



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship – 21 June 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	57 - <i>Jesus, I Am Resting</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 114
Hymn	TP 114
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 4:1-10
Hymn	257 - <i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Rest - Not of Joshua, but of Jesus"
*Closing Hymn	270 - <i>The Haven of Rest</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*

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## A Wedding, God's Providence, and a Church Camp

My recent trip overseas was to lead the worship at a wedding service and to speak at the services and camp of a Reformed church in Singapore.

### *A Wedding and God's Providence*

The wedding, in which I led the worship, was of a sister from my former church in Singapore to a deacon in that Reformed church.

I had been the one to introduce them to one another.

Before I came to Perth, I had regularly ministered at a Reformed church. Through my ministry with them, I became well acquainted with many of their office bearers and members.

It was then that I got to know about that deacon in the church.

When I came to Perth, I was burdened to introduce my friend to this deacon. Both served the Lord, both loved the outdoors, both loved to climb mountains, both ran half-marathons, and both held on to the Reformed faith.

I checked with his pastor and elder of the church if this would be adequate. Both replied in the affirmative, especially the elder who was a former colleague of the young lady.

With some measure of trepidation, I approached that young deacon over social media.

In 2013, I sent the deacon a message which included the following lines - *"The purpose of me writing is just to inquire if you would be happy and comfortable to make the acquaintance of a young lady from my former church? Brother, the reason why I am bringing this up is I would like to create the opportunity to meet if you are willing."*

He replied after 24 nerve-wrecking hours of waiting, saying, *"I am open to*

*get to know ladies of like minded faith. I have often prayed to God regarding this matter as well. I have no doubt you have all the right concerns and desires to arrange for this meeting.*

After that message, I decided to call her. She is very well-known for not answering her calls.

Fully prepared to have my call go to voice mail, I was preparing in my mind the message I would write her.

Provisionally, she answered - which she hardly ever does. She was open to my suggestion and happy to be introduced.

They met on social media, subsequently went for a jog together with other friends, worked hard at conversation, and in 3 months were together.

My role was merely one of introduction. I was merely a secondary cause/agent that God used. However, the young lady's 89 year old grandmother was more instrumental.

This godly near-nonagenarian had not ceased to pray for a life-partner for her granddaughter, praying that the Lord would not take her home until her granddaughter was married.

And in God's providence he brought these two together.

I was very happy and gratified to be at the wedding and to lead the praise. I was even more joyful to hear their speeches at the end of the wedding.

The young lady's exhortation to the rest of her single sisters and brothers was especially touching.

She told them never to worry but to trust in God - if God could fulfil this desire of hers, he could do it for them - they just needed to trust in Him and his providence and not to worry or fret. She also encouraged mothers not to nag!

## *Ministry at the Reformed Church*

I ministered over two Sundays at the Reformed church - the deacon and his bride were conspicuously missing as they were on their honeymoon.

It was a joyful time of ministry. I was asked to speak on the topic "Living as Disciples" at the church camp, and delivered the first message at the church.

The camp was held at Port Dickson, Malaysia. And over 130 people attended.

I spoke a total of 6 messages - The Command for Disciples, the Cost of Discipleship, the Goal of Discipleship, the People of Discipleship, the Method of Discipleship, and the Picture of Discipleship.

To be a disciple is fundamentally to follow Jesus; to follow his teachings, to follow his example and live like him, and to propagate his teachings.

Christ commands us to follow him - to die to self, to be willing to suffer for him, and to serve him. And to follow him is not a walk in the park - we need

to count the cost - it demands everything we are. There is no discipleship unless it concerns the whole life.

Modern evangelicalism tells us that the goal of discipleship is to be more equipped in order to be useful. The Bible, however, teaches that the goal of discipleship is to be holy like Christ; only then can we be effective and useful for the kingdom.

Everyone is to be involved in disciple-making - in teaching each other the teachings of Christ and to be more like Jesus. And it is not merely to teach, but to model the Christian life.

And if a church is filled with maturing disciples, the result is a church that is characterised by maturity and unity.

It is a reminder of what we continually need to work on as a congregation - one of the evidences of maturing discipleship is a growth in holiness. That is my prayer for the church.

As I write this, I am looking forward to being back with you this Lord's Day. I miss Perth, your fellowship, and the weather. ~ Pastor



## **Westminster Confession of Faith XXIX - Of the Lord's Supper**

5. The outward elements in this sacrament, duly set apart to the uses ordained by Christ, have such relation to Him crucified, as that, truly, yet sacramentally only, they are sometimes called by the name of the things they represent, to wit, the body and blood of Christ;<sup>1</sup> albeit, in substance and nature, they still remain truly and only bread and wine, as they were before.<sup>2</sup>
6. That doctrine which maintains a change of the substance of bread and wine, into the substance of Christ's body and blood (commonly called transubstantiation) by consecration of a priest, or by any other way, is repugnant, not to Scripture alone, but even to common sense, and reason; overthrows the nature of the sacrament, and has been, and is, the cause of manifold superstitions; yes, of gross idolatries.<sup>3</sup>

1. Matthew 26:26-28.

2. 1 Corinthians 11:26-28; Matthew 26:29.

3. Acts 3:21; 1 Corinthians 11:24-26; Luke 24:6, 39.

# Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (21.6.15)	Next Week (28.6.15)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Terence Lee
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Ian Tay
Welcomers	Micah & Hannah Chiang	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	David Pang, Jansen Ng	David Ong, Ian Read
Usher	Angela Yap	August Ng
Kitchen Duties	May Poon*, Lisa Lim, Nancy Lim	Merilyn Woo*, Putri Harapan, August Ng
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>24 June 2015</i>	<i>1 July 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	SK Loh	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Eugene Lim	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: "The Command to Enter Into the Rest" (Hebrews 4:11-13).
3. From 10 July 2015, Prayer Meeting will shift to Fridays at 7:45 pm.
4. Those who require an application form for church membership may obtain one from Terence Lee or from Pastor.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 7:45 pm Prayer Meeting - Psalm 115 FRI 7:45 pm JF and Parents' Group SAT 7:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study SUN 2:00 pm Adult Bible Class/Catechism 3:00 pm Worship & Sunday School	<i>General Fund - \$2,711.75. Missions Fund - \$310.00. Building Fund - \$2,452.00 (#239 - \$417.00, #240 - \$700.00, #241 - \$1,000.00, #242 - \$100.00, #243 - \$235.00). Total Tithes &amp; Offering - \$5,473.75. Attendance - 125.</i>
Building Fund to Date	
Starting Fund           \$54,185.68 Pledges Collected   \$33,960.00 Non-Pledged Gifts   \$58,867.00 <i>Subtotal Building Fund   \$147,012.68</i> <i>Outstanding Pledges     \$337,760.00</i> <i>Grand Total                \$484,772.68</i>	Building Fund Account: Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross) BSB: 036-031   Acct: 316969 SWIFT: WPACAU2S

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