



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

**Order of Worship — 7 April 2019**

**Theme for the Year: "Strength in Weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

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	1 Corinthians 1:10-31
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	138 - <i>It Is Finished</i>
Hymn	219 - <i>Blest Be the Tie</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Hymn	TP 50:1-4
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"A Confident Vessel"
*Closing Hymn	668 - <i>Speak, Lord, in the Stillness</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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## Report on the India and Myanmar Mission Trip 2019

From 17 March to 1 April 2019, I went on a mission trip to India and Myanmar.

These trips were planned since the middle of last year as part of the mission work of our church.

As a church, we have been involved in the work in Myanmar since our inception.

The work in India is more recent and involves our church releasing me to teach the pastors of the Bible-Presbyterian Church of India and their contacts at the Bible-Presbyterian School of Ministry.

### *Ministry in India*

After 2 flights and a 90 minute layover, I arrived in Chennai, India on Sunday night, the 17th of March.

The last time I was there was in January 2018 to teach the pastors of the Westminster Confession of Faith. As I had not finished it (I only got to chapter 19), my aim this time was to complete the entire document.

My day started at 8:30 am and stretched to 6:30 pm, with two 30 minute tea breaks and an hour's lunch. The training went from Monday to Friday.

It was hosted by Mount Carmel Bible-Presbyterian Church, Chennai; and the interpretation was done by the Rev Eman Kumar, her pastor.

There were approximately 40-45 people who attended. They were Bible-Presbyterian pastors and church workers, as well as ministers and church workers from other churches.

Although rigorous for both teacher and students, it was a refreshing time for both. They asked good questions and there was good interaction.

The chapters on the Liberty of Conscience, Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day, the Civil Magistrate, Marriage and Divorce, the Sacraments,

and Church Censures generated the most discussion.

What I realized is that, while they were Bible-Presbyterian pastors, their convictions on some of these matters had not been fully formed from a careful study of the Bible but had been influenced by Indian Christian and indigenous cultural tradition.

Throughout our discussion, the emphasis was always - "where does it say in the Bible?" This was good as it reminded the students that their faith and practice had to find support from Scripture rightly interpreted.

After completing the WCF, I taught the Biblical Principles of Reformed Worship. This was useful to them because many of the pastors had found a need to emphasize music in their churches to attract people.

They shared that the Pentecostal movement, the emphasis on music, the misinterpretation of the elements of worship had caused them to misinterpret the purpose of worship and made their worship man-centered rather than God-centered.

Several of them asked for my full notes - but I was too embarrassed to give them out before vetting them. But this shows there is a thirst for the truth that is found in the principles of Reformed worship.

After the training, I went for some sight-seeing with the pastor and family at Mahabalipuram, a Unesco world-heritage sight. It was a city filled with deconsecrated Hindu temples. It was a fascinating place - a real eye-opener to see the paganism of the place - things of which the Bible speaks about.

My ministry there included speaking at the 30th anniversary of the church - this was a blessed time of rejoicing for all the members - especially the 40 founding families - who have still remained since inception.

## Ministry in Myanmar

I was supposed to have gone last year to speak at the combined Bible Presbyterian Church of Myanmar fellowship camp. It was held in Shan state, at Tat Oo church - where they specially built a proper sit-down toilet for me. Unfortunately, I was not able to make it last year.

This year I was invited back - and our church obliged because we had not visited in 2 years.

It was to have been held in Chin state, but the venue was changed to Yangon, because of crisis in the original host church.

The fellowship camp was attended by over 100 people from churches in the denomination - 1 congregation from Chin state, 2 congregations from Shan state, and 2 congregations in Yangon.

It was a blessing for me to see the people travel down - some more than 24 hours by bus - to join the larger church body.

They had Bible quizzes, singing competitions, sports, and messages and discussions.

I spoke on the controversies that almost destroyed the Corinthian church. It was a painful subject for me to speak on but a needful subject for them and for me.

From 1 Corinthians, we explored how a well-taught, gifted, and saved church could be divided because of gossip and man-centeredness. We saw how a church could be filled not only with mature believers, but also unbelievers and immature believers.

We explored how service - meant to edify the church - can actually destroy the church when people fail to serve and

when people serve for the wrong reasons.

We explored the issue of sexual sin - especially adultery - in the church and how that can lead to division as people take sides; and how even in such disciplinary matters, when right church order is not followed, division can occur.

I did not know just how impactful these messages had been. In fact, it was the divorce of a church leader that had caused crisis in the congregation, leading to a change in venue.

It was sobering to know that what was faced by the Corinthian church was also faced by these Christians and churches. Indeed, there is nothing new under the sun.

I was blessed to be there. Many of the orphanage children have grown up and left, and many new ones have come. Martha - one of the girls we have known and come to be fond of over the years - has become the oldest in the orphanage, assuming many responsibilities like leading the children.

I found the ministry there fulfilling, but it was very hot - I was very uncomfortable - but by God's grace, I managed to get through the days.

Pastor Kima has invited me back for next year to speak at the combined fellowship camp again. They have also extended the invitation to our folks to go.

Next year, the venue will be in Shan state, at the Aung Tha Pyi congregation. Because it is in the hills, the temperature will be cooler, and because it is in a town with many tourist attractions, there is adequate accommodation. If the Lord so wills us to go next year, would you consider joining? ~ Pastor



## Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 93. Which are the Sacraments of the New Testament?

A. The Sacraments of the New Testament are, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

## Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (7.4.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (14.4.19)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Chris Budiman
Pianist	Ian Tay	Eugene Lim
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Josephine Austin & Putri Harapan
Offering Stewards	Chris Budiman, Vincent Chiu Ken Chong, Ken Hong	Kim Leow, Jansen Ng David Pang, David Lim
Ushers	Sharon Sriharan, Jerome Ng	Jesslyn Leow, Rebecca Lee
Kitchen Duties	Helen Wong*, August Ng Rosemary Fitzpatrick, Alison Wong	Lisa Lim*, Ken Hong Grace Wang
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ian Tay
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>12 April 2019</i>	<i>19 April 2019</i>
Chairman	Eugene Lim	<i>In Recess</i>
Pianist	Nancy Lim	

### Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. First time visitors wishing to partake the Lord's Supper should see an elder before the service.
3. Next week's message: "Why Did They Shout Hosanna?" (John 12:12-26).
4. Good Friday Gospel service on Friday, 19 April 2019, at 10 am. Pastor Steven Tan will be bringing the Gospel message.
5. Daily Manna and Daily Manna Junior (April-June 2019) are available in the foyer.
6. Worshipers are reminded not to park on the pavement along the roads.

<b>Appointments for the Week</b>	<b>Last Lord's Day Tithes &amp; Offering, &amp; Attendance</b>
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	General Fund - \$2,318.86 (*DD - \$252.36, #852 - \$500.00). Missions Fund - \$210.00 (*DD - \$100.00). Building Fund - \$400.00 (*DD - \$400.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,928.96. Attendance - 118. *DD: direct deposit
FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship Service	

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