



COVENANT Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 27 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	103 - <i>One Day</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 127
Hymn	TP 127
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 10:26-31
Hymn	177 - <i>Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Danger of Willful Unbelief"
*Closing Hymn	<i>O Teach Me What It Meaneth</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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My Reflection Over the Last 3 Years

Already Three Years

On 1 October, my family and I will have been in Perth for exactly 3 years.

I wrote in the 18 November 2012 Covenant Church bulletin that I did not like Perth, despite the work-life balance, the wonderful outdoor life, and its child-friendly environment.

I also found the eerie silence oppressing and I was not fond of the magpies and the slow speed limits.

Some of you have asked me if those opinions still hold true.

What I realized then and now, is that these things didn't matter. The draw of the city was not its surroundings or its attractions, but it was the church.

Settling In Was Hard...and Easy

When we first moved here, it was quite difficult. Corban was 1 1/2 months, Nathan was 2 1/2 years, Min was settling in with two young kids, and I was ministering to a new congregation.

We weren't in familiar surroundings, and after 3 months, we had to move house; and a year later, we moved again.

In the span of 1 year plus, we had moved three times with 2 young children.

It was hard.

Yet, it was easy. At times, we were shown genuine hospitality. When we moved, many loving members helped us. We were humbled by the response and the willingness - yea, the diaconal spirit - shown to us.

Ministry Was Gratifying

I wrote in the 18 November 2012 bulletin - *"I do realize that my time in Perth and Covenant will not always be smooth sailing, but as the Lord has provided you a pastor, and me a flock, I look forward to knowing you and loving you."*

"I will not always be the easiest person to get along with, or the most comprehensible - indeed you will have to put with me at times, get to know me,

and be accountable to me; but I look forward to ministering in your midst for Christ's kingdom."

As I reflect on these words, I find them to be true and strangely untrue.

Firstly, while it hasn't been all smooth sailing these 3 years, it certainly hasn't been bumpy.

I have heard of ministers who experienced troublesome times in their first year. I am thankful that you have been very accommodating of me and my mistakes.

I have enjoyed getting to know you and growing in my affection for you.

Secondly, while I know I haven't been comprehensible at all times, yet I am grateful that you have received the Word that I have brought with gladness.

By your testimonies, I am gratified to know that you have been enlightened, freed from the shackles of legalism, superstition, and cultural Christianity.

Moving Forward

There are two things that lend greater permanence for us - both church and minister. And I hope we both have the same positive response to that.

Firstly, the church has purchased her own building. This allows us to continue in our ministries with greater assurance and permanence in the area.

Secondly, my family and I have also purchased our own place. No more moving for now!

With potentially several ABC folks joining us, I look forward to shepherding these two congregations as one.

As I reflect, I realize this is a milestone. Again, my words then are true now - things won't all be smooth sailing, but I look forward to shepherding you. I pray I will reflect fondly on this in the years to come, magpies notwithstanding.

~ Pastor

“O Teach Me What It Meaneth” by Lucy A. Bennett

O teach me what it meaneth,
That cross uplifted high,
With One, the Man of Sorrows,
Condemned to bleed and die!
O teach me what it cost Thee
To make a sinner whole;
And teach me, Savior, teach me
The value of a soul!

O teach me what it meaneth,
For I am full of sin,
And grace alone can reach me,
And love alone can win.
O teach me, for I need Thee,
I have no hope beside—
The chief of all the sinners
For whom the Savior died!

O teach me what it meaneth,
That sacred crimson tide,
The blood and water flowing
From Thine own wounded side.
Teach me that if none other
Had sinned, but I alone,
Yet still Thy blood, Lord Jesus,
Thine only, must atone.

O teach me what it meaneth
The rest which Thou dost give
To all the heavy-laden
Who look to Thee and live.
Because I am a rebel
Thy pardon I receive
Because Thou dost command me,
I can, I do believe.

O teach me what it meaneth,
Thy love beyond compare,
The love that reacheth deeper
Than depths of self-despair!
Yes, teach me, till there gloweth
In this cold heart of mine
Some feeble, pale reflection
Of that pure love of Thine.

O infinite Redeemer!
I bring no other plea;
Because Thou dost invite me
I cast myself on Thee.
Because Thou dost accept me
I love and I adore;
Because Thy love constraineth,
I'll praise Thee evermore!



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 12. What are the decrees of God?

A. God's decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of his will, whereby, from all eternity, he hath, for his own glory, unchangeably foreordained whatsoever comes to pass in time, especially concerning angels and men.

Q. 13. What hath God especially decreed concerning angels and men?

A. God, by an eternal and immutable decree, out of his mere love, for the praise of his glorious grace, to be manifested in due time, hath elected some angels to glory; and in Christ hath chosen some men to eternal life, and the means thereof: and also, according to his sovereign power, and the unsearchable counsel of his own will, (whereby he extendeth or withholdeth favor as he pleaseth,) hath passed by and foreordained the rest to dishonor and wrath, to be for their sin inflicted, to the praise of the glory of his justice.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (27.9.15)	Next Week (4.10.15)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Terence Lee	Glen Lock
Pianist	Ian Tay	Valerie Ong
Welcomers	Kim & Jesslyn Leow	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	David Ong, Jacob Woo	Vincent Chiu, Yen Fye Yap
Usher	Jesslyn Leow	Hannah Chiang
Kitchen Duties	Eileen Tay*, Sandy Chua, Carmel Sriharan	Florence Orchard*, Eva Chiu, Jesslyn Leow, Vincent Chiu
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>2 October 2015</i>	<i>9 October 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Micah Chiang	Raymond Woo
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Ian Tay

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: "The Glorious Church of God" (Psalm 87).
3. Handover Service next Lord's Day at **10 am**. Lunch is catered.
4. The Lord's Supper will be administered on 11 October 2015.
5. Sunday School teachers for the month of October are: Eileen Tay, Sandy Chua, Stephanie Lim, Jenni Budiman, Aliza Chiu, Lisa Lim; Evelyn Lee, Carmel Sriharan, Dorcas Pang; Joyce Ng; Sandra Tan; David Ong; Jerome Ng; May Poon. Singspiration Leader: Eugene Lim. Pianist: Valerie Ong.
6. VBS 2015 - "Jesus: Our Prophet, Priest, and King" (5-7 Oct, 0900-1215). Volunteers needed. Contact Valerie at 0422 407 338.
7. 6th Annual General Meeting. Date: Today. Time: 4:30 pm sharp.
8. Church Busy Bee. Saturday, 3 October 2015 at 8 am. Please avail yourselves.
9. Daily Manna and Daily Manna Junior (Oct-Dec) are available in the foyer.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
TUE 10:30 am Retirees' Bible Study	<i>General Fund - \$2,615.50. Missions Fund - \$300.00. Building Fund - \$10.00 (#292 - \$10.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,925.50. Attendance - 127.</i>
FRI 7:45 pm Prayer Meeting	
SAT 8:00 am Busy Bee	
SUN 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School	

Building Fund to Date		
Starting Fund	\$54,185.68	Building Fund Account:
Pledges Collected	\$255,605.00	
Non-Pledged Gifts	\$277,242.36	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church
Loans Received	\$430,000.00	(Westpac Bank, Applecross)
<i>Subtotal Building Fund</i>	<i>\$1,017,033.04</i>	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
<i>Payment</i>	<i>\$1,001,735.85</i>	SWIFT: WPACAU2S
<i>Outstanding Pledges</i>	<i>\$36,115.00</i>	
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>\$51,412.19</i>	

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.