



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 22 July 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	46 - <i>O Worship the King</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 84
Hymn	645 - <i>Saved by Grace</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Ecclesiastes 4:1-16
Hymn	371 - <i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Every Shadow Has a Light"
*Closing Hymn	469 - <i>Take Time to Be Holy</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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Testimonies from the Teens Camp I

The Teens Camp was held from 5th to 7th of July in Mandurah. There were 14 teens who attended, with 6 adult helpers.

4 of the helpers - Chris and Jenni Budiman, Ken Hong, and Grace Wang - stayed with the teens in the rented accommodations.

I spoke 3 messages on the theme - AliNation. The first had to do with the Christian's calling to be part of a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and a chosen generation.

The second had to do with the example of Lot - how despite him being part of a called out nation, compromised his faith to the detriment of his family.

The third had to do with the calling of Christ to follow him. That we are to love him above all other things.

The theme song was "Make Me a Stranger" by Mac Lynch; and it drove home the point that because we often find ourselves loving earthly treasures and simple pleasures more than God, we need Christ to lead us homeward as a pilgrim.

The teens prepared the breakfasts and were divided into teams for clean up, games, and discussion groups.

The adults led the morning and night devotions.

We pray that God would be gracious to our young people, to help them love Christ more, to love each other, and to follow him together. ~ Pastor

I Wasn't the Only One Having Troubles

The Teens Retreat in July allowed me to realize how alienated I am from Christ.

But it also helped me understand what it means and how to be alienated from the world in order to grow and become a faithful Christian.

The discussions showed me that I wasn't the only one having troubles, doubts, and insecurities about what is expected from a Christian.

At first I thought I was the really anxious and weird "alien" - thinking about every little action I take and whether it was right as a Christian.

But the discussion showed me that we were all facing the same thing.

One of the most memorable moments of the retreat was the Amazing (G)race.

I had a lot of fun racing all over the Mandurah Boardwalk. However, the "you know what" station left me scared for life - yes, the durian and century egg challenge.

Both were a bad option - to choose the stinky, disgusting, and mushy durian; or the famed black, equally as bad, century egg.

In the end to avoid penalties for my group, I chose the black century egg, as durian was my one and only arch-nemesis. So I gratefully appreciated the challenge.

Thank you for organizing this teens retreat. ~ *Abi Lim*

We, As Christians, Must Distance Ourselves from the World

This teens' camp gave me a time of much needed escape from the daily routine of a year 12 student.

The camp had allowed me to re-center my focus and priorities, and gave me a break from studies through fun activities.

Most importantly, the camp's messages reinforced the fact that we, as Christians, must distance ourselves from the world, even our secular friends.

It had also reinstated the importance of Christian friendship and fellowship, especially in our teen years.

Overall, the camp had been a time of fruitful learning, needed refocusing, and friendship building. ~ *Joel Chua*

I Liked Being with My Friends

This year's teens camp was very fun. In this year's teens camp, my experience was good.

I learned that we have to be aliens in the world. That we have to act and live like Christians. We have to be different from the world.

It was weird being away from home but it was a lot of fun. I liked being with my friends.

Pastor Mark's preaching was good. Thank you for organizing this year's teens camp. I can't wait for next year. ~ *Caleb Sriharan*

I Learnt a Lot and Had Tonnes of Fun

The teens camp has taught me a lot about the importance of alienation, especially that you can take Lot out of Egypt but you can't take Egypt out of Lot.

With the mix of messages and the activities such as the Amazing (G)race, I learnt a lot and had tonnes of fun. teens camp was a great experience. ~ *Jair Butler*

Follow After Christ and Not the World

I enjoyed the Amazing Race because it taught to work as a team and to support one another.

I enjoyed spending time with one another and it helped me to know others better.

The lesson we learned about being alienated from the world was interesting and it taught me to follow after Christ and not the world.

The Bible quizzes taught me different things about the Bible character I didn't know before. I got to know Pastor Mark better and I learned how he came to Christ. ~ *Mikayla Chiu*

A Christian Living in a Non-Christian World

During teens' camp at Mandurah, I learnt a lot about what it meant to be a Christian living in a non-Christian world, and how certain examples from the Bible dealt with this situation.

The messages were very easy to understand.

The Amazing (G)race on the Friday was an amazing experience where teamwork and communication was needed and learnt through out the activity.

I think that this teens' camp was really good and taught me a lot in the ways of living as a Christian, and I hope that the points learnt are applied to our everyday lives.

I really enjoyed the whole camp overall and hope to have many more to come. ~ *Magda Tay*



Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (22.7.18)</i>	<i>Next Week (29.7.18)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jacob Woo	Mark Chen
Pianist	Merilyn Woo	Edward Lim
Welcomers	Putri Harapan & Dolphin Wai	Danny & Susie Tan
Offering Stewards	Ken Hong*, Kim Leow* John Tan, Ken Chong	David Pang*, Yen Fye Yap* Vincent Chiu, Johnny Orchard
Ushers	Joyce Ng, Putri Harapan	Wendy Gong, Merilyn Woo
Kitchen Duties	Debbie Blake*, Jackie Hong Lydia Orchard	May Poon*, Dina Portillo Julian Poon
PA Duty	Joel Chua	Ken Hong
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>27 July 2018</i>	<i>3 August 2018</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	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. Next week's message: "Reverence and Godly Fear" (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message: "The Roles of Deacons in the Church" (Acts 6:1-7). Speaker: Jacob Woo.
4. Young People's Group. Welcome fellowship and dinner on 4 August 2018, 4pm in church. There will be praise, a devotion, and games. Please invite your friends and young people to attend. For more information, contact Hannah Chiang.
5. Ladies' Fellowship. Next Sunday, 29th July, 12.15pm in church. Lunch and DVD "How People Change". Bring a dish to share. Ladies of all ages welcome. Please see Wendy for more details.

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>SUN 9:00 am Sunday School</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">10:00 am Worship Service</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">12:15 pm Ladies' Fellowship</p>	<p>General Fund - \$3,616.20 (*DD - \$270.00, #802- \$30.00).</p> <p>Missions Fund - \$280.00 (*DD - 100.00). Building Fund - \$1,400.00 (*DD - \$1,300.00, #601 - \$100.00).</p> <p>Total Tithes & Offering - \$5,296.20.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Attendance - 142.</p> <p><i>*DD: direct deposit</i></p>

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 6114 4242, 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407.
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Every Shadow Has a Light
Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

We've all gone through a bad day or a rough patch, our friends try to comfort us with clichés - "Keep your chin up, every cloud has a silver lining." But as hollow as the advice may seem, there is wisdom in it. While our journey on earth may be filled with suffering, there is a silver lining.

1. The Shadows of Light
 - a. Oppression
 - b. Evils of work and sloth
 - c. Loneliness
 - d. Impermanence

2. The Outlines of Light in Those Shadows
 - a. Relief in death
 - b. Blessings of rest
 - c. Companionship
 - d. Little victories

In Christ, we can find relief in the sweet release of death. In Christ, we can work and rest according to his will. In Christ, we can have Christian companions. In Christ, we look forward to his reign.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Are you working too hard? Is it due to ambition moved by your envy or the envy of others? How can you find rest in this messiness? And is it wrong to find rest by not working so sinfully hard?

2. Are you taking time to be holy and are you making friends of God's people?