



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 11 January 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	443 - <i>There Is No Name So Sweet On Earth</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 93
Hymn	Insert - <i>Jehovah Reigns</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Esther 3:5-15
Hymn	337 - <i>Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"When One is Overtaken by Wrath"
*Closing Hymn	319 - <i>I Would Be True</i>
*Benediction & † <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>
Announcements	† <i>Inside cover of hymnal</i>

**Congregation standing*

Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday at 3:00 pm
at 47 Davis Road, Attadale, Western Australia
Website: www.covenantbpc.org.au
Email: pastor@covenantbpc.org.au

Session and Church Retreat (Monday, 26 January 2015)

MORNING (Session Only):

8:00 - 9:00 Devotion, Time of Confession, and Prayer

* Worship and exhortation. "In the year 1651, the Church of Scotland, feeling in regard to her ministers "how deep their hand was in the transgression, and that ministers had no small accession to the drawing on of the judgments that were upon the land," drew up what they called a humble acknowledgment of the sins of the ministry. This document is a striking and searching one. It is perhaps one of the fullest, most faithful, and most impartial confessions of ministerial sin ever made." ~ Horatio Bonar. A few extracts are found here: <http://www.gracegems.org/SERMONS/Ministerial%20Confessions.htm>

9:00 - 10:00 Personal Desire for the Ministry and Church

* A time of sharing of each member's desires for the church, "vision", etc.

10:00 - 11:00 Evaluation of Ministries

* Evaluation of the various ministries and suggestions for improvement - Care Groups, Fellowship Groups, Sunday School, Music, Bible Study, etc. This discussion will continue in session meetings.

11:00 - 12:00 Proposed Portfolios for the Diaconal and Elders' Ministries

* To put the proposed portfolios into a working form, and to discuss the elders' roles and the distinctions between the two offices.

12:00 - 12:30 Working Lunch

12:30 - 14:00 Church Constitution and Church Membership

* To discuss issues pertaining to the constitution and church membership.

AFTERNOON (Session and Church Worshipers):

14:30 - 15:30 Sharing of Morning Discussion

* Summary of morning discussion with the worshipers present.

15:30 - 17:30 Church Discussion

* Time for worshipers to share their thoughts on their personal desire for the church, their feedback on ministries, where they would like to serve, and their suggestions for concrete events in the church calendar for the year March 2015 - December 2016. Worshipers are encouraged to give written responses beforehand by emailing pastor or dropping it in a box.

17:30 Church Dinner and Watching Fireworks

* Dinner will be provided - a combination of cooked food by the session members' wives and catered food. We will then go and watch fireworks together.

Purpose of the Session and Church Retreat

No church moves ahead simply by planning. Since the church is owned and headed by Christ, office bearers of the church must seek Christ's mind for the church. We must seek his Word and we must go to him in prayer. And since we are sinful men and often insufficient for the task of serving God and his people, we need to go to God and to repent of our coldness, our sins, and for not discharging the duties of our office.

But we are also coming together to discuss two issues of great pertinence. The first has to do with the duties of office bearers. God ordained the office of the deacon and the office of the elder for very specific purposes.

As our church population ages, as the economy worsens, when members fall ill from time to time, and as our spending on missions increases, the role of the diaconate becomes more vital in these situations. And the Lord has ordained elders to have oversight over the spiritual lives of the worshipers. If we do not know how the flock is fairing, we are not discharging our duties.

The second has to do with church membership and the constitution. Because of the checkered history that led to the forming of this church, certain constitutional restrictions were imposed on some from becoming full members. By providence, the issue surfaced and the session had the opportunity to discuss it. The unity of the church is spoken of all over the Scripture and should be our goal. We will tread through this process with caution, upholding Scripture, while considering the fears that some may have.

Since the church consists of worshipers and it is the worshipers who are being built up as living stones into God's building, your involvement is also vital. The session urges you to come and to participate. Please indicate your attendance to Jacob and Marilyn Woo for administrative and catering purposes.



Westminster Confession of Faith XX - Of Christian Liberty, and Liberty of Conscience

4. And because the powers which God has ordained, and the liberty which Christ has purchased are not intended by God to destroy, but mutually to uphold and preserve one another, they who, upon pretence of Christian liberty, shall oppose any lawful power, or the lawful exercise of it, whether it be civil or ecclesiastical, resist the ordinance of God.¹ And, for their publishing of such opinions, or maintaining of such practices, as are contrary to the light of nature, or to the known principles of Christianity (whether concerning faith, worship, or conversation), or to the power of godliness; or, such erroneous opinions or practices, as either in their own nature, or in the manner of publishing or maintaining them, are destructive to the external peace and order which Christ has established in the Church, they may lawfully be called to account,² and proceeded against, by the censures of the Church. and by the power of the civil magistrate.³

1. James 4:12; Romans 14:4.

2. Acts 4:19; 5:29; 1 Corinthians 7:23; Matthew 23:8-10; 2 Corinthians 1:24; Matthew 15:9.

3. Colossians 2:20, 22-23; Galatians 1:10; 2:4-5; 5:1.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (11.1.15)</i>	<i>Next Week (18.1.15)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Terence Lee
Pianist	Evelyn Lee	Merilyn Woo
Welcomers	Jonathan & Esther Ong	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	David Lim, David Ong	Jansen Ng, Paul Butler
Usher	Esther Ong	Adeline Ng
Kitchen Duties	Angela Yap*, Sandy Chua Chris Budiman	Nget Chu Pang*, Carmel Sriharan, Jemima Ng
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>14 January 2015</i>	<i>21 January 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	LH Chua	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Jerome Ng	Wendy Gong

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's message: "For Such a Time as This" (Esther 4:1-17).
3. Daily Manna and Daily Manna Junior (January-March 2015) are available in the foyer. Please collect your copy.
4. Adult Bible Class commences next Lord's Day at 2 pm. The topic of study will be the Westminster Confession of Faith.
5. Session and Church Retreat. Monday, 26 January 2015. Please keep this day free as we come together to discuss matters pertaining to the church. The day retreat concludes with dinner and watching of the fireworks. Please indicate your attendance to Jacob and Merilyn Woo.
6. Bible Conference 2015. Theme: "Out of Myself and into the Savior" Speaker: Dr Tedd Tripp. Venue: Bayview Geographe Resort, Busselton. Dates: 7-10 April 2015. Registration forms are in the foyer. Please register with Ken and Jackie Hong.

Appointments for the Week

WED	7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting - Psalm 94
SUN	2.00 pm	Adult Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$3,045.30 (#450 - \$500.00). *Missions Fund* - \$1,540.00 (#451 - \$1,200.00). *Total Tithes & Offering* - \$4,585.30. Attendance - 105.

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407.
Deacons: **Ken Chong** 0402 553 313. **LH Chua** 0435 601 373. **Terence Lee** 0418 845 617. **Johnson Lim** 0402 145 682. **SK Loh** 9386 1660.