



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship — 10 May 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	37 - <i>How Great Thou Art</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 108
Hymn	TP 108:1-6
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 2:5-9
Hymn	50 - <i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Son of God Became the Son of Man"
*Closing Hymn	149 - <i>When We See Christ</i>
*Benediction & † <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>
Announcements	

† *Inside cover of hymnal*

\* *Congregation standing*

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## **Godly Mothers Are...**

### *Godly Mothers Are Needed*

Godly mothers are a real blessing to the home and to the community. They are the architects of the next generation. That is why one of the noblest pursuits of a woman is motherhood (Prov 31:10).

Godly mothers and grandmothers find time to invest spiritually in their children's lives.

Such a mother and grandmother were Lois and Eunice - they produced a Timothy (2 Tim 1:5) and we need more Timothys in church. Hannah produced a Samuel (1 Sam 1-3) and we need more Samuels in church.

Augustine's mother was concerned for her son Augustine - she prayed for him daily. Augustine became a bishop of the church years later.

John Newton's mother prayed for her son and taught him. Unfortunately, she died when he was young and he led a wanton life thereafter.

But her words always remained with him. Years later, he would repent and become a pastor.

### *A Godly Mother's Character*

Proverbs 31:10-31 describes a woman every Christian mother ought to emulate.

She is no ordinary woman. In her life as a wife and mother, she accomplishes so much that her husband and children praise her.

Her work works love in the household (Prov 31:28). They are not motivated by fear but love for her.

### She Is Virtuous

A virtuous woman is worth more than precious stones. She is characterised not by her wealth or her ability per se, but she is first characterised by her virtues - her noble character.

She has moral courage. The husband, the Proverbs 31 man, is a man who is concerned with biblical morality.

And because she is virtuous, he has no problem trusting her to make godly decisions. She would be his delight (Prov 31:10-12).

A man who finds such a wife finds a good thing because she is like a precious ruby. She will be well-spoken of at all times.

She will be well-spoken about because of her godly character. She will shine for God and touch the lives of others (Prov 18:22, 31:30).

### She Is Responsible for the Home

As the domestic mistress of the house (1 Tim 5:14), she is responsible to make sure that food and clothing are provided for her family.

So she would need to make good choices. She works with her hands and ensures that the family is fed.

In a day of shared responsibility, both husband and wife do this work; however, biblically speaking, it is the purview of the wife.

So while the responsibility is shared, it is unevenly shifted in the favour of the woman. She has the privilege of keeping the house.

She is like the merchant's ships in this regard - they never fail to supply the docks with food and abundance.

### She Is Financially Shrewd

She makes wise investment from the money she has. She doesn't invest blindly but wisely.

She "*girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms*" (Prov 31:17). In other words, she is well-prepared and prudent in the spending of money.

### She Is Charitable

While she is shrewd with money, she is also not a selfish person. While her family and their well-being are a chief concern, she is not stingy towards others.

She provides for the poor. "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor" (Prov 31:20) which means she gives to the poor liberally (Psalm 112:9; Galatians 6:9, 10).

### She Is Confident

She is a well-prepared woman. When winter comes, there is no fear (Prov 31:21).

She is not so much fearless because she has prepared everything for the winter. But true fearlessness resides in a heart that is stayed on God.

That is why she can rejoice or laugh in the times to come (Prov 31:25) - because she trusts in God.

### She Is Wise

She speaks with wisdom (Prov 31:26) - she is always able to give a word from God. This means that a godly mother is gracious in her speech (Col 4:6).

She would be in behaviour a holy woman, not slanderer or false accuser, but a teacher of good things. And her words will have practical instruction (Titus 2:3-5). That is why her instruction is reliable.

She is wise because she watches over the affairs of her household (Prov 31:27).

### She Is Praiseworthy

Such a mother need not praise herself (Prov 27:2). But she inspires praise from her family. Her family is not embarrassed of her. They are not afraid of her.

But they love her and can see her virtue as a godly mother. They call her blessed. Such a good mother, who does not want!

### *Conclusion*

Praise God for mothers! May our women in church strive towards these characteristics and may their husbands and children pray for them. ~ Pastor



## **Westminster Confession of Faith XXVII - Of the Sacraments**

4. There are only two sacraments ordained by Christ our Lord in the Gospel; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord: neither of which may be dispensed by any, but by a minister of the Word lawfully ordained.<sup>1</sup>
5. The sacraments of the Old Testament in regard to the spiritual things thereby signified and exhibited, were, for substance, the same with those of the new.<sup>2</sup>

1. Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:20, 23; 4:1; Hebrews 5:4.

2. 1 Corinthians 10:1-4.

# Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (10.5.15)	Next Week (17.5.15)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Terence Lee	Raymond Woo
Pianist	Merylyn Woo	Jabez Huang
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Yen Fye & Angela Yap
Offering Stewards	Yen Fye Yap, David Pang	Ian Read, Micah Chiang
Usher	Joyce Ng	Hannah Chiang
Kitchen Duties	Jenni Budiman*, Sandy Chua, Victor Poon	Eileen Tay*, Nget Chu Pang, Eva Chiu
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>13 May 2015</i>	<i>20 May 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Jacob Woo	SK Loh
Pianist	Merylyn Woo	Jerome Ng

## 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: "That the Sons of Men May Become the Sons of God" (Hebrews 2:10-18).
3. Please submit your pledges to the building fund in the offering bag in the coming weeks.
4. Tunes for the Trinity Psalter are available online at <http://psalter.org/tunes/trinity> and <http://www.lifebpc.com/index.php/resources/trinity-psalter>. Worship leaders may retain a copy of the words edition and pianists may loan the music editions.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - Psalm 109 FRI 7:45 pm JF & Parents' Group SAT 4:30 pm YPG SUN 2:00 pm Adult Bible Class 3:00 pm Worship & Sunday School	<i>General Fund</i> - \$3,703.37 (#466 - \$46.82, #467 - \$50.00, #468 - \$100.00). <i>Missions Fund</i> - \$420.00. <i>Building Fund</i> - \$2,000.00 (#216 - \$2,000.00). <i>Total Tithes &amp; Offering</i> - \$6,123.37. Attendance - 147.

Building Fund to Date			
Total Building Fund	\$54,185.68	Pledges	\$0
		<i>Interest Free Loan</i>	\$0
		<i>On-going Gift</i>	\$0
		<i>One Time Gift</i>	\$0

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