



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship – 13 January 2019

**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	22 - <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 31:1-8
Hymn	TP 31:1-8
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	1 Timothy 1:1-17
Hymn	23 - <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Rule of the King Eternal"
*Closing Hymn	27 - <i>Mighty God, While Angels Bless Thee</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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## How to Guide Children Online (Part 1)

I was troubled after reading news articles on the online dangers faced by impressionable children and youths.

Parents today struggle to supervise their tech-savvy kids on their smartphones day and night.

These articles warn parents of the dangers faced by their children's excessive exposure to TV and videos, girls' participation in an Instagram beauty pageant, and children's unknowingly being trained by casinos to gamble.

Technology may be new, but Satan's ways are not. The Bible does provide timeless principles to guide our children online. Let's first look at the news articles.

Article 1. "The Child, the Tablet and the Developing Mind," Nick Bilton, New York Times, 31 March 2013.

The journalist recounted a restaurant dinner he had with his sister and her two children, four and seven years old. The adults were trying to talk while the two noisy kids fought and argued nonstop.

Exasperated, his sister pulled out two shiny iPads. Suddenly the children were quiet, mesmerized by games and videos for an hour, so the adults could eat in peace.

But she was worried: "Do you think it's bad for them?" A study of 19,000 British children found that those who watched more than three hours of television, videos or DVDs a day displayed more behavioral, emotional and relationship problems by the time they were seven years old, than children who did not.

A professor explains that meal conversations are valuable lessons for children. Another expert says children develop imagination and creativity by

copied with being alone and through conversations with others.

Children who spend a lot of time on screen instead of talking are likely to be less creative.

Article 2. "Instagram beauty contests worry parents," Cecilia Kang, Washington Post, 6 April 2013.

Instagram is a popular website that allows sharing of photographs among its 30 million users.

A recent virtual beauty pageant on Instagram drew entries from thousands of girls, mostly 12 or 13 year olds. Instagram users can post comments and vote on each girl's appearance.

Once a girl's photo garners a certain number of negative remarks, a big red "X" or "OUT" is scratched across her face. One user even commented that a girl was "UGLY."

Many girls were undoubtedly devastated by such cruel social interactions.

Teenage girls are particularly sensitive to online comments about them, and seek a quantifiable way of gaining acceptance by getting more "likes."

These girls may become targets of online predators.

Article 3. "No one wins when children play with gambling apps", The Daily Telegraph, 1 April 2013.

Simulated gambling apps, Slotomania, Zynga Poker and DoubleDown, now account for 13 per cent of all game users on Facebook.

A recent Australian government review raised concerns that increasingly more young children are playing blackjack and poker machine games on Facebook. The odds have been inflated to favor the young online player, which may mislead them about the ease of winning.

*Slotomania*, operated and controlled by a subsidiary of casino company *Caesars*, was the highest grossing app in 2012 at Australia's iTunes store.

These casino-style games, created by casinos, may hook a child to gambling and encourage them to visit the casinos and play for real money.

News emerged that the April 2013 Boston marathon bombing suspects could have been radicalized online and learnt how to launch terrorist attacks.

The Internet provides a cover for a double life, and that's why their family members and friends were shocked that the suspects whom they described as "nice" and "kindhearted" actually committed the atrocities.

Dangers on the Internet are so underestimated by parents who should be very concerned about their children's online activities.

What can parents do?

1. Warn your children of online dangers

(a) Danger of online predators. The apostle Paul warns us not to be ignorant of Satan's devices (2 Cor 2:11). The Internet is a dangerous place. Therefore, we must inculcate cyber safety in our children.

Apply Proverbs 22:3: "A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished."



### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q. 73. Which is the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

Q. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.

Predators and religious extremists constantly trawl the net for simple-minded victims. If you have pre-teen boys and girls, read Proverbs 7:1-27 with them so as to warn them of the dangers of cyber-sex, pornography, adultery and false teachings.

(b) Danger of addictions. The apostle Paul reminds us: "all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any" (1 Cor 6:2).

Online addictions are more dangerous than drugs and alcohol, because of their low cost and accessibility. Addicts of video games, social media or pornography become slaves.

To overcome temptations, teach children to pray to Christ for grace to help (Eph 6:18; Heb 4:16). If we have trusted in Jesus, His precious blood has washed away our sins and freed us from bondage to sin. Sin has no more dominion over us. The best way to prevent addictions is: don't even begin.

If your child is hooked, immediate pastoral counsel and amputation of every source of temptation (Mt 5:27-30) are needed.

Regularly update children with news reports of cybersex, pornography and online gaming addictions, etc. (cont.)

~ Rev Lee Hock Chin, reprinted from *Life Bible-Presbyterian Church Weekly Bulletin*, 28 April 2013.

## Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (13.1.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (20.1.19)</i>
Speaker	Philip Gardiner	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jimmy Orchard	Mark Chen
Pianist	Edward Lim	Merilyn Woo
Welcomers	Josephine Austin	Danny & Susie Tan
Offering Stewards	David Lim Kim Leow	Ken Chong, Eugene Lim Paul Butler, Jacob Woo
Ushers	August Ng, Joyce Ng	Faith Chiu, Jemima Ng
Kitchen Duties	Sarah Siew*, Dina Portillo Putri Harapan	Eileen Tay*, Debbie Blake Rebecca Lee
PA Duty	Ian Tay	Ken Hong
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>18 January 2019</i>	<i>25 January 2019</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Ian Tay

### 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 the Rev Philip Gardiner of the Perth Free Presbyterian Church to our Adult Bible Class and Worship Service. He will speak on "Christ our Vine" (John 15) at the Adult Bible Class.
3. Next week's message: "Cry Unto the LORD" (Joel 1:12-20).
4. Junior Worship is in recess this week and will resume next week. Next week's Junior Worship message - "Being a Witness Is Not Comfortable" (Acts 14:1-28). Speaker: Jansen Ng.
5. Church Prayer and Planning Day. Australia Day, Saturday, 26 January 2019.
6. Bible Conference 2019. Dates: 22-25 April 2019. Venue: Hotel Lord Forrest, Bunbury. Theme: Strength in Weakness. Speaker: Pastor Josh Williamson. Registration forms available at foyer. Payment by cash, cheque or direct deposit to CBPC General Fund: BSB: 036-031, Acct: 316942, Ref: BC(Surname)(Initial). Any enquiries, please contact Micah Chiang or Vincent Chiu.

#### Appointments for the Week

FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting

SUN 9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

#### Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$2,152.65 (\*DD - \$200.00, #843 - \$300.00, #844 - \$100.00). Missions Fund - \$110.00.  
Building Fund - \$700.00 (\*DD - \$400.00, #634 - \$200.00, #635 - \$100.00).  
Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,962.65.  
Attendance - 114.

*\*DD: direct deposit*

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