



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 9 October 2016

Theme for the Year: "What Would Jesus Say About Your Church?" (Rev 3:22)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	62 - <i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:21-38
Hymn	TP 40:1-0
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 1:12-26
Hymn	162 - <i>Fill Me Now</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Active Waiting for Christ's Promise"
*Closing Hymn	299 - <i>Day by Day</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
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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Vacation Bible School 2016 - God's Top Ten!

Introduction

This year's Vacation Bible School took place this past week from 3 to 5 October 2016. It was attended by over 40 children each day and saw a total of 30 (!) volunteers spread over the 3 days.

The theme was on "God's Top Ten."

The Children

Many of the children were from our church. They also invited their friends to attend.

Others were contacts of church members and members of the public who had heard about the VBS.

Some of the children had visited church before, but did not regularly attend a church.

Volunteers

We are thankful for so many volunteers this year who took time off their work to serve in the VBS.

There were quite a number of teens who helped out this year. A few years ago, they had been students in the VBS, but they have reached an age where they can volunteer.

The teens helped out in the art and craft, the games, and also in leading of songs.

We are grateful to the Lord that, being raised in church, they are now serving the Lord.

We are also thankful for the number of people helping out in the kitchen - to feed the volunteers as well as the children.

We also had some overseas visitors who helped out in the art and craft.

Lessons on God's Top Ten

This year, the theme was centered around "God's Top Ten." The point of the lessons were to teach the perfect holiness of God - "God's Holy", the perfect requirements of God - "God's Laws", and the perfect provision of God - "God's Hero".

Theme Song

The theme song was Isaac Watts' 10 Commandments Song, which he published in his work "Divine and Moral Songs for the Use of Children."

Thou shalt have no other gods but me.

Before no idol bow thy knee.

Take not the Name of God in vain,

Nor dare the Sabbath-day profane.

Give both thy parents honor due.

Take heed that thou no murder do.

Abstain from words and deeds unclean,
Nor steal, though thou art poor and lean.

And do not lie but always say what is true,

*And covet not the things that don't
belong to you.*

The Perfect Holiness of God - God's Holy

On the first day, we had a lesson on God's holiness.

While God is holy and perfectly so, man is not. When God called the Israelites out of Egypt, he called them to worship him on Mount Sinai, where he would meet with them.

It took them 2 months of travel just to reach to foot of the mountain. And in those 2 months, they had witnessed many miracles of God.

Their clothes did not wear thin, nor did their sandals break - this despite walking vast distances every day.

But before God would meet with them, they had to wash themselves and their clothes. They were given 3 days to prepare, for on the third day, God would reveal himself at the mountain.

And on the third day, Moses warned the people not to touch the the mountain nor even set foot on it. Because God would come and the mountain would be holy ground.

While they had been cleansed outwardly, their hearts were still sinful; and coming into contact with a holy God would no doubt destroy them.

When God descended with lightning, smoke, and fire, he revealed his

commandments to his people. They feared his holiness. But even then, God was merciful to shield his people from his stark holiness with a cloud.

The Perfect Requirements of God - God's Law

On the second day, we saw the reflection of God's holiness in the law that he gave. An exposition of the moral law of God was given. It was explained that none of us are able to keep the law of God.

The rich young ruler claimed to have kept all the law, but when Jesus went to the heart of the problem by requiring him to give all to the poor, the young man would not and could not do it. Showing that he didn't keep the perfect law of God.

In fact, the young man broke all of the commandments (James 2:10). By being unwilling to part with his worldly possessions, he did not worship God exclusively; money was his idol. He blasphemed the name of God by claiming he had kept all the law. He was not concerned with that eternal sabbath, but only with life on earth.

He did not honor his heavenly father. He loved his life on earth, but not his eternal life in heaven. He was not willing to be a faithful spouse to Christ. He stole from

the poor by hoarding his possessions. He lied that he kept all the commandments. And he coveted his wealth - unwilling to let it go.

No one is able to keep the law of God perfectly except for God's hero.

The Perfect Provision of God - God's Hero

God was merciful to the Israelites. They were required to be perfect in holiness, but because they were not and could not, God gave them a provision - sacrifice.

To atone for their sins, they could bring a perfect male lamb of 1 year, without blemish or sickness, to be sacrificed.

The sinner would press his hand against the head of the sacrifice, thereby signifying a swap of his sins, with the animal's perfection. And the animal would be destroyed in the place of the sinner. God would then release the offender from his sins.

