



# COVENANT Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

## Order of Worship – 25 October 2015

**Theme for the Year: "Out of Myself and into the Savior" (Ezekiel 14:4-6)**

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	36 - <i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 130
Hymn	TP 130
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 11:8-19
Hymn	174 - <i>The Old Book and the Old Faith</i>
Ordination and Installation of Deacon	
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Faith of the Father"
*Closing Hymn	395 - <i>Only One Life</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
Announcements	<i>*Congregation standing</i>

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be:  
World without end. Amen.

†† Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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## Mark, Why Do We Use the King James Version of the Bible?

**Answer:** Alright, no one specifically asked me this question. But it's a question that I have anticipated would be asked - not only by newcomers to our congregation, but also by those who have worshiped with us for a while.

*Good Reasons for Using the KJV*

### A Better Greek Manuscript

The KJV New Testament was translated from a better Greek manuscript. God didn't only inspire the Bible (2 Tim 3:16-17), but he preserved the Bible. Isaiah 40:8 says, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

It is not merely the thoughts or the doctrines, but Jesus said that this preservation would even extend to the very words - "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18).

Romans 15:4 says, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." If things were written in the past for our learning, God must preserve them.

There are over 5,800 complete or fragmented Greek manuscripts of the New Testament in the world. These manuscripts are divided into 2 families. One is called the Majority Text because roughly 80% of the existing manuscripts in this family agree closely with each other. Even ancient translations agree with them.

The other family is called the Minority or Critical Text. They are so termed because they are the 20% that have significant differences with the 80% of the manuscripts. And this minority group also has significant differences among its manuscripts.

It is also called the Minority Text because for the greater extent of church history, these manuscripts were not used. They were hardly referenced. Their existence was known, but they were not used because there were significant problems with the text.

One example of this is seen in Luke 2:33. The Majority Text has "And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him."

The Minority Text, however, has "and his father and mother marveled..." Shocking! Jesus' father was not Joseph!

There are many other theological issues. It is no wonder why the Minority Text was not used for much of Church History.

Modern versions are based on the Minority Text after a very old manuscript was discovered in the late 1800s. Because it was very old, it was assumed to be closer to the originals. No. It was very old and survived because no one had touched it for 1400 years!

The Majority Text, as a better preserved text, was also the manuscript that was selected and used during the Reformation. All the Reformation Bibles were translated from this family.

### A Better Translation Method

Translation methods are important. The KJV translators were also highly learned men, whose knowledge of Oriental languages remains unsurpassed.

The KJV translators used the method called Formal Equivalence. This means that they translated the Bible word for word and keeping as close as possible to the grammar and structure that was used.

This is why they used "thee," "thou," and "thine;" which are second person singular pronouns. By that time, these

pronouns had fallen out of use in the English language. But the KJV translators used them to distinguish second person singular from second person plural (i.e. "you" and "ye").

This and other examples show that the KJV translators valued the words. While the KJV is not completely free from the biases of the translators and the interpretations they read into the text, yet these are greatly reduced.

This is not so for many modern translations such as the New Living Translation, the Good News Bible, and the New International Version, which use Dynamic Equivalence as a translation method.

Instead of translating just the words, this method takes greater liberty in translating the thought. This gives far too much leeway to the translator to be an interpreter.

For these reasons - a better underlying and preserved text, and better translation method - we use the KJV.

#### *Bad Reasons for Using the KJV*

Some people point to the grandness of the translation and its majesty as reasons to use the KJV. However, a translation must be readable. We must not be moved by sentiment.

The KJV is not easy to read. But this has more to do with the sentence structure

and words of the original which the translators sought to preserve, and the use of 17th century vocabulary and verb endings.

For this reason, I have no issues with people using English (or foreign language) modern versions which are evangelical for collateral reading.

Following that, another bad reason for using the KJV is the belief that it is the only perfect version and that all other versions will corrupt their readers.

We should not behave like weaker brethren, fearful of other versions. In my own Bible Study and sermon preparation, I use other versions for comparative study.

The KJV is not perfect. While many of its translators were scholars and godly men, they were also High Church men, whose political and ecclesiastical biases influenced their translation.

It is not accurate in its translation of Acts 12:4 - where "passover" is rendered "Easter." This is a travesty! And there are other instances of this.

I, for one, would cautiously and tentatively salute a competent, evangelical, and modern attempt at revising the King James Version.

Keep your questions coming and I will try my best to answer them. ~ Pastor



## **Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 18. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures; ordering them, and all their actions, to his own glory.

Q. 19. What is God's providence towards the angels?

A. God by his providence permitted some of the angels, willfully and irrecoverably, to fall into sin and damnation, limiting and ordering that, and all their sins, to his own glory; and established the rest in holiness and happiness; employing them all, at his pleasure, in the administrations of his power, mercy, and justice.

# Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (25.10.15)	Next Week (1.11.15)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Ken Chong	Mark Chen
Pianist	Edward Lim	Evelyn Lee
Welcomers	Kim & Jesslyn Leow	Micah & Hannah Chiang
Offering Stewards	David Ong, Rex Sriharan	Ian Read*, Jansen Ng*, Paul Butler, Ken Hong
Usher	Jesslyn Leow	Joyce Ng
Kitchen Duties	Merilyn Woo*, Ken Hong, Mary Loh	May Poon*, Aliza Chiu, Nancy Lim, Putri Harapan
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>30 October 2015</i>	<i>6 November 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Terence Lee	David Pang
Pianist	Jerome Ng	Nancy Lim

## Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshippers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's message: "Faith of the Fathers" (Hebrews 11:20-31).
3. We will be celebrating Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. Please bring a dish to share at the fellowship lunch.
4. Sunday School teachers for the month of November are: Stephanie Lim, Jenni Budiman, Sandy Chua, Eileen Tay, Aliza Chiu, Lisa Lim; Evelyn Lee, Dorcas Pang, Carmel Sriharan; Grace Lee; Christine Butler; Valerie Ong; Paul Butler; David Pang. Singing Leader: David Ong. Pianist: Evelyn Lee.
5. Retirees' Bible Study on Tuesday, 10:30 am, at church. Topic - "Prayer and Praying for the Salvation of Unbelievers." Please bring a dish. Please contact Yen Fye Yap (0419 915 874) or Kim Leow (0405 407 838) for more information.

### Appointments for the Week

TUE	10:30 am	Retirees' Bible Study
WED	10:00 am	Attadale Craft Group
FRI	7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting and JF
SUN	9:00 am	Adult Bible Class & Catechism
	10:00 am	Worship & Sunday School

### Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

*General Fund - \$3,551.10. Missions Fund - \$400.00. Total Tithes & Offering - \$3,951.10. Attendance - 159.*

### Building Fund to Date

Starting Fund	\$54,185.68	Building Fund Account:
Pledges Collected	\$255,605.00	
Non-Pledged Gifts	\$277,242.36	
Loans Received	\$430,000.00	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church
<i>Subtotal Building Fund</i>	<i>\$1,017,033.04</i>	(Westpac Bank, Applecross)
<i>Payment</i>	<i>\$1,001,735.85</i>	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
<i>Outstanding Pledges</i>	<i>\$36,115.00</i>	SWIFT: WPACAU25
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>\$51,412.19</i>	

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407.  
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