



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 5 April 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	135 - <i>The Day of Resurrection</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 105:1-15,42-45
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	Insert - <i>Let Us Love</i>
Hymn	Insert - <i>O Thank the LORD</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	John 16:25-33
Hymn	170 - <i>O Breath of Life</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Jesus Has Overcome the World"
*Closing Hymn	137 - <i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</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
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Man Is Forgotten, the God-Man Is Remembered

The Adoration of Man

JFK After John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, a state funeral was held. His body was brought to the Capitol Building to lie in state.

There, for 18 hours, 250,000 people paid their respects to the president. Approximately 1 million people lined the route for the funeral processions. There were 220 dignitaries from 92 nations, including 19 heads of state.

Peopled cried. JFK received such adulation because of his achievements in office. Apart from the prosperity he ushered in for the United States, he established the Peace Corps, averted Nuclear War, advocated man in space, and reduced race segregation.

LKY Closer to Australia, the recent death of Singapore statesman, Lee Kuan Yew, sparked international grief.

His body lay in state for 4 days; 454,687 people filed past the coffin. Over 1.1 million people paid tribute. On the funeral day, thousands of people lined the 15.4 km long funeral route. There were 170 foreign dignitaries who attended the state funeral.

Despite being a controversial figure, he was mourned by a nation because of his contributions to the success and rise of Singapore. Even his detractors mourned the loss.

On both occasions, the deaths of JFK and LKY, it rained; this being interpreted in the case of LKY as being "*the heavens opened and cried for him.*"

The Denigration of Christ

When Jesus Christ died, he had no such reception. Aside from several women present, there was only John, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. These only mourned his death. The rest - the chief priests, scribes, elders, soldiers, and bystanders, were there to mock.

And while Jesus was hanging on the cross, the sky was darkened for three hours, from the sixth to the ninth hour. It

was not that God mourned for his Son. It was because the Son was made sin and was shunned by a holy God. That's why Jesus cried out, "*My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*"

When he died, he was buried. Sabbath Law prevented visitors. Our Lord was alone in death. He had none of the pageantry and mourning of recent days.

Rather his detractors mocked him & his once strong supporters denigrated him.

Man Forgotten, Christ Adored

The fame of great men will soon fade. It doesn't mean they nor their reputation weren't great. It's just a fact of life.

After time passes, whether decades or a century, the memory of these men, will pass from the personal to the impersonal, from grief to neutrality.

Ecclesiastes 2:16 says, "*For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool.*"

It doesn't matter whether you were great or not. You will be forgotten. Affections for you will also disappear.

But Christ will never be forgotten or unloved. This is because Christ did not remain dead. From the grave he arose. He purchased salvation for his people.

The Bible tells us that because of him, the righteous will flourish and peace will reign as long as the moon is in the skies. That he will have dominion upon the earth (Psalm 72:7-8). And he does!

Even today, millions, nay, hundreds of millions flock to worship him and to remember him world-wide.

If anything deserves our utmost remembrance and adoration, our excitement and interest, it is not man, not even great men, but the God-Man, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The praises of Christ should always be on the lips of his people.

ECM Results

We thank God for the extraordinary congregational meeting last Lord's Day. The meeting proceeded well, with all present united over the things of the Lord. Unity and not uniformity marked it.

Changes to Church Constitution

All motions were passed with a clear majority. The motion to pass the changes to the constitution was approved by 91%.

Surprisingly, this motion, which I thought would take the longest, was approved with minimal questions.

We thought that it would require more time because of the history of our church and the sensitivities surrounding doctrinal distinctives and church membership.

We will be submitting the changes to the Department of Commerce. Please pray for the approval. Once it is approved, we will have a membership exercise.

Those who are not full members at the moment will be converted to full communicant members.

And we would also like to invite long time visitors to join as members of the church.

You have been with us for a long time; some from the start of the church. Would you pray about covenanting together with this body of Christ?

Fund Raising for Church Properties

The motion to approve the raising of \$1.75 million was passed by 85.5%.

