



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 21 January 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	16 - <i>To God Be the Glory</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Revelation 21:1-10
Hymn	TP 48:1-8
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Revelation 22:1-7
Hymn	645 - <i>Saved by Grace</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"What About Heaven"
*Closing Hymn	636 - <i>My Saviour First of All</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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The Life and Legacy of Amy Carmichael

People-trafficking is not new. But, born 150 years ago this past December, one single, often sick, missionary woman from Northern Ireland dared to challenge it in India.

Hinduism encouraged the temple slavery of children. It was prostitution perpetrated in the name of that ancient religion, where little girls and boys were sold to 'marry' the Brahmin temple priests.

When Amy Carmichael discovered what was happening she was so horrified by the practice that she began a work to rescue children from the temples.

Her mission station in Dohnavur in South India grew to accommodate hundreds of children.

Children's mission

Amy Carmichael, the oldest of seven children, was born on 16 December 1867 in the coastal village of Millisle in Northern Ireland.

In 1883, while at a girls' boarding school in Harrogate in Yorkshire, Amy put her trust in Jesus, during a special mission to explain Christianity to children.

Years later Amy wrote: 'My mother had often talked to me about the Lord Jesus and, as I sat on her knee, she had sung hymns to me. I had felt the love of the Lord Jesus and nestled in his love just as I had nestled in her arms. But I had not understood that there was something more to do, something that may be called coming to him, or opening the door to him, or giving oneself to him'.

As they sang *'Jesus loves me, this I know; for the Bible tells me so'*, Amy asked Jesus to be her Lord and Saviour.

She believed that he had suffered on the cross, paying for her sin, and that three days later he had risen from the dead.

Because of financial difficulties the Carmichael family moved to Belfast, where Amy studied music, singing and painting.

One Sunday morning, returning from church, she and her brothers helped an elderly, poor lady, but while doing so she 'heard' God speak to her, almost with a blinding flash, through Bible words engraved on a nearby fountain.

It was to change her life's values. She started visiting people, teaching children and visiting the slums with the Belfast City Mission.

'Shawlies'

Local girls who worked in the nearby mills were called shawlies, because of the cheap shawls they wore over their shoulders. They worked in poor conditions, 14 hours a day, for very little money.

Amy brought them to church services, but they were not welcomed by everyone. So she decided to purchase a tin building — 'The Tin Tabernacle' — for £500, call it the Welcome Hall and make it a meeting place for the shawlies.

Today it is still there, though it is called Welcome Evangelical Church, and is off the Shankill Road in Belfast.

Around 1888 the Carmichael family was facing bankruptcy. Amy and her mother moved to Manchester, but, again, Amy worked among the people of the slum areas.

The conditions where she worked were terrible and soon Amy became desperately ill. She moved to the Lake District to care for a widowed, elderly, Christian man. But, again, God spoke through an audible voice to her, calling her to go overseas as a missionary.

The cost was great all round, but she knew that the most important thing was to obey God's will for her. She said, 'Nothing is too precious for Jesus'.

'Starry Cluster'

Amy first worked in Japan, then Ceylon, but her main life's work was to be in Southern India. She didn't follow the usual missionary way of working, but wore Indian clothes and lived amongst Indian women who had been persecuted

after being converted to Christ from Hinduism.

They were called 'The Starry Cluster'. They travelled and shared the good news in the open air, preaching that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

They wanted their hearers to understand that it is not through religious ritual that a person can come to know God, but through trusting in Jesus and finding forgiveness, so that one can come into an everlasting relationship with God.

However, when children became Christians, they were often bitterly persecuted, even by their own family. Amy was to meet Preena, a little girl whose widowed mother had given her to a Hindu temple, where she was 'married to the god'. She was to become a temple prostitute.

Prima tried to run from her plight, but as a punishment her hands were branded with a red-hot poker. Eventually she did escape and amazingly managed to get to Amy, who took her into her care.

When Amy understood this terrible trafficking of children in the name of Hinduism, she began to take in first girls, and then boys, filling a growing refuge for children. It was called Dohnavur.

Dohnavur

With other Indian women, Amy not only created a large hostel, but also a hospital

for children.

She prayed to God for all the money and medication that was needed.

Amy faced great opposition to all she was doing, but eventually her efforts and tireless labours as a social reformer led to the law in India being changed, to protect children from the abuse.

On 18 January 1951, Amy died at Dohnavur, aged 83. She had worked there for over 50 years without ever returning to the UK.

Throughout her life, she had looked forward to seeing her Saviour in heaven. Now because of all he had done for her, she is with him eternally.

Remember that Jesus, the Son of God, died for all sinners. Amy said, 'When I consider the cross of Christ, how can anything that I do be called sacrifice?'

Legacy

A bird bath under a tree in Dohnavur commemorates her. On it is inscribed the simple word 'Amma' (meaning 'Mother').

However, Amy Carmichael's legacy lives on: the Dohnavur Fellowship continues in India caring for children rescued from situations of danger; and the Welcome Evangelical Church in Cambrai Street, Belfast is thriving.

~ Roger Carswell (as published in the *Evangelical Times*)



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 188. Of how many parts doth the Lord's Prayer consist?

A. The Lord's Prayer consists of three parts: a preface, petitions, and a conclusion.

Q. 189 What doth the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's Prayer (contained in these words, Our Father which art in heaven,) teacheth us, when we pray, to draw near to God with confidence of his fatherly goodness, and our interest therein; with reverence, and all other childlike dispositions, heavenly affections, and due apprehensions of his sovereign power, majesty, and gracious condescension: as also, to pray with and for others.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (21.1.18)	Next Week (28.1.18)
Speaker	Glen Lock	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jimmy Orchard	Chris Budiman
Pianist	Marilyn Woo	Eugene Lim
Welcomers	Ian & Merrill Read	Putri Harapan & Dolphin Wai
Offering Stewards	Jacob Woo*, David Pang* Micah Chiang, Jansen Ng	Rex Sriharan*, Ken Hong* Ian Read, Kim Leow
Ushers	August Ng, Josephine Austin	Jesslyn Leow, Rebecca Lee
Kitchen Duties	Lydia Orchard*, Peggy Woo Julian Poon	Sarah Siew*, May Poon Dina Portillo
PA Duty	Ken Hong	Joel Chua
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>26 January 2018</i>	<i>2 February 2018</i>
Facilitator	Prayer Meeting in Recess	Mark Chen
Pianist		Nancy Lim

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 Pastor Glen Lock to our pulpit today.
3. Next week's message: "He Kept Back Nothing" (Acts 20:13-38).
4. Next week's Junior Worship message: "God's Help in Our Race" (Hebrews 12:3-11). 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 in India for a mission trip from 19 to 27 January. Please contact Elder Jimmy for pastoral care.
8. Church directory email address amendments: Dulcie Keen (dulcie.keen@bigpond.com), Evelyn Lee (evtan12@gmail.com).

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
<p>FRI 7:30 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting</p> <p>SUN 9:00 am Sunday School</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">10:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p>General Fund - \$2,197.90 (*DD - \$200.00, #765 - \$25.00, #766 - \$205.10). Missions Fund - \$110.00. Building Fund - \$300.00 (*DD - \$300.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,607.90. Attendance - 140.</p> <p><i>*DD: direct deposit</i></p>

Building Fund to Date & Bank Account Details	
Available Building Fund	\$82,038.90
Last Week's Collection	\$300.00
Total	\$82,338.90
Outstanding Loan	- \$380,000.00
Amount Still Needed	\$297,661.10
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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