



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 7 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	50 - <i>Fairest Lord Jesus!</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 19:13-30
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	208 - <i>Are You Washed in the Blood</i>
Hymn	479 - <i>Jesus Loves Me</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Jonah 1:1-3
Hymn	TP 139:7-12
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Defiance of God By Man"
*Closing Hymn	383 - <i>Follow, I Will Follow Thee</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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Changes to the Sunday School and Junior Worship

Last week, I wrote about the importance of stirring up an appetite in our children for their calling - their calling as children, their calling to pursue the Lord, and their calling to meet God at any time.

As such it is important to stir their appetite for the church, for the things of church, and for the people of the church.

I made mention that in the coming weeks, there will be a change in the church's ministry to the children.

Here are some of those proposed changes.

Sunday School

Sunday school will move to a different hour - 9 am. Why?

Firstly, it is for the sake of the teachers. The Sunday School, previously being at the same hour as the worship service, meant that the teachers were missing out on worship for a fourth to a third of the year.

As worshiping God and hearing from him is the most important duty of the Christian, to miss out on that is to forego the blessings of God.

Psalm 73:25-26 says, "*Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. 26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.*"

Secondly, it is for the older children. Sunday School currently ends at year 9.

There was no Senior High Sunday School as we lacked resources - the number of teachers was slim.

Should the teachers have taught, they would have missed out on even more Sundays worshiping and adoring God, and listening to him.

With a separate hour, our older children can now have lessons and continue in their Christian instruction.

Thirdly, it is for the children. Having it at a separate hour, the children can have close to an hour of lessons.

This means that the teachers can reinforce the lessons learned the previous week, and spend time getting to know the children.

The bond between teacher and children is important - the children can get to know their teachers better.

This is in part because teachers will be teaching for longer periods of 3 months.

We believe that such a prolonged interaction time builds rapport and affection, and gives more insight on the part of the teacher to instruct particular children.

We are thankful for all who have served in the Sunday School in the past, giving of their service to the Lord.

We pray they will continue to serve God in teaching. There are many other opportunities as well.

Fourthly, it is for the parents. Parents who bring their children to Sunday School may have an hour of sweet fellowship with the brethren of the church.

Over a cup of tea or coffee, they may bear one another's burdens and encourage each other.

There is also the Adult Bible Class, where they may also continue their Christian education.

Junior Worship

Concurrently, during the sermon at the worship service, there will be a message preached to the younger children from 5-12 (years 1-6).

They will sit with their parents for praise and those who wish to attend may be dismissed right before the pastoral prayer.

Messages preached previously at the worship service will be repackaged by

speakers. They will also teach systematically from the children's catechism.

The purpose of this is two-fold.

Firstly, it demystifies the worship service. I have found in my years of ministry that children who aren't used to listening to expository sermons find it very difficult once they graduate from the Sunday School.

I have seen churches who respond by setting up a teens worship and thereafter a youth worship. And they still find it difficult to sit and listen!

Furthermore, it builds their appetite to sing the songs of the church. Sitting with their parents during praise attunes their ears to the hymns and psalms sung over time.

Secondly, it exposes the children to expository preaching and not simply stories.

Yes, not all the children will understand everything. And even when it is made simple, they may not grasp completely.

That is okay. We don't always understand everything immediately. The Bible speaks of learning in stages.

Isaiah 28:9-10 says, "*Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.*"

Those that are weaned - even little children - can learn. They may not understand everything; but they'll get there.

This is an area for those who are not teaching Sunday School to serve. And we also ask parents to consider serving in this area.

Having a pool of 25 or so teachers would mean that they are absent from the worship service only twice a year.

A synopsis and notes of the sermon will be provided for your preparation. I will be on hand to guide you as you prepare.

In the coming weeks, we will prepare parents and children alike, as well as teachers to do this important work.

Please take this opportunity to explain these things to your children as well. May God be glorified in all this.

~ Pastor



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 40. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God and man in one person?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us as the works of the whole person.

Q. 41. Why was our Mediator called Jesus?

A. Our Mediator was called Jesus, because he saveth his people from their sins.

Q. 42. Why was our Mediator called Christ?

A. Our Mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure, and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of his church, in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (7.2.16)	Next Week (14.2.16)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Ken Chong
Pianist	Elizabeth Huang	Valerie Ong
Welcomers	Danny & Susie Tan	Ian & Merrill Read
Offering Stewards	David Lim*, Jansen Ng*, Yen Fye Yap, Rex Sriharan	Kim Leow*, LH Chua*, Ian Read, Chris Budiman
Usher	Joyce Ng, Josephine Austin	Angela Yap, August Ng
Kitchen Duties	August Ng*, Lydia Orchard, Julian Poon, Grace Wang	Eileen Tay*, May Poon, Sally Tan
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>12 February 2016</i>	<i>19 February 2016</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	LH Chua	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Evelyn Lee	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: "God Is Not Mocked" (Jonah 1:4-16).
3. We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. First time visitors wishing to partake the Lord's Supper should see an elder before the service.
4. Sunday School teachers for the month of February are Sandy Chua, Eileen Tay, Stephanie Lim, Jenni Budiman, Aliza Chiu, Lisa Lim; Evelyn Lee, Carmel Sriharan, Dorcas Pang; Chris Budiman; Christine Butler; David Ong; and Jacob & Marilyn Woo. Singspiration Leader: Ian Tay, Pianist: Jacob Woo.
5. Bible Conference. Speaker: Mathews Abraham. Theme: What Would Jesus Say About Your Church? Venue: Bayview Geographe Resort, Busselton.
6. Sunday, 14 February 2016, after church. Discussion for JF and TF parents.
7. Membership Covenant in March. Those wishing to be baptized, transfer their membership, or reaffirm their faith, please approach an elder.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group THU 9:30 am Attadale Friendship Group FRI 7:45 pm Prayer Meeting SAT 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study SUN 9:00 am Adult Bible Class 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School	General Fund - \$4,065.40 (#529 - \$100.00, #531 - \$200.00). Missions Fund - \$3,000.00 (#528 - \$2,000.00, #530 - \$540.00). Building Fund - \$1,210.00 (#333 - \$1,160.00, #334 - 50.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$8,275.40. Attendance - 146.

Building Fund to Date		
Available Building Fund	\$64,454.60	Building Fund Account:
Outstanding Pledges	\$21,885.00	
Last Week's Collection	\$1,210.00	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 Defiance of God By Man

Jonah 1:1-3

Defiance is willful disobedience to the clear command of God. While we may disobey because of ignorance, confusion, or fear; defiance is a willful refusal to do what is right. All of us have that inclination.

1. The Calling of the Man of God
 - a. He was appointed by God
 - b. This wasn't his first prophetic job
 - c. Jonah was faithful in preaching the word
2. The Mercy of God and the Prejudice of the Man of God
 - a. The command of God
 - b. The mercy of God
 - c. The prejudices of Jonah
3. The Defiance of God by the Man of God
 - a. His defiance was inconvenient
 - b. His defiance was costly
 - c. Defiance is deceiving
 - d. Defiance is disobedience

How do we defy God? We are all Jonah. Only one man wasn't - Jesus, the greater Galilean prophet who was compliant unto death. Christ died to take away our defiance. Don't treat his death as an unclean thing. Comply.

Questions for Reflection:

1. If willful disobedience is defiance, how defiant are you against God? If God will pursue you until you surrender, how will your defiance end if there is no willing repentance on your part?
2. If you have a long standing feud with another Christian, what are the potential repercussions on you if you don't repent nor grow in grace, but your "enemy" repents and grows in grace?