This sacrifice was actually accomplished by the perfect life of Jesus - who was in all points tempted but without sin - and the death of Christ. Those who believe on him, can swap their sins for his righteousness.

We pray the children will turn to Christ for their righteousness and holiness.

~ Pastor



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q 100. What special things are we to consider in the ten commandments?

A. We are to consider, in the ten commandments, the preface, the substance of the commandments themselves, and several reasons annexed to some of them the more to enforce them.

Q. 101. What is the preface to the ten commandments?

A. The preface to the ten commandments is contained in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.* Wherein God manifesteth his sovereignty, as being Jehovah, the eternal, immutable and almighty God; having his being in and of himself, and giving being to all his words and works: and that he is a God in covenant, as with Israel of old, so with all his people; who, as he brought them out of their bondage in Egypt, so he delivered us from our spiritual thralldom; and that therefore we are bound to take him for our God alone, and to keep all his commandments.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (9.10.16)	Next Week (16.10.16)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jacob Woo	Mark Chen
Pianist	Marilyn Woo	Jabez Huang
Welcomers	Jansen Ng & Eva Chiu	Jacob & Marilyn Woo
Offering Stewards	Micah Chiang*, Chris Budiman* Steven Lim, Ken Chong	Ken Hong*, Jacob Woo* Paul Butler, Yen Fye Yap
Usher	August Ng, Wendy Gong	Josephine Austin, Jerome Ng
Kitchen Duties	Lisa Lim*, Adeline Ng, Peggy Woo	Sarah Siew*, Jesslyn Leow, Mary Loh
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>14 October 2016</i>	<i>21 October 2016</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Nancy Lim

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 Spirit Comes" (Acts 2:1-13).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message - "What Stops You from Growing" (Colossians 2.8-23). Speaker - Ken Chong.
4. Young People's Group. Saturday 15 October 2016, 4:30 pm at the residence of Eugene and David Lim. Topic: "Pride." For more information, please contact Jerome Ng at 0451 124 799.
5. Combined Youth Camp. "Living as Christians in a Non-Christian World." 1-3 December at Serpentine Camping Centre. Speaker: Pastor Ron Nugent. Fee: \$55. For more information, see Eugene Lim or Jerome Ng.
6. Daily Manna and Daily Manna Junior (Oct-Dec) are available in the foyer.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF 4:30 pm YPG SUN 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	<i>General Fund</i> - \$2,629.60 (#625 - \$20.00). <i>Missions Fund</i> - \$500.00 (#626 - \$200.00). <i>Building Fund</i> - \$100.00 (#395 - \$100.00). <i>Total Tithes & Offering</i> - \$3,229.60. <i>Attendance</i> - 154.

Building Fund to Date	
Available Building Fund	\$70,815.39
Outstanding Pledges	\$750.00
Last Week's Collection	\$100.00
Total	\$71,660.39
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$416,000.00</i>
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$344,339.61</i>
Building Fund Account:	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross) BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969 SWIFT: WPACAU2S

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Active Waiting for Christ's Promise

Acts 1:12-26

Are you good at waiting for God to reveal his will and to work?

Sometimes, waiting is God's will. God is the author of our waiting. While we generally want to know why we are waiting, it is often more important to know how we should wait.

1. They Were Required to Wait
 - a. 7 days might as well have been 7 years
 - b. They returned to a place of danger
 - c. They were people of faith
2. While They Waited They Prayed
 - a. They prayed for the Spirit
 - b. They prayed to be ready
3. While They Waited They Obeyed the Word
 - a. The Scriptures were fulfilled
 - b. The Scriptures had to be fulfilled
 - c. The qualifications and choosing of an apostle

In the building of God's kingdom, there has to be patience. God does not work according to our time table. But while we wait, there must be active waiting by persistent and aggressive prayers that conform us to God's will, and obedience to the revealed will of God.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Why is praying for things that God has already promised concerning his kingdom a source of comfort, change, and confidence? How much do these things feature in your prayer life?
2. When we are waiting for God to fulfill his promises to us, what does our continued obedience of his revealed will demonstrate, particularly when the wait is long and difficult?
3. Concerning Bible interpretation, how important is it to understand the Old Testament by the greater light of the New Testament? Read Luke 24:27,44-45 and John 5:39,46. What does Christ do that should affect our reading of the Bible?