This motion generated the most discussion, and it is natural, because it concerns the stewardship of God's money.

There were some good questions and pertinent reservations that were raised.

A fund-raising and building committee will soon be formed consisting of session members and non-session members. The concerns raised will be looked into seriously, as will the fund-raising.

Please be in prayer for these things and for God's will to be done in the church.

~ Pastor



Westminster Confession of Faith XXIV - Of Marriage and Divorce

4. Marriage ought not to be within the degrees of consanguinity or affinity forbidden by the Word.¹ Nor can such incestuous marriages ever be made lawful by any law of man or consent of parties, so as those persons may live together as man and wife.²
5. Adultery or fornication committed after a contract, being detected before marriage, gives just occasion to the innocent party to dissolve that contract.³ In the case of adultery after marriage, it is lawful for the innocent party to sue out a divorce and, after the divorce,⁴ to marry another, as if the offending party were dead.⁵
6. Although the corruption of man be such as is apt to study arguments unduly to put asunder those whom God has joined together in marriage: yet, nothing but adultery, or such willful desertion as can no way be remedied by the Church, or civil magistrate, is cause sufficient of dissolving the bond of marriage:⁶ wherein, a public and orderly course of proceeding is to be observed; and the persons concerned in it not left to their own wills, and discretion, in their own case.⁷

1. Leviticus 18; 1 Corinthians 5:1; Amos 2:7.

2. Mark 6:18; Leviticus 18:24-28.

3. Matthew 1:18-20.

4. Matthew 5:31-32.

5. Matthew 19:9; Romans 7:2-3.

6. Matthew 19:8-9; 1 Corinthians 7:15; Matthew 19:6.

7. Deuteronomy 24:1-4.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (5.4.15)	Next Week (12.4.15)
Speaker	Conrad Mbewe	Tedd Tripp
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Valerie Ong	Elizabeth Huang
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Kim & Jesslyn Leow
Offering Stewards	Ken Hong, Ian Read	Philip Orchard, Jacob Woo
Usher	Jerome Ng	Marilyn Woo
Kitchen Duties	Mary-Anne Chan*, Adeline Ng, Aliza Chiu, Jesslyn Leow	Nancy Lim*, Ken Hong, May Poon
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>8 April 2015</i>	<i>15 April 2015</i>
Speaker	No Prayer Meeting (Bible Conference)	No Prayer Meeting (Parenting Seminar)
Chairperson		
Pianist		

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: "Enthroning and Delighting in Christ" (Psalm 16:11). The messenger will be Dr Tedd Tripp of Shepherding the Heart Ministries.
3. Sunday School teachers for the month of April are Aliza Chiu, Lisa Lim, Sandy Chua, Eileen Tay, Stephanie Lim, Jenni Budiman; Esther Ong, Dorcas Pang, Evelyn Lee; Jerome Ng; Mary-Anne Chan; David Lim; and Jacob & Marilyn Woo. Singspiration Leader: David Ong, Pianist: Valerie Ong.
4. Prayer meeting will be in recess this Wednesday because of the Bible Conference. Please pray for the participants and for Dr Tedd Tripp who will be the speaker. Please pray for Mrs Margy Tripp as she teaches the children.
5. YPG will be in recess this Friday because of the Bible Conference.
6. Reminder: Church Anniversary Dinner. Venue: North Lake BBQ Restaurant (406 North Lake Road, Bibra Lake) Date: Sunday, 12 April 2015. Time: 7 pm.
7. Shepherding a Child's Heart Parenting Seminar. Speaker: Dr Tedd Tripp. Dates: Monday, 13 - Wednesday, 15 April 2015. Time: 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Venue: Westminster Presbyterian Church (Bull Creek).

Appointments for the Week

TUE - FRI	Bible Conference
SUN 2:00 pm	Adult Bible Class
3:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$3,803.34. Missions Fund - \$320.00. Building Fund - \$50.00 (#207 - \$50.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$4,178.34. Attendance - 141.

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

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