



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 25 June 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	50 - <i>The Spacious Firmament on High</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 2:8-22
Hymn	392 - <i>The Solid Rock</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 10:1-33
Hymn	TP 119:33-40
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Eat Bacon, Peter"
*Closing Hymn	483 - <i>Let Us Love</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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Is There Something I Must Do After the Lord's Supper?

Next Lord's Day, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. We know that before celebrating it, we must prepare for it by self-examination (1 Cor 11:27-31).

We examine ourselves so that we may benefit from it. We think of our sins, grieve for them, and thank God for forgiveness and reconciliation.

But at the same time, we benefit from the Lord's Supper when we leave the Table with a renewed sense of strength. We can't leave the Table and behave as if nothing happened!

Question 175 of the Westminster Larger Catechism teaches us what our duty toward God is after we have received the sacrament.

It teaches us that *"The duty of Christians, after they have received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, is seriously to consider how they have behaved themselves therein, and with what success; if they find quickening and comfort, to bless God for it, beg the continuance of it, watch against relapses, fulfill their vows, and encourage themselves to a frequent attendance on that ordinance: but if they find no present benefit, more exactly to review their preparation to, and carriage at, the Sacrament; in both which, if they can approve themselves to God and their own consciences, they are to wait for the fruit of it in due time: but, if they see that they have failed in either, they are to be humbled, and to attend upon it afterwards with more care and diligence."*

Seriously Consider the Spirit Benefits

We are to consider how we behaved as we partook of it. How did we prepare for it? How did the fellowship meal affect us? How did we react to the

memory that Christ suffered for us? Did we feel grief for our sins and joy for our forgiveness? Perhaps he worked in us joy that we truly love the brethren out of a sincere heart.

Yes, there is an experiential side. Psalm 28:7 tells us that there is always a reaction of the heart and mind to the truth of God - *"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him."*

Did we make use of the Supper successfully? Surely, we did not just go through the motion! There is a right and wrong way to participate in it (1 Cor 11:17).

Pray that God Will Help Us Continue to Experience the Benefits

We are to "beg the continuance of it." Did we enjoy these benefits as we took the Supper? Did our hearts burn in us as we met with Christ (Luke 24:32)?

Thank God for it and plead that our hearts would continue to be excited about him and that we would deepen in our love for Christ. And we must also pray that God would help us to do what we were reminded to do at the Table.

Watch Against Relapses

If Christ has saved us and given us victory, we can't continue in sin; it will rob us of our fellowship with God. Sin robbed David of that joy (Psalm 51).

So those sins which we realized through self-examination, we are to guard against them.

Fulfill Our Vows

We can't partake of the Supper without being confronted with our sins and with the things we need to get right.

Perhaps it was vows that we made during the time of self-examination - vows we need to fulfill. Or perhaps God reminded us of the vows we had made previously as members and officers.

If we fail to fulfill those vows after we partake of the elements, our enjoyment of the Supper diminishes and our fellowship with God diminishes.

I find this to be the hardest aspect of the Supper. There is a sense that I can't leave the table of my God and King, who has nourished me spiritually and given me every good gift; who has joined me together with the congregation of God's people; to whom I have made vows; and go away from it with no resolve in my heart to do right and fulfill my vows.

However, it is so easy because these vows are so difficult for me to fulfill. And I partake of the Supper presumptuously when I excuse myself of my duties by trying to assuage my conscience that God has forgiven me for this weakness. By so doing, I have an evil conscience - there is no attempt on my part to obey God. I cheapen the death of Christ.

We Are to Frequently Attend the Lord's Supper

We are to "encourage [ourselves] to a frequent attendance on that ordinance." Therefore, we are not to allow sin to hinder us from coming to the Table.



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 154. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of his mediation?

A. The outward and ordinary means, whereby Christ communicates to his Church the benefits of his mediation, are all his ordinances; especially the Word, Sacraments, and Prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for their salvation.

We are to live carefully until the next Lord's Supper - always to prepare ourselves to come to the Table - living in that victory that Christ has given us and drawing close to him everyday.

This is just like the early Church, who "*continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart*" (Acts 2:46).

Reflection

And if we find no present benefit in the Lord's Supper, we are to wait for the fruit, seek after Christ, humble ourselves. Christ seeks to have communion with us at the Table. But because we are distant, we don't always find him.

Because we had not prepared ourselves to meet him by examination, repentance, and reconciliation with others; or because we may have been callous in heart, we may not have found him (Song of Solomon 5:1-6). "*I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer*" (v 6).

Let us consider what we are missing, and let us pray and resolve to do alright that we may not miss out the blessings that Christ has ordained for us to enjoy through His Supper!

