



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 19 November 2017

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	63 - <i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 23
Hymn	Psalm 8a
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	John 10:1-21
Hymn	468 - <i>Draw Me Nearer</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Lord Is My Shepherd"
*Closing Hymn	Psalm 23a
*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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Testimonies from the Friday Night Class and Prayer Meeting

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, that, he heareth us. And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." (1 John 5:14-15)

From the very beginning, Christians have gathered to pray. Prayer is by those who believe in and have a relationship with Christ.

Prayer meetings are valuable because they give us opportunities to have corporate prayer.

God wants us to encourage and support each another as we pray for and with each other. This helps provide spiritual strength to have victory over sin.

Another value of prayer meetings is that we can encourage one another to endure trials of life.

We face obstacles each day, but by sharing and praying together we help others avoid "bottoming out" spiritually.

The prayer meeting is a time of blessing as we can pray for the church (local and worldwide), the country and the world.

We live in a world that is full of sin and corruption which is precisely why we need to pray even more together for God's grace and mercy to be upon us.

On our Friday prayer meeting, we also have video lectures on various interesting topics.

We are currently going through the history of the church by Robert Godfrey with Ligonier Ministries.

It is fascinating to learn the history of the church as most Christians have little or no knowledge of it.

It is beneficial for us to have a better understanding of how we came to hold the doctrines that we believe in.

After a busy week of work, it is very easy to come up with excuses to skip prayer meetings.

However, I believe that God would be well pleased to have His people at His house praying and learning about the things of God.

We are told to take up our cross and follow Him, so sacrificing our Friday nights of rest and leisure is a small sacrifice compared to what Christ has done for us.

I would encourage you all, especially the fathers to lead your family to come for the prayer meetings.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matthew 6:19-20)

God Bless and hope to see you at the prayer meeting!

~ Jansen and Eva

After a loaded week coupled with family commitments and work circumstances, I often struggle to find the motivation and energy to drive to church on Friday night.

At the Friday night classes, we have already studied a number of courses, including the study of the Tabernacle by Daniel Hyde, Martin Luther and the Reformation by RC Sproul, the Sermon of the Mount by Sinclair Ferguson and Apologetics by RC Sproul.

Currently we are doing a course on ancient church history by Robert Godfrey.

Some of these talks can be difficult to grasp and the accent of some speakers can be challenging.

But I enjoy the opportunity to explore in depth some interesting topical study through Friday night classes which I may not be able to cover elsewhere.

The current series on ancient church history is particularly encouraging for me to learn about the early church's understanding and their struggle in working through several key doctrines.

Why corporate prayers? I am often reminded in the Scripture, that whenever one man prayed, the church - the nation - is blessed.

I learn that it is God's great mercy and desire for us to pray. Prayer truly is a means of grace and a way to share in God's grace and providence.

While it is not prayer, per se, that makes the difference, but God who answers prayers.

But prayer - a believing, intercessory, constant, and pleading prayer for matters of the church - is one of the great means God is pleased to use to grow each and every one of us and ultimately the church and to advance the gospel work.

Often I have been encouraged through the prayer meetings, when we prayed and interceded for one another corporately.

We then were able to witness answered prayers through trusting in

God's providence and grace in circumstances our fellow believers encountered.

Coming together to pray taught me to look outside of my own problems and on needs of others instead and not merely focus inwardly on my own daily affairs and circumstances only.

Through this, I am compelled to put my personal concerns aside and learn to pray for fellow believers' needs also.

My personal concerns and worries of the day often seem trivial relative to the needs and circumstances of others.

I have also learned to trust and rely on God more because he understands us, knows our thoughts - who we really are - both our strengths and our weaknesses.

I have experienced the peace that comes with submitting to God in prayer. I am reassured, and reminded of God's grace and providence.

Through corporate prayer, I also get to know things that matter to the church and the various ministries of the church as a whole.

I know I will continue to struggle to make this corporate prayer a part of my weekly priority, but I would encourage fellow members and worshipers to come and participate in prayer meetings.

Together, we can share each other's burden and foster greater unity through prayers.

~ Vincent Chiu



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 178. What is Prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (19.11.17)	Next Week (26.11.17)
Speaker	Jimmy Orchard	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Chris Budiman	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Edward Lim	Elizabeth Huang
Welcomers	Danny & Susie Tan	Kim & Jesslyn Leow
Offering Stewards	David Pang*, Paul Butler* John Tan, Johnny Orchard	Terence Lee*, Kim Leow* Lye Heng Chua, Ken Hong
Ushers	Putri Harapan, Jemima Ng	Wendy Gong, Rebecca Lee
Kitchen Duties	May Poon*, Dina Portillo Lydia Orchard	Peggy Woo*, Sarah Siew Julian Poon
PA Duty	Ken Hong	Joel Chua
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>24 November 2017</i>	<i>1 December 2017</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Ian Tay

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: "Responses to the Word" (Acts 17:1-21).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message: "How Do I Continue On as a Christian" (Hebrews 10:32-39). Speaker: Chris Budiman.
4. Trinitarian Bible Society talk. "The Centrality of Scripture in the Reformation" by Rev Chris Tuck. Saturday, 25 Nov 2017 (9:30 am-3 pm) at Perth Free Presbyterian Church.
5. Reformation 500 Conference. Speaker: Charles Scott-Pearson (General-Secretary of the Protestant Alliance, UK). "The Life of Martin Luther" on Friday, 1 Dec 2017 at 7:30 pm. "Two Boys Who Reformed Their Nations" and "Does the Church Today Reflect the Benefits and Blessings of the Reformation?" on Saturday, 2 Dec 2017 at 4:30 pm.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
<p>WED 10:00 am Craft Group</p> <p>FRI 7:30 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting</p> <p>SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">7:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study</p> <p>SUN 9:00 am Sunday School</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p>General Fund - \$5,672.75 (*DD - \$1,400.00, #757 - \$26.70). Missions Fund - \$230.00. Building Fund - \$400.00 (*DD- \$300.00, #567 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$6,302.75. Attendance - 145.</p> <p><i>*DD: direct deposit</i></p>

Building Fund to Date & Bank Account Details			
		General Fund:	
Available Building Fund	\$86,901.82	BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316942
Last Week's Collection	\$400.00	Missions Fund:	
Total	\$87,301.82	BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316950
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$390,000.00</i>	Building Fund:	
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$302,698.18</i>	BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316969

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