



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 12 February 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	28 - <i>How Great Thou Art</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 2:1-13
Hymn	22 - <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 5:12-16
Hymn	TP 78:1-6, 32-34, 38-39
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Power of God Through Man"
*Closing Hymn	582 - <i>We Never Need Be Vanquished</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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We Have a New Hymnal

Hymns of Grace and Glory

Our church has recently obtained 250 copies of the hymnal - *Hymns of Grace and Glory*.

With 740 hymns and more than 80 Psalms from the Scottish Psalter, *Hymns of Grace and Glory* continues the tradition of beautiful sacred music that has characterized the Protestant movement since the time of the Reformation.

Why a New Hymnal?

There are many reasons why a church would change her hymnal.

One such reason is copyright.

Many B-P churches have historically used *Revival Hymns and Choruses*. However, it flouts the law in 2 ways.

Firstly, by not obtaining permission to reprint copyrighted hymns it robs hymnodists of their rightful earnings.

Secondly, by not obtaining permission to reprint the typesets from various hymnals, it is merely a photocopied reproduction.

This is why Covenant Church, from its onset, had not used *Revival Hymns and Choruses*.

We have used *Great Hymns of the Faith*, which if you look carefully at the typeset, is the basis for most of the hymns in *Revival Hymns and Choruses*.

But since copyright is not the issue, why then have we changed our hymnal?

Doctrine

While *Great Hymns of the Faith* has served us well, many of its hymns are Arminian in theology.

These same hymns in the new hymnal have been edited. But we need not criticize the former hymnal, in order to promote the new.

One of the commendations of the new hymnal is its doctrinal corrections and correctness.

In the hymn *And Can It Be*, Charles Wesley, though indebted to him we are, incorrectly wrote that "Christ emptied himself of all but love."

Christ of course did not empty himself of all but love. Sounds sentimental and poetic, but it's wrong.

The new hymnal has edited that to read "humbled himself in matchless love." This preserves the doctrine of Christ's kenosis.

Another of the commendations is its inclusion of lesser known, but valuable Reformed hymns.

Included in this hymnal are a number of hymns by Horatius Bonar and Robert Murray M'Cheyne, ministers of the Free Church of Scotland.

"Not What These Hands Have Done" and "When This Passing World Is Done" are wonderful hymns contributed by godly men.

There is even a hymn by John Calvin. "Before the Throne of God Above" which has been rediscovered by the Church today, is also included.

Similarly, the new hymnal has included lesser known, but important stanzas of well-known hymns.

"The Church's One Foundation" in many hymnals often misses one important stanza, included in this hymnal - "Tho' with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song."

New Hymns and New Tunes

We are incalculably indebted to godly men and women throughout the

centuries whom the Lord has used to give us a deeper devotion to our God, through a greater knowledge of His person, His work, and His word.

However, hymn writing didn't stop in the 19th century. Music for worship has continued to be written well into this century.

Many however, fall far short of the depth, reverence, and biblical content required for praise of an infinitely holy and wise God.

This hymnal incorporates many of the finer new hymns that have been written.

Towards Presbytery

This hymnal was also obtained in part because our sister church, Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church, has also obtained it. They purchased 500 copies!

They just moved into their new church building last week. New church, new hymnal. We rejoice together with them.

While it is not altogether necessary, it is good and pleasant that churches working towards the same goal of Presbytery can have the same Presbyterian hymnal.

Why a Hymnal?

Why is there even a need for a hymnal?

Churches are using the projector more and more for their worship. There is nothing wrong with this - it is merely a circumstance.

However, one beneficial reason for a hymnal is theology. Next to the Bible

and the teaching ministry, what the church sings determines her theology.

And what the church sings will preserve her theology. Having a good hymnal often prevents a church from moving from her theological moorings, because she may not readily add to her repertoire of songs.

About the Editor

The editor of the hymnal is Joan Pinkston. She is the pianist at Faith Free Presbyterian Church in Greenville, North Carolina, and a professor of music theory, hymn improvisation, orchestration and choral composition at Bob Jones University.

Many of her former students, like Dan Forrest, are currently involved in writing, publishing, and performing sacred music.