Let us remember what blessing awaits us as individuals and as a church when we come to Christ at his banqueting Table. ~ Pastor

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (25.6.17)	Next Week (2.7.17)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Chris Budiman	Mark Chen
Pianist	Evelyn Lee	Jabez Huang
Welcomers	Kim & Jesslyn Leow	Danny & Susie Tan
Offering Stewards	Ken Hong*, Ken Chong* Jansen Ng, Jacob Woo	John Tan*, Rex Sriharan* Jansen Ng, Ken Chong
Ushers	Josephine Austin, Jerome Ng	Wendy Gong, Rebecca Lee
Kitchen Duties	Jackie Hong*, Angela Yap August Ng	Lydia Orchard*, May Poon Peggy Woo, Dina Portillo
PA Duty	Ian Tay	Raymond Woo
Prayer Meeting	30 June 2017	7 July 2017
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Jerome Ng	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. We will be celebrating Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. Please bring a dish to share at the fellowship lunch.
3. Next week's message: "God Doesn't Show Favoritism" (Acts 10:34-48).
4. Next week's Junior Worship message: "Don't Ever Leave Christ" (Hebrews 2:1-4). Speaker: John Tan.
5. Retirees' Bible Study. Tuesday, 27 June 2017, 10am. Message by Pastor: "The Unexpected Death of the Christian". Potluck lunch after meeting.
6. Hymnals for sale today. 'Hymns of Grace and Glory' - \$25 each, limited new copies. 'Great Hymns of the Faith' - \$10 each, used copies in excellent condition.
7. Presentation by Creation Ministries International on 4 August 2017, Friday at 7.30pm. Speaker: Dr Ron Neller. Topic: "From Evolutionist to Creationist!"

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>SUN 9:00 am Sunday School</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p>General Fund - \$3,349.90 (#722 -\$23.60, #723 - \$185.00). Missions Fund - \$330.00 (#724 - \$150.00). Building Fund - \$100.00 (#543 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$3,779.90. Attendance - 144.</p>

Building Fund to Date & Bank Account Details	
Available Building Fund	\$65,237.89
Last Week's Collection	\$100.00
Total	\$65,337.89
Outstanding Loan	- \$402,000.00
Amount Still Needed	\$336,662.11
	General Fund:
	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316942
	Missions Fund:
	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316950
	Building Fund:
	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316969

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 6114 4242, 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407.
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Eat Bacon, Peter

Acts 10:1-33

People have always erected walls - to denote who was on the inside and who was on the outside - who was elite, and who was not. God had erected his own wall as well - those on the inside were ceremonially pure. But God was about to tear down that wall - so that all men who believed in Christ would be made ceremonially clean.

1. An Unsaved Gentile Called by God
 - a. Cornelius was Gentile
 - b. Cornelius was pious
 - c. Cornelius was unsaved
2. A Stubborn Religious Man Changed by God
 - a. Peter's call
 - b. Peter's stubbornness
 - c. Peter's change of heart
3. A Wall Broken Down by God
 - a. Peter and Cornelius are equal
 - b. God has torn down that wall

While the wall erected by God was to teach a spiritual lesson of cleanliness achieved by Christ, man erects his own walls where he is elite - this is seen in education, status, wealth, race, etc. We need to see each other as equals. Christ has removed that wall (Eph 2).

Questions for Reflection:

1. Do you see yourself as better than others? Do you get angry at those who see themselves better than you? What does that tell you about the wall you have erected?
2. Are there walls erected in this church? What are they? Why do you think they are erected when Christ has removed the wall and given us the gospel of which we once didn't have?



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Message Forecast for July - September 2017*

"What Would Jesus Say About Your Church?" (Rev 3:22)

Lord's Day Worship Service:

JUL	Title and Text	Speaker
2**	God Doesn't Show Favoritism (Acts 10:34-48)	MC
9	TBA	K Morris
16	Outraged Men Appealed to Glorify God (Acts 11:1-18)	MC
23	A Well-Taught Church (Acts 11:19-30)	MC
30	Conflict of the Sovereigns (Acts 12:1-25)	MC
AUG		
6**	Paul Commissioned (Acts 13:1-12)	MC
13	Christ's Kingship Is Non-Negotiable (Acts 13:13-41)	MC
20	The Called Do Respond (Acts 13:42-52)	MC
27	TBA	A Beardmore
SEP		
3**	In Search for Responses (Acts 14:1-20)	MC
10	They Returned Back to Danger (Acts 14:21-28)	MC
17	Controversy! (Acts 15:1-5)	MC
24	Solving Controversy (Acts 15:6-21)	MC

* Subject to change

** Lord's Supper

Adult Bible Class:

"Bible Survey" (cont.)