



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

**Order of Worship – 23 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	92 - <i>Joy to the World!</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 103:1-6
Hymn	88 - <i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 8:11-20
Hymn	127 - <i>The Saviour of the World</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Forgetting God"
*Closing Hymn	397 - <i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</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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## Immanuel

Immanuel is one of Christ's most precious names. It is a combination of two Hebrew words that together mean "God with us."

The gospel of Matthew explains that Christ received this name in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

For many people, the name Immanuel has a nice ring to it that suggests comfort and hope in times of trouble. Yet there is a lot more substance and significance to this name.

The encouragement Christians can take from this name is no mere vague impression or passing emotion. The truth conveyed by this name has both a glorious beauty and a wide range of blessings attached to it.

### *The Beauty of Immanuel*

The Bible uses the name Immanuel mostly in connection with the incarnation of Christ.

The first time we hear this name is when Isaiah prophesied the virgin birth of Christ: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14).

Isaiah spoke these words to Ahaz, king of Judah, who was being threatened by surrounding nations.

When you read the context you find that, sadly, Ahaz had no

interest in God being with him. Despite that, Isaiah told him a person named "God with us" would come.

In the fullness of time, Christ would become incarnate in order to bring God's presence to us. He would be born of a virgin, thus escaping the corruption of David's line while remaining David's son.

Christ is an incarnate Savior. That's the beauty of Immanuel. He didn't come as an angel or some spirit manifesting itself from time to time. He took to Himself bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. No other religion can give such comfort and hope.

### *The Blessings of Immanuel*

Because the Son of God took to Himself our nature, there are a myriad of blessings represented in His name Immanuel:

1. He is God-with-us to reconcile sinners to God. Man is born alienated from God, and God can have no fellowship with him because of sin.

But Immanuel came to save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21). He gave His life as an offering for sin so that sinners can be brought back into fellowship with God (1 John 1:3).

On the cross He could promise the repentant thief that he would be with Him in paradise (Luke

23:43), that is to say, in fellowship with God.

2. He is God-with-us to guide, empower, and expand His church. Having ascended into heaven, Christ is now no longer with believers physically here on earth.

Yet as the Heidelberg Catechism expresses so beautifully, "with respect to His Godhead, majesty, grace and Spirit, He is at no time absent from us" (Q&A 47).

At the close of the gospel of Matthew, Immanuel promised His church, "Behold, I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20).

3. He is God-with-us to comfort His people. Think of Psalm 46, which so beautifully describes the encouraging presence of God in the midst of very chaotic circumstances.

He is "a very present help in trouble" (v. 1). Christians need not fear, even when the earth shakes and kingdoms rage.

God's presence with His people is constant: "The Lord of hosts is

with us" (vv. 7, 11). Believer, God is near you, to help and protect you.

4. He is God-with-us to bring His people to glory. We read in Revelation 21:3 of the new heavens and the new earth, where "God himself shall be with them."

In glory, the presence of God with His people will be perfect and uninterrupted. Revelation 22:4 tells us that they shall even see His face.

Do you believe this record God has given of Immanuel? Do you see how low Christ stooped to be God-with-sinners? Do you experience the blessings of God-with-us?

These can only be ours through a new birth from above. His birth calls us to ask: Have I been born again? If so, He is your Immanuel.

~ Gerald Bilkes, <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/immanuel/>



## **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q. 67. Which is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

# Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (23.12.18)</i>	<i>Next Week (30.12.18)</i>
Speaker	Jimmy Orchard	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Merilyn Woo
Welcomers	Ian & Merrill Read	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	John Tan Paul Butler	Rex Sriharan Jansen Ng
Ushers	-	-
Kitchen Duties	Helen Wong*, Adeline Ng Josephine Austin	Angela Yap*, Jenni Budiman Grace Wang
PA Duty	Jacob Woo	David Lim
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>28 December 2018</i>	<i>4 January 2019</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Eugene Lim	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. Next week's message: "Fostering a Love for Christ" (Colossians 3:1-4).
3. Junior Worship is in recess today and next Sunday.
4. Pastor is away for overseas ministry till 24 December. Worshipers needing pastoral care can contact Elders Jimmy Orchard and Johnson Lim.
5. Christmas Day Service. Tuesday, 25 December 2018, 10am. Potluck lunch after the service. Topic: "The World Wants a Conqueror, God Sent a Savior" (Galatians 4:4-5). Speaker & Worship Leader: Mark Chen. Pianist: Eugene Lim. Welcomers: Josephine Austin & Jemima Ng. Kitchen Duties: Florence Orchard, Nancy Lim, August Ng & Jenni Budiman. PA Duty: Jacob Woo.
6. 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. 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.

<b>Appointments for the Week</b>	<b>Last Lord's Day Tithes &amp; Offering, &amp; Attendance</b>
TUE 10:00 am Christmas Day Service	General Fund - \$2,052.45 (*DD - \$200.00, #839 - \$200.00, #840 - \$200.00). Missions Fund - \$200.00 (*DD - 100.00). Building Fund - \$400.00 (*DD - \$300.00, #631 - \$100.00).
FRI 7:30 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,652.45.
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	Attendance - 101.
10:00 am Worship Service	<i>*DD: direct deposit</i>

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