

PERTH CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

42nd Anniversary Ordination Service

22nd November 2020, 10am



Order of Worship

Welcome & call to Worship - Elder Sam Bao/Sister Ding Min

Opening Prayer - Elder Joseph Kung

Songs of Praise - Cantonese Worship team

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- Deacon Shumin Lee & Elder Andrew Wan

Sermon: God's Intention for His Church - Rev Victor Tan/Pastor Bruce Liu

Response Hymn – The Church's One Foundation

Ordination of New Pastors

- BOE and Pastoral team

Introduction & Recommendation - Elder George Leung

The Ordination Covenant - Rev Joseph Lin

**The Presentation of Ministerial Robe, Stole &
Ordination Collar**

- Rev John Yiap and Rev Gregory Lim

Laying on of Hands -

- Pastoral team, BOE & BOD

Certificate & Bible

- Elder George Leung & Deacon David Tsen

Testimony - Rev Bruce Liu & Rev Jacky Chen

Thanksgiving Prayer - Elder Eng Seng Phua

Offering & Notices - Elder Sam Bao

Benediction & Doxology - Rev Jacky Chen & Rev Bruce Liu

Ordination of New Pastors

Introduction and Recommendation

Elder George Leung

On this day, we bear witness to Pastor Bruce Liu & Pastor Jacky Chen who have come forth among us in responding to his call by the Holy Spirit to be ordained to ministry.

On behalf of the people of our congregations, we have acted upon the recommendation of the Main church English & Cantonese Congregation Committee, and have examined and approved their candidacy to be ordained as minister for leadership in Christ's holy church.

Now, the Board of Elders have discerned them as the person of sound learning and of Christian character; possessing the necessary gifts and evidence of God's grace, and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ. Therefore, we believe that they are to be duly called to serve God in the ordained ministry.

Ordination to Christian ministry is preceded by study, work, and prayer, guided by the Spirit of God. We now invite Pastor Bruce Liu & Pastor Jacky Chen to present themselves before the people of God.

(Pastor Bruce & Pastor Jacky come forward and stand)

The Ordination Covenant

The Promises of the Candidate for Ordination

Our brothers in the faith, do you believe that you are truly called by God and the Church to the life and work of ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

I do.

Paul the apostle testified, "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me." Will you persevere to be diligent in your practice of the Christian life: reading the Bible, continuing steadfastly in prayer, and taking up your cross daily to follow Christ?

I will, with the help of God.

The Holy Bible teaches that the Church was devoted to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers. Will you persevere faithfully to fulfil your calling among the people committed to your care: by preaching the Word of God and the apostolic faith; and by presiding at the celebration of baptism and the Lord's Supper?

I will, with the help of God.

In the Holy Bible, ministers are exhorted to tend the flock of God committed to their care, not by constraint but willingly, not for selfish gain but eagerly, not by domineering over those in their charge but by example. Will you persevere in caring for the people of God: nourishing, teaching, and encouraging them; giving direction to the life of the

congregation; counselling the troubled; declaring God's forgiveness of sin; and proclaiming victory over death?

I will, with the help of God.

The Spirit of God led Jesus to preach good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, setting at liberty the oppressed, and proclaiming the time of God's good favour. Will you persevere in leading the people of God in their obedience to the global mission of the Church: guiding their concern for justice, peace, and freedom for all people; and taking a responsible place in the governance of the Church and in service to the world?

I will, with the help of God.

The apostle Paul proclaims the Church to be one body with many members. Will you persevere to live and work in unity with all Christians: witnessing to the visible unity of the Church; cooperating with the ministry of PCCC congregations and leading the Church in fulfilling its ministry of reconciliation?

I will, with the help of God.

Paul also wrote, "For me to live is Christ." Will you persevere to conduct yourself so that your life is shaped by Jesus Christ, who took the form of a servant for our sake; and will you, with the help of the Holy Spirit, continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you, to make known to all people the gospel of the grace of God?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you be committed to Perth Chinese Christian Church, accepting its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, committing yourself to be accountable with those serving with you, and to the leadership of the church?

I will, with the help of God

May God who has given you the will to do these things give you grace to perform them. God who called you is faithful and he will do it.

THE PROMISES OF THE PEOPLE

You have heard the promises of our brothers. We ask you, people of God, to declare your agreement to the ordination of Pastor Bruce Liu & Pastor Jacky Chen.

We accept you as one called to public leadership in the Church and affirm the decision that you be ordained.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be ordained?

We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in his ministry?

With God's help, we will! We pledge our love and offer our prayers that together we may glorify God and make Christ known in the world.