



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship — 2 December 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	TP 147:1-8
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Titus 1:5-16
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	267 - <i>There Is a Fountain</i>
Hymn	270 - <i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Colossians 1:24-29
Hymn	TP 78:70-72, 1
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Laboring in God's Kingdom"
Ordination & Installation	
*Closing Hymn	576 - <i>Above Thine Own Ambition Here</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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## I Looked at the Overwhelming Amount of Work

Thank God for the opportunity to serve Him for the last 11 years in the session. Serving in the session has its many challenges and struggles and indeed it is only possible by God's grace and mercy and with His help and guidance.

2008 was a difficult year. Looking back, I thank God that for strength and tremendous encouragement from His Word, from Pastor Ed, our former deacons, and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

It is a joy and privilege to be able to serve in the work of His Kingdom. God has not promised that if we serve in His Kingdom, it would be trouble free. There will be times when we might not be well received and we could face many difficulties. "*Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith*" has helped me to accept the inevitable joys and also disappointments that ministry brings.

The Apostle Paul also experienced suffering in the midst of his ministry. In Acts 9:16, when God called Paul, God told him that he would experience much suffering.

Jesus himself has set a great example for us. He came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). That has changed my perspective from wanting to be served, to wanting to serve. It made my desire to grow more Christlike with the others.

Through serving others, I grew closer to the Lord. I could hear more clearly the calling God had on my life. I never thought I would be serving in the session for so many years, I am so glad this is where God has led me.

In September 2016, most of you know that our daughter-in-law, Charis went through a life threatening situation and was in the intensive care unit due to a fall. I thank God for helping me to understand and to acknowledge His sovereignty in all things.

He is one who makes no mistakes. How Covenant B-P Church was established and all that has happened are not by chance.

I learnt to trust Him fully that He always gives me what is He deems best for me even though at times it maybe painful to go through it.

I would like to thank Pastor Mark for coming alongside our family, showing love and concern throughout the whole ordeal. We are grateful to church members who have prayed for us earnestly.

All these mean something to us. It showed me the importance of having a good support from the household of God. We are one big family in Christ Jesus.

This year, I was deciding whether to stand for election or take a break. Taking a break seemed a more comfortable option as I would be able to relax and take things easier.

However, when I looked at the overwhelming amount of work needed to be done at the church, I decided to continue to serve in the session.

A few months before the ACM, I was asked if I would stand for election as Elder in the coming ACM. Over the next few months, I prayed about it - my feelings alternated between assurance and fear of inadequacy.

There were many questions that surfaced over that time, but the one that seemed to be unanswerable was, "God, where is the affirmation from you?" Although I didn't understand it at the time, God was providing a precious lesson of how to better trust Him.

Biblically, refusing to follow God's call solely based upon a personal fear of failure was not the right thing to do (Numbers 14:1-12). The same could be said for acting presumptuously and rushing ahead of God.

I remember that year when there was a need for someone to take over as Treasurer. I felt totally inadequate as I did not have a financial background. But God's call was clear to me.

I prayed about it and God's word told me that I did not have to rely on my own strength. God would enable me to do what was necessary as a Treasurer. Indeed, I thank God for His help and guidance thus far.

When the call to eldership came, I was quite reluctant to accept the nomination as I realized my inadequacy.

After much prayer and looking at the need of the church, I felt I had to continue to rely and trust Him fully and that if this was the call He had for me, He would enable me to carry out the task.

I cannot promise to be a perfect leader, but I can pledge to make every effort to follow the example of Christ.

Following Jesus well means to guard against my own heart, as I help you do the same with yours. It means to hunger for His Word, seeking out and fulfilling His Will as He calls us out for the sake of His Glory.

It means that I will have to hold each one of you (and you me) accountable to live worthy lives for our king with

tenderness, compassion, and humility. We will limp along, arm in arm, for the furtherance of His kingdom.

As an elder, please pray for me as I seek to serve our Heavenly Father as He teaches me to care and love the flock just as He would.

May I urge all to earnestly pray for the one another in your home or come to our prayer meeting on Friday.

Pray that we would be faithful in our service, that in spite of our many differences or disagreements, we would with humility & meekness encourage and forebear one another as we serve together as a family.

In fact, faithfulness is the most important quality needed in serving the Lord. This can be seen in the call which He gave to the church of Smyrna in Revelation 2:10 - *"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."*

It is also seen in the commendation which the servants received from the Lord in Matthew 25:21- *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."*

~ Johnson Lim, Ruling Elder



## **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q. 61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission, or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Q. 62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day.

## Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (2.12.18)</i>	<i>Next Week (9.12.18)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Glen Lock
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Ian Tay	Merilyn Woo
Welcomers	Putri Harapan & Dolphin Wai	Josephine Austin & Wendy Gong
Offering Stewards	Jansen Ng*, David Pang* Ken Chong, David Lim	Vincent Chiu*, Micah Chiang* Kim Leow, Eugene Lim
Ushers	Faith Chiu, Jerome Ng	Joyce Ng, Jesslyn Leow
Kitchen Duties	Eileen Tay*, Ken Hong Sarah Siew, Julian Poon	Peggy Woo*, Dina Portillo Rosemary Fitzpatrick
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ian Tay
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>7 December 2018</i>	<i>14 December 2018</i>
Facilitator	Jimmy Orchard	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Nancy 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. 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 speaker is Pastor Glen Lock.
4. Next week's Junior Worship message: "Christ Is King!" (Acts 13:13-41). Speaker: Jacob Woo.
5. Pastor will be away for overseas ministry from 3-24 December. Worshippers needing pastoral care can contact Elders Jimmy Orchard and Johnson Lim.
6. Adult Bible Class (9,16,23 Dec) - Understanding the Parables.
7. Church Busy Bee. Saturday, 8 December 2018, 9.00am-12.00pm. Please bring garden tools.
8. Christmas Day Service & Fellowship Lunch. Tuesday, 25 December 2018. Lunch after the service - please bring a dish to share.
9. Bible Conference 2019. Dates: 22-25 April 2019. Venue: Hotel Lord Forrest, Bunbury. Theme: Strength in Weakness. Speaker: Pastor Josh Williamson. Register by 31 December 2018 for early bird fees. Registration forms available at foyer. Any enquiries, please contact Micah Chiang or Vincent Chiu.

#### Appointments for the Week

WED	10:00 am	Craft Group
FRI	7:30 pm	CBI & Prayer Meeting
SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service

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

General Fund - \$2,202.30 (\*DD - \$200.00, #837 - \$7.00, #838 - \$20.00).  
 Missions Fund - \$210.00 (\*DD - 100.00).  
 Building Fund - \$1,500.00 (\*DD - \$1,300.00, #622 - \$100.00, #623 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$3,912.30. Attendance - 125.

\*DD: direct deposit

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