



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 20 September 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	143 - <i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King!</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 126
Hymn	TP 126
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 10:19-25
Hymn	314 - <i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Drawing Near to God"
*Closing Hymn	TP 119:17-22, 25-32
*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.

Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday at 3:00 pm
at 47 Davis Road, Attadale, Western Australia

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God Equips the Called

A Testimony by Jacob Woo

“O taste and see that the Lord is good:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”
~ Psalm 34:8

Born into a Christian Home

I had the blessing of being born into a Christian home so from a young age my parents taught me about God and the Christian faith.

I was baptised as an infant thus my parents made a promise to God to raise me up in the fear and knowledge of Him.

We would attend church as a family and there I participated in various children's ministry activities such as Sunday School and Junior Singspiration which help build my knowledge of Jesus and the Bible.

Our family settled at Bible-Presbyterian Church of WA and in that time my father served in the church session.

God Became Real

I recall a particular Sunday, when I was 10 years old, during children's singing. The leader asked everyone “Who has asked Jesus to come into their heart and be their personal Saviour?”

I hesitated to raise my hand as I realised I was not exactly sure of my salvation even though I knew in my head what I had to do to be saved.

In the days after, this question plagued my mind and so I decided to say a sincere prayer to God to ask Him to forgive my sins and for Jesus to be my personal Saviour.

There was no special over-night transformation in my life but from that point on my personal relationship with God became real and my Christian walk began.

Bible stories became Bible lessons and prayer became communicating with my Lord.

To follow on from there I decided to complete the Basic Bible Knowledge class and re-affirm my faith when I was 13 years old.

God Was Gracious

Even though I was saved, I had many sinful habits and struggled with my new and old nature. But God was gracious and continued to mould me to be more Christ-like little by little.

I have come to learn of God's goodness and faithfulness through His working in different events, circumstances and answered prayers.

As my faith grew, so did my service for the Lord. I participated in church ministries which led to me serving in the Youth Fellowship as a committee member and president. I also served as a choir member and conductor and Sunday school teacher.

Serving at Covenant

I began worshipping and serving at Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church from its inception in 2008 and have had the privilege of being part of this congregation since.

I got married in November 2012 and together with my wife Merilyn, we have served in the Junior Fellowship and in other areas of the church.

I thank God for the many folks whom we can call brothers and sisters in Christ at Covenant Church.

God Equips the Called

I hope to be able to minister to the needs of the worshipers through the office of a deacon.

When I was first approached to consider standing for the diaconate I was initially quite fearful and thought I am too young and ill equipped. Through Godly counsel, encouragement and prayer, I was reminded that God equips the called.

With that, I pray if I should be elected into the session, I will serve with the best of my ability and to the Glory of God. I write this testimony as a testament of my journey with the Lord so far and in thankfulness to Him who has saved me. Amen.

"My Choice"

I want my breakfast served at eight
With ham and eggs upon the plate
A well-broiled steak I'll eat at one
And dine again when day is done.
I want an ultramodern home
And in each room a telephone;
Soft carpets, too, upon the floors
And pretty drapes to grace the doors.
A cozy place of lovely things,
Like easy chairs with inner springs,
And then, I'll get a nice T.V.
- Of course, I'm careful what I see.
I want my wardrobe, too, to be
Of neatest, finest quality,
With latest style in suit and vest
Why should not Christians have the best?

But then the Master I can hear
In no uncertain voice, so clear:
"I bid you come and follow Me,
The lowly Man of Galilee."
"Birds of the air have made their nest
And foxes in their holes find rest,
But I can offer you no bed;
No place have I to lay my head."

In shame I hung my head and cried,
How could I spurn the Crucified?
Could I forget the way He went,
The sleepless nights in prayer He spent?
For forty days without a bite,
Alone He fasted day and night;
Despised, rejected - on He went,
and did not stop till veil He rent!
A man of sorrows and of grief
No earthly friend to bring relief;
"Smitten of God," the prophet said
Mocked, beaten, bruised, His blood ran red.

If He be God, and died for me,
No sacrifice too great can be
For me; a mortal man, to make;
I'll do it all for Jesus' sake.
Yes, I will tread the path He trod,
No other way will please my God,
So, henceforth, this my choice shall be,
My choice for all eternity.

~ William McChesney
1936 - 1964
A missionary martyred in the Congo



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 10. What are the personal properties of the three persons in the Godhead?

A. It is proper to the Father to beget the Son, and to the Son to be begotten of the Father, and to the Holy Ghost to proceed from the Father and the Son from all eternity.

Q. 11. How doth it appear that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father?

A. The Scriptures manifest that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father, ascribing unto them such names, attributes, works, and worship, as are proper to God only.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (20.9.15)	Next Week (27.9.15)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Terence Lee
Pianist	Evelyn Lee	Ian Tay
Welcomers	Micah & Hannah Chiang	Kim & Jesslyn Leow
Offering Stewards	LH Chua, Ian Read	David Ong, Jacob Woo
Usher	Joyce Ng	Jesslyn Leow
Kitchen Duties	Peggy Woo*, Sally Tan, Julian Poon	Eileen Tay*, Sandy Chua, Carmel Sriharan
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>25 September 2015</i>	<i>2 October 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Eugene Lim	Micah Chiang
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Eugene 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 Danger of Willful Sin" (Hebrews 10:26-31).
3. VBS 2015 - "Jesus: Our Prophet, Priest, and King" (5-7 Oct, 0900-1215). Registration forms are available at the foyer and <http://www.covenantbpc.org.au/ministries/vacation-bible-school/>. Deadline for registration - today. Volunteers needed. Contact Valerie at 0422 407 338.
4. **Notice of the 6th Annual General Meeting.** Date: Sunday, 27 September 2015. Time: 4:30 pm sharp. Venue: 47 Davis Road, Attadale, WA 6156. Please collect your AGM papers from Terence Lee or Ken Chong.
5. Handover Service of Attadale Baptist Church and Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church. 4 October 2015 at 10 am. Morning service officially commences on that Lord's Day.
6. Church Busy Bee. Saturday, 3 October 2015 at 8 am. Please avail yourselves.

Appointments for the Week

FRI	7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting
SAT	7:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
SUN	2:00 pm	Adult Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School
	4:30 pm	AGM

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$2,505.50. Missions Fund - \$280.00. Building Fund - \$4,700.00 (#292 - \$4,500.00, #293 - \$200.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$7,485.50. Attendance - 122.

Building Fund to Date

Starting Fund	\$54,185.68
Pledges Collected	\$254,295.00
Non-Pledged Gifts	\$277,242.36
Loans Received	\$430,000.00
<i>Subtotal Building Fund</i>	<i>\$1,015,722.04</i>
<i>Outstanding Pledges</i>	<i>\$37,425.00</i>
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>\$1,053,148.04</i>

Building Fund Account:

Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church
(Westpac Bank, Applecross)
BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
SWIFT: WPACAU2S

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.