



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship — 20 October 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	40 – <i>Stand Up, and Bless the Lord</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 91
Hymn	611 – <i>Under His Wings</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:25-31
Hymn	HGG <i>Psalm 147</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Secret of Renewed Strength"
*Closing Hymn	494 – <i>All the Way My Saviour Leads Me</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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## Testimony of Chris Budiman

Blessed be the God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who together have sent the Holy Spirit to change our hearts from the heart of stone to the heart of flesh, so that we may know the truth, that Jesus Christ is God. By His grace we have been saved from the wrath that we sinners, I included, deserve, and we are called into His family.

I grew up in Christian home and I accepted Jesus Christ as my saviour in my teenage years. It was not a dramatic conversion, but more as a process.

I was involved in ministries since then, from teenage fellowship, youth fellowship and choir ministries. However, zeal involvement in ministries didn't make me live closer to Jesus. I realised later that my focus was not to serve the Lord, but merely to be involved in activities that I like and to apply my knowledge in the ministries that I was involved. That experience taught me that if I serve the Lord, I have to do it with right motive and with Christ in mind.

Fast forward years later, I have been back serving the Lord in choir and as Sunday School teacher. This time I feel that not only I could help in those ministries, I feel that I have closer

relationship with Jesus. Through the lyrics of the choir songs and the Sunday School stories that I prepare, I get to know Him better, and more appreciative of what He has done for me.

Two years ago, the session asked me if I want to serve as deacon. At that time I felt that I probably was more effective in serving the Lord in my existing capacity at that time, so I declined. Last year, same question was asked to me. I also declined because I felt I have no capability that I can contribute through becoming a session member.

Once again this year I was asked to join the session. This time I felt that our church does need additional session members. However, I was debating myself because I feel that I have no capacity to be a deacon. I prayed about it for days. The Lord answered through a devotional message. It was from Exodus 3:10-17 about Moses, who repeatedly declined God's call by saying that he was not "good enough". Moses even argued, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh...?", expressing his reluctant and lack of confidence in his ability. However, in the same passage, the Lord told Moses who He is, "I AM WHO I AM", which explains who God is, including His

omnipotent attribute. God almighty can use anything and anyone to accomplish His plan. It is not wrong to acknowledge our limitation, but if we use it to reject God's calling, then we may insult Him as if He cannot use me because of my limitation.

Another answer came to me in another devotion. It was about Noah, who may not have the right resume to build the ark as he was a farmer and not a carpenter, but he obeyed God and God used him to build the ark which could withstand the catastrophic flood (Genesis 6:9-18).

Then I remembered 2 Corinthians 12:10 KJV — Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Sometimes God uses those who do not have the qualification to do His job, in order that His strength can be shown in weakness and so that we cannot boast.

However, I was still feeling anxious to step in at this time, especially after I see the many issues we have in our church. One night as we were having our nightly prayer, Jenni was asking the Lord to give me wisdom to answer the request. Immediately, a song came up to my mind out of nowhere. It's an Indonesian Sunday School song. The lyrics say, "I answered yes, O Lord!"

I know that it will not be an easy task for me. However, I would look up to the current session members to guide me. And I shall look further up to Him who can use me and strengthen me in my weakness. If it be God's will to serve as a deacon, I look forward to your support and prayers to help me to serve Him and you all.

~Chris Budiman



### **Catechism for Younger Children**

37. What effect did the sin of Adam have on all people? We are all born guilty and sinful.

38. How sinful are you by nature? I am corrupt in every part of my being.

## Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (20.10.2019)</i>	<i>Next Week (27.10.2019)</i>
Speaker	Glen Lock	Glen Lock
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Jerome Ng	Jairus Wong
Welcomers	Johnny & Lydia Orchard	Putri Harapan & Rebecca Lee
Offering Stewards	David Lim, Johnny Orchard Jemima Ng, Faith Chiu	Josephine Austin, David Pang Sharon Sriharan, Steven Lim
Ushers	Nicole Tan, Joyce Ng	Heng Qi Ban, Faith Chiu
Kitchen Duties	Mary-Anne Chan, Florence Orchard Josephine Austin	Debbie Blake, Angela Yap Jenni Budiman
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ken Hong

### Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's messenger is Pastor Glen Lock.
3. **Notice of the 10th Annual General Meeting.** Date: Sunday, 27 October 2019. Time: 11:30 am sharp. Venue: 47 Davis Road, Attadale, WA 6156. Please collect your AGM papers from Pastor Mark.

#### Appointments for the Week

SUN 9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

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

General Fund - \$2289.40 (#889 - \$200.00, ET - \$275.00). Mission Fund - \$210.00 (ET - \$100.00).  
Building Fund - \$500.00 (#655 - \$200.00, ET - \$300.00)

Total Tithes & Offerings - \$2999.40

\*ET: Electronic Transfer      Attendance - 107.