



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 11 February 2018

Theme for the Year: "King Jesus Must Reign" (1 Corinthians 15:25)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	36 - <i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 37:1-9
Hymn	334 - <i>My Saviour's Love</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Romans 1:1-17
Hymn	288 - <i>I Hear the Words of Love</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Jesus Raised in Power"
*Closing Hymn	51 - <i>Jesus Shall Reign</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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Spiritually Renewed Thoughts

Jesus taught that the mouth speaks out of the abundance or the treasury of the heart (Luke 6:45).

How we think will affect what we say.

And therefore, it is important to guard the thought life and affections. But it is also important to flush our sinful hearts with loving thoughts.

Guard the Heart

Proverbs 4:23 tells us to "*keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.*"

Solomon commands us to keep our hearts with all diligence.

The word "keep" means to guard - it is to do the work of a watchman.

A watchman is employed by a town to keep watch from a high tower. He doesn't rest, and he doesn't sleep.

He is to do it with all diligence. The word "diligence" gives the idea that we are to guard as if we are guarding a criminal.

In other words, we are to guard our hearts - our way of thinking and the contents of our thoughts - the way a guard watches a criminal.

The reason is because the heart is the source of evil. Matthew 15:18-19 says, "*But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.*"

If the source is evil, then the product will be evil. The "issues of life" will be affected.

The heart produces disunity, discord, discontentment, dishonesty, disbelief, dysfunction, disdain, discouragement, disputes, distortion, etc.

We must also guard the heart because the heart is also deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9). Our hearts cannot be trusted - our conclusions and our judgments stem from a deceitful and a deceived heart. And unless we guard our hearts, we may be deceived by our own judgments -

when we are convinced we are right, we may very well be wrong.

And if these thoughts and affections are translated into words and actions, it can cause a lot of trouble.

Flush the Heart

While we must guard the heart from impure thoughts, the heart must also be fed with righteous and lovely thoughts.

Philippians 4:8 says, "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*"

We are what we think. You see, our thoughts and desires never remain as simply thoughts and desires. They eventually become reality.

There comes a time when we live them out, when we act on them, when we become what we think.

If we fill our minds with money, then we become materialistic. If we fill our minds with violence, we may use violence on those around us. If we fill our minds with bitterness and anger, we will be bitter and angry towards those around us.

But when we fill our minds with what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, or praiseworthy; we will be like Jesus.

This requires us to fill and flush our minds with what is good. Just like a cow keeps on ruminating on the cud until the nutrients flow into its bloodstream, we are to keep thinking thoughts which are lovely until they temper our hearts.

Philippians 4:8 gives a list.

Firstly, we are to think about what is true. In other words, we don't speculate about what is untrue or be quick to believe what is untrue.

Secondly, we are to think about what is honest or honorable. Far too often, we are quick to fill our minds with things

from the cesspool. Our minds, if given the opportunity, will think wickedly of others and of situations. And often, these are very private thoughts - we would be ashamed if others knew that we thought this way.

Thirdly, we are to think upon things which are just. The term just refers to things who are "upright," "just," or "righteous" - this refers to things which are morally correct.

This can refer to upright actions or upright words. The opposite of this is sinful things - sinful actions and sinful words.

When we think about the injustices in the world, we become angry; but when we think about the perfect and patient justice of God, we become patient.

Fourthly, we are to think upon things which are pure. This word speaks about holiness.

In 1 Timothy 5:22, Christians are to be pure and to be free from sin. Titus 2:5 uses this word to indicate that Christian women must be pure. The wisdom from heaven is first pure as James tells us.

Basically, we are to be undefiled with the things of the world, and must be careful to avoid contamination.

Fifthly, we are think upon things which are lovely. "Lovely" refers to that which is pleasing, agreeable, lovely, amiable. The word can be better translated as loveable.

Sixthly, we are to think upon things which are of good report. "Good report" refers to something commendable, or worthy of praise. Things that are of good report refer to things that are well spoken of.

We will think about what is true, what is honorable, what is morally correct, what is not sinful, what is loveable, and what is commendable.

If we don't guard or flush our heart, we can end up hurting ourselves and others.

One dark rainy night a salesman had a flat tire on a lonely road. But to his dismay he had no wrench. Seeing a nearby farmhouse, he set out on foot. He thought, "*Surely, the farmer would have a lug wrench. But would he even come to the door? And if he did, he'd probably be furious at being bothered. He'd say, 'What's the big idea getting me out of bed in the middle of the night?'*"

This thought made the salesman angry. "*Why, that farmer is a selfish old clod to refuse to help me.*" And the more he thought on it, the angrier he became.

Finally the man reached the house. Frustrated and drenched, he banged on the door. "*Who's there?*" a voice called out from a window overhead. "*You know good and well who it is,*" yelled the salesman, his face red with anger. "*It's me! And you can keep your old wrench! I wouldn't borrow it if it was the last one in the county.*"

This is the danger of an unguarded and unfilled heart. ~ Pastor



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 192. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. In the third petition, (which is, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven,) acknowledging, that by nature we and all men are not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and do the will of God, but prone to rebel against his Word, to repine and murmur against his providence, and wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh, and of the devil: we pray, that God would by his Spirit take away from ourselves and others all blindness, weakness, indisposedness, and perverseness of heart; and by his grace make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to his will in all things, with the like humility, cheerfulness, faithfulness, diligence, zeal, sincerity, and constancy, as the angels do in heaven.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (11.2.18)	Next Week (18.2.18)
Speaker	Keith Morris	Ron Nugent
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Elizabeth Huang
Welcomers	Kim & Jesslyn Leow	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	Ken Chong*, Kim Leow* Vincent Chiu, Jacob Woo	Lye Heng Chua*, Yen Fye Yap* Jansen Ng, Eugene Lim
Ushers	Rebecca Lee, Josephine Austin	Angela Yap, Joyce Ng
Kitchen Duties	Jenni Budiman*, Merilyn Woo Vincent Chiu	Sandy Chua*, Carmel Sriharan Ken Hong
PA Duty	Ian Tay	Ken Hong
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>16 February 2018</i>	<i>23 February 2018</i>
Facilitator	Jimmy Orchard	Mark Chen
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Jerome Ng

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 welcome Rev Keith Morris to our pulpit today.
3. Next week's speaker is Rev Ron Nugent. Message: "It Was Like a Dream" (Psalm 126).
4. Next week's Junior Worship message: "Love Your Fellow Christians" (Hebrews 13:1-19). Speaker: Ken Hong.
5. Bible Conference 2018. Dates: 23-26 April 2018. Speaker: Pastor Allen Beardmore. Venue: Hotel Lord Forrest, Bunbury. Please register with Ken Chong or Ken Hong.
6. Bible Study Tour of Israel and Jordan. Dates: 9-21 December 2018. Please contact Pastor Mark if you are interested.
7. Pastor Mark is away on holiday till 21 February. Please contact Elder Jimmy for pastoral care.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	General Fund - \$4,395.90 (*DD - \$200.00, #767 - \$700.00, #768 - \$150.00). Missions Fund - \$330.00 (*DD - \$100.00). Building Fund - \$900.00 (*DD - \$400.00, #575 - \$300.00, #573 - \$200.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$5,625.90. Attendance - 150. *DD: direct deposit
FRI 7:30 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	
SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship Service	

Building Fund to Date & Bank Account Details	
Available Building Fund	\$82,938.90
Last Week's Collection	\$900.00
Total	\$83,838.90
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$380,000.00</i>
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$296,161.10</i>
General Fund:	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316942
Missions Fund:	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316950
Building Fund:	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316969

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