



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 28 February 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	449 - <i>To God Be the Glory</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Luke 19:1-10
Hymn	TP 119:63-72
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Jonah 3:1-4
Hymn	308 - <i>Higher Ground</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	The Anatomy of Repentance I - Real Repentance Needs the Word
*Closing Hymn	235 - <i>Pass Me Not</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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The Banner of Truth Australia Conference 2016

This past week, I attended the Banner of Truth Australian Conference.

The Banner of Truth Trust is an evangelical and Reformed Christian publishing house founded in 1957. They publish books by modern writers as well as books by the Puritans.

They have conferences in England, America, and in Australia.

This year, the Australian conference had Paul Washer as the keynote speaker.

Other speakers came from the United Kingdom, and from the Presbyterian and Anglican churches in Sydney.

Keynote Messages

Paul Washer spoke on "The Glory of the Gospel." He noted that this was a topic that not many people would rush head-on to listen to.

In today's Christianity, people would rather flock to conferences dealing with the end-times.

This is unfortunate as the Gospel is central to our lives and Washer believes that far too little emphasis is placed on the Gospel and its implications.

In his first message, Paul Washer emphasized that people do not fear God because they do not know God. And as such, they do not tremble for their sin.

And the reason for this is because preachers themselves are ignorant of God and the great wrath he has against sin and sinners.

Preachers and the church in general spend too little time emphasizing that man is radically evil. Rather, they spend far too much time affirming man.

When we understand how evil man is, we understand how glorious God is in sending Christ to die for sinners.

And when we understand that redemption, it ought to change our perspective of the Christian life. And it would change our perspective of God - that he is just and loving.

In his second message, Paul Washer focused on how the glory of Christ affects our love for Christ. The more we know Christ, the more we love Christ.

He drew our attention to Isaiah 6. When Isaiah saw God on the throne, he saw the glory of Christ (John 12:41).

How were the seraphim affected by that glory? They worshiped God continually. They cried, "Holy, Holy, Holy" and they did this without ceasing.

Since the time they were created until eternity future, they will be worshipping God.

They also covered themselves with their wings in reaction to that glory of God. In fact, it was with 2 pairs of wings that they covered themselves in worship, and with 1 pair did they fly.

This showed that with what they were, they worshiped God first, then with the remainder did they engage in activity.

With our "wings" the Christian is to be focused first on worship, and second on flying - on activity.

This is very different from what the modern church does - we are engaged first in activity - in busyness - whether in our lives or even in church.

But we are to pour our hearts and "wings" first into prayer, worship, and adoration.

In the third message, Paul Washer emphasized the need to respond to that Gospel not only with worship and adoration, but with a compulsion to reveal Christ and those Gospel truths.

Other Addresses

Other speakers brought interesting addresses. A biography of JC Ryle was presented - it was remarked how Ryle fueled his ministry with the devotion of the Puritans.

What was extremely useful was the presentation on how Christians could reach out to Muslims.

Peter Barnes, a Presbyterian minister and seminary professor, spoke of his experience reaching out to Muslims with the Gospel and how to break down the barriers and the resistance many Muslims have towards the Bible, Jesus, and the Gospel.

Fellowship

The Conference had many ministers from all over Australia. They mostly came from Reformed churches - there were ministers and members from the Presbyterian Church of Australia, the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland (Australia), the Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Reformed Church (Australia), the Congregational Church, and various Reformed Baptist Churches.

Philip Gardiner (representing the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster) and I

were among the only ones from Western Australia!

There were several ministers of Bible-Presbyterian Churches present. From Australia there were 4 - Ed Paauwe, Mathews Abraham, David Weng, and me. Hock Chin Lee of Life B-P Church in Singapore was also present.

We took the opportunity to have side meetings, among the Australia Bible-Presbyterians to discuss the possibility of a future presbytery.

We concluded that while a presbytery was desirable, it was important to foster Christian fellowship and fraternity before we could even talk about a formal federation.

