



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 9 April 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	58 - <i>Praise Ye the Lord</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	James 4:13-17
Hymn	TP 46 (Second Version)
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 90
Hymn	609 - <i>God Will Take Care of You</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Shortness of Life"
*Closing Hymn	49 - <i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</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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George Is Dead!

This is an excerpt from the sermon entitled "On the Death of King George II" by Samuel Davies, an American Presbyterian pastor and the fourth President of Princeton University.

This message tells us that neither strength, valor, nor fame can prevent death when it comes.

This message also reminds us that if death comes on those who are rulers, beneficent, and of great stature, then neither the youth, the "innocent", or the obscure can escape death when it comes.

On the news, we have read of the deaths in Queensland. Who would've expected the devastation of Cyclone Debbie to be so bad? We have heard of the deadly car crash involving a young person and an airport shuttle. Why was this death so senseless?

Closer to us, a classmate of one of our young persons is critically ill after a congenital weakness in the brain left him with a stroke. Why did this tragedy befall such a young child?

Death is no respecter of persons. The mighty do fall and that is a reminder that the less mighty and the unmighty do fall.

Davies took the opportunity to remind Christians of the frailty of life, to be ever prepared for their own demise, and to look at life's pursuits in view of that "long home."

The message was delivered on 14 January 1761 at Princeton. Interestingly, Davies himself died less than a month later on 4 February 1761.
~ Pastor

A Mighty King Has Died

"How are the mighty fallen!" 2 Samuel 1:19

George is dead! George, the mighty, the just, the gentle, and the wise!

King George, the father of Britain and her Colonies, the guardian of laws and liberty, the protector of the oppressed, the arbiter of Europe, the terror of tyrants!

George, the friend of man, the benefactor of millions is no more!

No One Is Spared Death

"How are the mighty fallen!" Fallen under the superior power of death! Fallen under death - the king of terrors, the conqueror of conquerors; whom riches cannot bribe, whom power cannot resist; whom goodness cannot soften; whom dignity and nobility cannot deter, or awe to a reverential distance.

Death intrudes into royal palaces as well as into humble cottages!

Death arrests the monarch as well as the slave!

The royal robes of majesty and the filthy rags of beggary are equal preludes to the shroud!

A throne is only a higher precipice, from whence to fall with greater noise and more extensive ruin into the grave!

Since death has climbed the British throne, and from thence snatched "George the Mighty", *who then can hope to escape?*

If temperance, that best preservative of health and life; if extensive benefit to half of the world; if the united prayers of nations; if the collected virtues of the king could secure an earthly immortality, never, O lamented George, never should your fall have added fresh honors to the trophies of death!

But since this king of Britain is no more, then let all the nobles of earthly courts

be prepared for their "long homes" in the dust!

We Forget We Will Die

But how astonishing and lamentable is the stupidity of mankind! Can the natural or the moral world exhibit another phenomenon so shocking and unaccountable?

Death sweeps off thousands of our fellow-mortals every year! Our neighbors, like leaves in autumn drop into the grave, in a thick succession!

And our attendance upon funerals is almost as frequent as our visits of friendship.

Nay, sometimes death enters in at our windows, and ravages our families before our eyes! A thousand dangers lie in ambush for us!

Yet how few realize the thought that they must die! How few familiarize to their minds that all-important hour, pregnant with consequences of great, of incomparable, of infinite importance!

How many forget that they must die - until they feel it; and stand fearless and insolent upon the brink of eternity until they unexpectedly fall, and are engulfed forever in that boundless ocean!

The sons of "Adam the sinner", those fleeting phantoms of a day put on the

air of immortality upon earth; and make no provision for their existence in the proper regions of immortals beyond the grave.

Pilgrims and strangers imagine themselves everlasting residents on earth; and make this transitory life their all as if earth was to be their eternal home, as if eternity was but a fairy land and heaven and hell but majestic fantasies!

Let Every Death Remind Us of Ours

"How are the mighty fallen!" Shall not this loud alarm awaken us out of our vain dream of an earthly immortality? When the mighty has fallen - shall not the feeble tremble?

Since the mighty has fallen, since George is no more - how vain are all things beneath the sun!

Vanity of vanities; all is vanity! Can the riches of Britain, or the honors of a crown; can the extent of dominion, or the laurels of victory now afford the least pleasure to the royal corpse which lies senseless in the dust; or to the royal soul which has winged its flight to its own region, to the eternal world! No! All these are now as insignificant as mere nothings to him!

"How are the mighty fallen!" 2 Samuel 1:19



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 137. Which is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. 138. What are the duties required in the seventh commandment?

A. The duties required in the seventh commandment are, chastity in body, mind, affections, words, and behavior; and the preservation of it in ourselves and others; watchfulness over the eyes and all the senses; temperance, keeping of chaste company, modesty in apparel; marriage by those that have not the gift of continency, conjugal love, and cohabitation; diligent labor in our callings; shunning all occasions of uncleanness, and resisting temptations thereunto.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (9.4.17)	Next Week (16.4.17)
Speaker	Jimmy Orchard	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Ken Chong	Chris Budiman
Pianist	Elizabeth Huang	Nancy Lim
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Ian & Merrill Read
Offering Stewards	David Lim*, Vincent Chiu* Ken Hong, Chris Budiman	John E Tan*, Jacob Woo* Yen Eye Yap, Rex Sriharan
Ushers	August Ng, Jesslyn Leow	Angela Yap, Eva Ng
Kitchen Duties	Jemima Ng*, Debbie Blake Mary Loh	August Ng*, Angela Yap Jackie Hong
PA Duty	Joel Chua	Ken Hong
Prayer Meeting	14 April 2017	21 April 2017
Facilitator	Prayer Meeting in Recess	Prayer Meeting in Recess
Pianist		

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: "Love One Another As I Have Loved You" (John 15:9-17).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" (John 20:1-20). Speaker: Xuan Tee.
4. Good Friday Gospel Service on 14 April 2017, 10am. Message: "The Cry from the Cross" (Mark 15:34). Speaker: Ron Nugent. Worship Leader: Johnson Lim. Pianist: Eugene Lim. Welcomers: Danny & Susie Tan. Ushers: Wendy Gong & Angela Yap. Kitchen Duties: Jenni Budiman*, Aliza Chiu & Carmel Sriharan. PA Duty: Ian Tay.
5. Bible Conference 2017. Dates: 18-21 April 2017. Theme: "Love One Another Fervently". Speaker: Dr Bob Jones III. Venue: Bayview Geographe Resort.
6. Men's & Ladies' Seminar. Saturday, 22 April 2017, 4.30 pm. Speakers: Dr Bob Jones and Mrs Beneth Jones.
7. Church Anniversary Dinner. Saturday, 22 April 2017, 7pm. Registration and payment to Jacob Woo by today.
8. Pastor is away from 6-14 April. Please contact Elder Jimmy Orchard for pastoral care.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	<i>General Fund - \$2,974.55. Missions Fund - \$165.00 (#688 - \$5.00). Building Fund - \$200.00 (#522 - \$100.00, #523 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$3,339.55. Attendance - 147.</i>
FRI 10:00 am Good Friday Gospel Service	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship Service	

Building Fund to Date	
Available Building Fund	\$83,435.93
Last Week's Collection	\$200.00
Total	\$83,635.93
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$416,000.00</i>
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$332,364.07</i>
Building Fund Account: Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross) BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969 SWIFT: WPACAU2S	

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