintain face and avoid shame both in public and private. Face is a personal concept that embraces qualities such as a good name, good character, and being held in esteem by one's peers. Face is considered a commodity that can be given, lost, taken away, or earned. On top of this face also extends to the family, school, company, and even the nation itself. The desire to maintain face makes Malaysians strive for harmonious relationships. Etiquette and Customs in Malaysia

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Names

The way names are used also varies between ethnicities: The **Chinese** traditionally have 3 names. The surname (family name) is first and is followed by two personal names. Many Chinese adopt more Western names and may ask you to use that instead. Many **Malays** do not have surnames. Instead, men add their father's name to their own name with the term "bin" (meaning 'son of'). So Rosli bin Suleiman, would be Rosli the son of Suleiman. • Women use the term "binti", so Aysha binti Suleiman is Aysha the daughter of Suleiman. *Indian* Many Indians do not use surnames. Instead, they place the initial of their father's name in front of their own name. The man's formal name is their name "s/o" (son of) and the father's name. Women use "d/o" to refer to themselves as the daughter of their father.

Website Sources: Wikipedia & Kwintessential