The hymnal includes 70 of her own tunes she has written to accompany old and new hymns.

Acknowledgements

We are thankful to several persons who have contributed financially to purchase these hymnals for the church.

We are also indebted to many young people, who have taken time to wrap the hymnals and prepare them for use today.

May the Lord use this hymnal to invigorate our singing and our devotion to him. ~ Pastor

In due time, copies of the new hymnal will be made available for purchase.



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 123. Which is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Q. 124. Who are meant by "father" and "mother," in the fifth commandment?

A. By father and mother, in the fifth commandment, are meant not only natural parents, but all superiors in age and gifts; especially such as, by God's ordinance, are over us in place of authority, whether in family, Church, or commonwealth.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (12.2.17)	Next Week (19.2.17)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Chris Budiman	Mark Chen
Pianist	Valerie Ong	Jabez Huang
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Jacob & Marilyn Woo
Offering Stewards	Yen Eye Yap*, Jansen Ng* Vincent Chiu, Steven Lim	Ken Chong*, Terence Lee* LH Chua, David Lim
Ushers	August Ng, Jemima Ng	Jerome Ng, Wendy Gong
Kitchen Duties	Marilyn Woo*, Ken Hong May Poon	Mary-Anne Chan*, Julian Poon Adeline Ng
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>17 February 2017</i>	<i>24 February 2017</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
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. Next week's message: "Obey God Rather than Man" (Acts 5:17-33).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message: "You Can't Sin and Get Away with It" (Jonah 1:4-16). Speaker: Jansen Ng.
4. Covenant Bible Institute's new course: "Apologetics" by Dr RC Sproul. Please contact Pastor to register.
5. Presentation by Creation Ministries International on 17 March 2017, Friday at 7.30pm. Dr Mark Harwood will speak on "The Heavens Declare - Astronomy and the Bible".
6. Bible Conference 2017. Dates: 18-21 April 2017. Theme: "Love One Another Fervently". Speaker: Dr Bob Jones III. Venue: Bayview Geographe Resort. Register ASAP with Ken and Jackie Hong. Electronic payment option - CBPC General Fund: BSB: 036-031, Acct: 316942, Ref: BC(Surname)(Initial). Please email Jackie (pihfong@gmail.com) the amount paid and attach the electronic transfer record.

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> - \$3,305.20 (#664 - \$100.00). <i>Missions Fund</i> - \$180.00. <i>Building Fund</i> - \$105.00 (#514 - \$105.00). <i>Total Tithes & Offering</i> - \$3,590.20. Attendance - 145.

Building Fund to Date	
Available Building Fund	\$81,628.93
Last Week's Collection	\$105.00
Total	\$81,733.93
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>-\$416,000.00</i>
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$334,266.07</i>
Building Fund Account: Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross) BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969 SWIFT: WPACAUZS	

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The Power of God Through Man

Acts 5:12-16

The church in Acts has grown. In Acts 5, there were 10,000 Christians in Jerusalem. By Acts 17, Christianity had spread so much the Jews said this of the apostles - they turned the world upside down. The apostles changed the world. Many have asked "what does it take to change the world?" It takes God's power.

1. God Performed Powerful Works Through His Apostles Who Prayed
 - a. By the Apostles
 - b. God worked when they prayed
2. The Purpose of Powerful Works Was to Convince and Point
 - a. To show that Christ was God and the gospel was true.
 - b. To point to full healing at Christ's coming
3. The People Responded to the Power with Belief and Unbelief
 - a. Unbelief
 - b. Belief
 - c. Signs today

How do we change the world? Not by relying on the world and its philosophies. But we rely on God working through us when we pray and when we are purified. Such a changed life will be a powerful sign to others of the gospel truth. And in turn this will change the world.

Questions for Reflection:

- 1 Do you agree it is easier to rely on techniques and skill sets to try to change the world for Christ rather than a changed and holy life? Why is that?
- 2 If the power of God in the church and believers' lives terrifies and scares unbelievers, shouldn't the church be more relevant and welcoming by being less demanding when it comes to the standard of holiness?