



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 16 August 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	175 - <i>Standing on the Promises</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 122
Hymn	TP 122
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 7:11-28
Hymn	369 - <i>Give of Your Best to the Master</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"A Better Priest, Because a Better Covenant"
*Closing Hymn	212 - <i>Nothing but the Blood</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>
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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The Importance of Using Our Time Wisely

We Complain About Our Lack of Time

Everyone complains about their lack of time. Those who work complain about their long hours. Those who are married complain about overwhelming family obligations.

Students complain about their many assignments. Homemakers complain about their load of chores. Even pastors complain about lacking time to study.

We are all overwhelmed by things that we lack time for other things. And busyness has become a convenient excuse for neglecting spiritual duties and ministries.

It has become acceptable to use busyness to excuse yourself from church. But are all our pursuits legitimate? Are all the things that fill our times in the will of God?

We Need to Ask God for Wisdom in Using Our Time Wisely

We are busy. We have no time. There are only 24 hours in a day and that's God's divine plan for us.

Rather than asking for more time from God, we need to ask him for wisdom in using our time.

Moses said in Psalm 90:12, "*So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*"

The reason we need wisdom is because our wisdom is insufficient. Human wisdom says - this is life, this is what you must do to survive, this is the way of work, family, and student life.

Moses was one of the wisest men that ever lived. He was trained in the most advanced Egyptian learning.

He lived to a wise old age of 120 years. But even he asked wisdom of God to number his days.

Another reason why we need wisdom to number our days is because life on earth is short.

On average, we live 70-80 years. Cholesterol lowers that average. Exercise increases it.

Time passes very fast. If we don't intentionally number our days, our lives will race past us.

How Do We Use Our Time Wisely?

Walk Carefully in the Time You Have Left on Earth

Ephesians 5:15 says, "*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.*"

We must be careful how we live. Our time on earth is limited and it is in God's hands.

We can't live our lives for ourselves. Those who fail to realize this, like the rich fool, and live only for themselves will be condemned. What's the use of all our pursuits if we don't pursue things for our soul?

A wise person knows that his time is limited and makes the most out of it spiritually.

The recent Tianjin explosion should give us pause to think wonder if the victims ever thought if they'd lose their lives that night.

You may die tomorrow. I may die tomorrow.

What are riches, possessions, status, and accomplishments? They are for a time and we can't keep them. Just ask Job.

Walking circumspectly involves using our lives and time in light of eternity. It involves numbering your days and living for spiritual gain.

Life is too short to be careless and indifferent to spiritual things. We must be awakened to the shortness of life. You don't want to gain the world and lose your soul do you?

Understand What God's Will for Your Life Is

Ephesians 5:17 says, "*Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*"

We don't have time for more important things because we are doing more than God's will for our lives. We take on too

many commitments. Is everything you are doing in God's will????

Why aren't we more regular in church and serving more and spending more time with God? Simple. Because we are overwhelmed with things God does NOT intend for us to do.

When we know God's will for us, we will manage our time far better. There is a time for everything (Ecclesiastes 3:1) and there are things we are doing that we shouldn't be doing.

Jesus always found time to do what was important because he was focused on doing God's will (John 4:34).

There are many things which are urgent - but they may not be important. The problem is with us - we put importance on things that God does not consider important.

We will always have enough time to do God's will. God makes sure of that. Our time on earth has a purpose - to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Make Most of the Time God Has Given You

Ephesians 5:16 says, "*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*"

We must buy the opportunities. We must make the most of the time God has given us. There are many opportunities to do the will of God.

But we often give those opportunities to the devil and to the world. The devil can fool us into making bad use of our time.

He dupes us to think that the things we are involved in are important. And since they are important, then our excuses for neglecting things of spiritual importance becomes justifiable in our minds.

Therefore, we need to be disciplined in our use of time. There only 24 hours. There's plenty of time for sleep, work, family time, and spiritual devotion.

We need to schedule the really important things into it. If we do not, then the fake important things will take their place.

We need to keep things simple. Folks in the past were governed by the seasons - they did not have exceedingly complex lives.

To manage our time means to manage our lives. Determine what things you must remove. We are often over-committed. We need to declutter our lives. Just do it.

We must also prioritize. Not everything that is urgent is important. And the ability to prioritize comes from discerning God's will. Discerning God's will comes when we have wisdom. Wisdom comes about when we spend time with God.

Martha was cumbered about - she was doing important things in her mind with great urgency. Mary sat at the feet of Jesus. That was more important.

Let us ask God to help us apportion our time wisely, in the light of eternity. Let us use the time that God has given wisely for His glory (Eccl 12:1). ~ Pastor



Westminster Confession of Faith XXXIII - Of the Last Judgment

1. God hath appointed a day (which word in Scripture in reference to the last things may represent a period of time including the thousand years following the visible, personal and pre-millennial return of Christ), wherein He will judge the world, in righteousness, by Jesus Christ,¹ to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father.² In which day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged,³ but likewise all persons that have lived upon earth shall appear before the tribunal of Christ, to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds; and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil.⁴

1. Acts 17:31

2. John 5:22, 27

3. 1 Corinthians 6:3; Jude 6; 2 Peter 2:4

4. 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Romans 2:16; 14:10, 12; Matthew 12:36-37.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (16.8.15)	Next Week (23.8.15)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jimmy Orchard	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Elizabeth Huang	Eugene Lim
Welcomers	Danny & Susie Tan	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	Rex Sriharan, Vincent Chiu	Jansen Ng, Micah Chiang
Usher	Joyce Ng	Jerome Ng
Kitchen Duties	Mary Loh*, Ken Hong, Grace Wang	Nancy Lim*, May Poon, Aliza Chiu
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>21 August 2015</i>	<i>28 August 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Micah Chiang	Ken Hong
Pianist	Ian Tay	Evelyn Lee

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: "Mediator of a Better Covenant" (Hebrews 8:1-13).
3. Ministry leaders are reminded to submit their reports for the papers for the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the church. Please submit them to Terence Lee by 30 August 2015.
4. **Extraordinary Congregational Meeting.** Date: Sunday, 23 August 2015. Time: After the worship service at 4:30 pm. All communicant members are required to attend.
5. Volunteers for VBS 2015 (5-7 October) are needed. Please contact Valerie Ong.
6. JF is on recess this Friday. Parents and children are encouraged to come for the prayer meeting.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
<p>FRI 7:45 pm Prayer Meeting</p> <p>SUN 2:00 pm Adult Bible & Catechism Class</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">3:00 pm Worship & Sunday School</p>	<p><i>General Fund - \$4,202.35. Missions Fund - \$410.00. Building Fund - \$1,395.00 (#278 - \$500.00, #279 - \$100.00, #280 - \$790.00, #281 - \$5.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$6,007.35. Attendance - 134.</i></p>

Building Fund to Date	
Starting Fund	Building Fund Account:
Pledges Collected	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church
Non-Pledged Gifts	(Westpac Bank, Applecross)
Loans Received	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
<i>Subtotal Building Fund</i>	SWIFT: WPACAU25
<i>Outstanding Pledges</i>	
<i>Grand Total</i>	

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