We discussed the possibility of having such a meeting in August of this year in Adelaide with the elders of these and other congregations.

But apart from this, we were able to meet and fellowship with Reformed and Bible-believing men of many of these churches.

It was a reminder that while we were different in various ways - yet there was a common commitment to the historic Christian faith and practice.

This is a conference that I would like to attend again and I think it would be most beneficial for our men (and women) to attend. ~ *Pastor*



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 46. What was the estate of Christ's humiliation?

A. The estate of Christ's humiliation was that low condition, wherein he for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, took upon him the form of a servant, in his conception and birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection.

Q. 47. How did Christ humble himself in his conception and birth?

A. Christ humbled himself in his conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, he was pleased in the fulness of time to become the son of man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (28.2.16)	Next Week (6.3.16)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Glen Lock
Worship Leader	Terence Lee	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Evelyn Lee	Jabez Huang
Welcomers	Yen Fye & Angela Yap	Jansen Ng & Eva Chiu
Offering Stewards	Ken Hong*, David Pang*, David Lim, Vincent Chiu	Ian Read*, Paul Butler*, Steven Lim, Ken Chong
Usher	Eva Chiu, Jerome Ng	Josephine Austin, Marilyn Woo
Kitchen Duties	Adeline Ng*, Marilyn Woo, Mary-Anne Chan	Florence Orchard*, Jackie Hong, Ken Hong, Rosemary Fitzpatrick
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>4 March 2016</i>	<i>11 March 2016</i>
Speaker/Facilitator	Terence Lee	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Jansen Ng	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Ian Tay	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 messenger is Pastor Glen Lock.
3. We will be celebrating Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. Please bring a dish to share at the fellowship lunch.
4. Next week's Junior Worship message - "She Gave Her All" (Matthew 26:6-13; John 12:1-11). Speaker - Jacob Woo.
5. Sunday School will commence at 9:00 am next Lord's Day.
6. Children attending Junior Worship will worship with their parents until after the third hymn. They will then follow the speaker to the lower hall for their sermon.
7. Pastor is overseas until March 10.
8. Membership Covenant at the end of March. Those wishing to be baptized, transfer their membership, or reaffirm their faith, please approach an elder.

Appointments for the Week

WED	10:00 am	Craft Group
FRI	7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting & JF
SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:00 am	Worship

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$4,316.10. Missions Fund - \$580.00 (#537 - \$100.00). Building Fund - \$205.00 (#341 - \$205.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$5,101.10. Attendance - 153.

Building Fund to Date

Available Building Fund	\$66,700.60	Building Fund Account:
Outstanding Pledges	\$20,644.00	
Last Week's Collection	\$205.00	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church
Total	\$87,549.60	(Westpac Bank, Applecross)
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$430,000.00</i>	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$342,450.40</i>	SWIFT: WPACAU2S

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 6114 4242, 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. **Jacob Woo** 0421 212 206.

The Anatomy of Repentance I: Real Repentance Needs the Word Jonah 3:1-4

Christians are not only believers, they are repenters. Real repentance is brought about by the preaching of the Word. Where there's no Word, there's no repentance.

1. The Message of the Word.
 - a. God called Jonah to preach repentance
 - b. The message of the Bible is repentance
 - c. Nineveh repented
2. The Messenger of the Word.
 - a. Jonah was a repentant messenger
 - b. Jonah was a faithful and obedient messenger
 - c. Jonah delivered the message simply and clearly
3. The Muscle of the Word.
 - a. God worked through the preaching
 - b. God sovereignly prepared the city
 - c. God loved the city

Repentance begins with the Word. Repentance shows itself in the fruits of repentance.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Do you know someone who needs to repent? What are the words you will speak to this person?
2. Why do we not always trust in the power of the Word?
3. What do you think of the statement - a "believer" who does not repent is not a believer?