



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship — 1 July 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	41 - <i>Blessed Be the Name</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	1 John 4:7-21
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	390 - <i>Jesus Paid It All</i>
Hymn	267 - <i>There Is a Fountain</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Galatians 5:16-24
Hymn	452 - <i>Oh, to Be Like Thee</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Fruit of the Spirit"
*Closing Hymn	435 - <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</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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## 6 Ways to Avoid Delayed Adulthood

Maturity is always in high demand. Nations clamor for noble leaders. Businesses seek out responsible employees. Parents long for prudent children. And the healthy church, is marked by maturing members.

Like farmers want their harvests ripe, and fathers want their sons wise, God wants his people mature.

But right when everyone's desperate for more true grownups, we're delaying the process of growing up. We're doing one of the most dangerous things any society can do: keeping our youth young.

So how can the next generation move toward maturity?

Here are six basic steps to help the saplings of the next generation add rings as they reach for the light.

### *Wake Up: Desire*

The first step toward maturity is wanting it. This virtue sits at the core of who we are and what we become.

Like children, all young adults grow whether they want to or not. But there's a difference between haphazard development and intentional maturing.

Maturity requires desire. When a young person wakes up to his own potential, to a sense of God-given responsibility and stewardship, they have awakened at the crossroads where the path to maturity begins.

### *Sign Up: Commitment*

But desire alone is not enough. Without a concrete set of roles & commitments, even a healthy desire for maturity can become just a compost pile of good intentions.

Why do soldiers enlist, students enroll, and couples get engaged? Commitment - embracing specific roles and responsibilities - strengthens us by

making us shoulder the real weights of life.

When I (David Gundersen) was 18-years-old, I worked as the intramural sports coordinator at my college; scheduling leagues, sign-ups, games, and problem-solved all over the place.

This was my first experience dealing with hundreds of people and dozens of interpersonal and logistical challenges.

I was often uncomfortable and often criticized. But I started learning a different level of responsibility, and I started growing up.

We mature when we hold concrete roles and responsibilities, because we're yoked to commitments that require us to be faithful even when the task gets heavy and tough.

### *Show Up: Faithfulness*

There are too many young people who want to move up but don't want to show up. They want the platform without the persistence. They want favor without faithfulness.

But the main part of maturity is simply showing up when we said we would and doing what we know we should. The majority of maturity is faithfulness.

You can't lead if you're not around. You can't serve if you don't come. You can't help if you're not here. So if you want to mature, start by making wise commitments, and then follow through by showing up.

### *Shut Up: Humility*

As we move through adolescence into young adulthood, we're sometimes tempted to think and act like we know far more than we do. Why? We're becoming conscious of the world and ourselves, we're putting some ideas together for the first time, and we're beautifully and naively simplistic about

life. So we start speaking up and speaking out.

But open mouths often marry closed minds and birth terrible children. Our opinion-sharing can easily outrace our lesson-learning, and we can become walking illustrations of Proverbs 18:2 - *"A fool hath no delight in understanding, but [in expressing his own heart]."*

Rather than sharing humbly while seeking to learn, we often speak arrogantly while seeking to lecture, long before our time has come.

But the truly maturing know maturity takes time. Maturity also knows how to shut up and learn in sincere humility.

#### *Step Up: Courage*

Closing our mouths and opening our ears in humility and patience is vital. But it's not wrong to want to be influential and speak up as a courageous servant leader.

We have an obligation to step up and exert godly influence in many situations: leading a group, voicing the truth, defending the oppressed, standing for what's right, contributing with our gifts.

By stepping up we also grow. Leading others teaches you how to lead. So if you want to mature, you must also learn to step up and lead in appropriate ways in appropriate settings for appropriate purposes. No one matures much without exercising a regular dose of courage.

#### *Get Up: Resilience*

*"Everyone has a plan till they get punched in the mouth,"* says Mike

Tyson. If you want to grow, you'll have to face the challenges that growth entails.

Maturing and marathoning have this in common: It's going to be a process, it's going to be hard, and it's going to hurt. You'll hit walls and push through them. You'll get knocked down and get back up. And if you never get knocked down, then you're probably not trying anything that requires maturity.

The only way to learn how to get back up is to get knocked down. There's no such thing as maturity without resilience, so there's no way to become mature without developing some real-time resilience along the way.

#### *Growing Up*

The process of growing into the people God designed us to be is challenging.

While maturity isn't simple, it's also not complicated. Maturity follows this basic path: desire, commitment, faithfulness, humility, courage, and resilience.

So if you want to grow up, then start by waking up, signing up, showing up, shutting up, stepping up, and then getting up when you trip or tumble or get knocked down.

The church and the world are starving for mature Christians. So reach for the light, grow strong, and stand tall.

*"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."* (1 Tim 4:12).

*~ David Gundersen in The Gospel Coalition, edited.*



## **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q. 28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

## Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (1.7.18)</i>	<i>Next Week (8.7.18)</i>
Speaker	Ron Nugent	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jimmy Orchard	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Ian Tay	Nancy Lim
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Johnny & Lydia Orchard
Offering Stewards	Eugene Lim*, Ethan Huang* Micah Chiang, Ian Read	Paul Butler*, Rex Sriharan* Julian Poon, Jacob Woo
Ushers	Dolphin Wai, Jerome Ng	Jemima Ng, Jesslyn Leow
Kitchen Duties	Jemima Ng*, Florence Orchard Val Withnell, Vincent Chiu	Eileen Tay*, Lisa Lim Ken Hong
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ian Tay
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>6 July 2018</i>	<i>13 July 2018</i>
Facilitator	Jimmy Orchard	Mark Chen
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. We welcome Rev Ron Nugent to our pulpit today.
4. Next week's message: "The Dreadful Cycle of Life" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-15).
5. Next week's Junior Worship message - "God Works Through His People" (Acts 5:12-16). Speaker: David Lim.
6. Pastor Mark is away in Melbourne from 28 June to 4 July 2018, as part of a commission of ministers to Ebenezer Bible-Presbyterian Church.
7. Teens Camp, 5-7 July 2018. Participants are to meet at the camp site in Mandurah at 2:00 pm on Thursday 5 July.
8. Visitation this week by Elder Jimmy Orchard and Deacon Jacob Woo.

<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 - \$9,673.32 (*DD - \$6,727.77). Missions Fund - \$560.00 (*DD - \$100.00, #800 - \$300.00). Building Fund - \$400.00 (*DD - \$300.00, #593 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$10,633.32. Attendance - 147.
FRI 7:30 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship Service	
	<i>*DD: direct deposit</i>

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### Message Forecast for July - September 2018\*

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#### Lord's Day Worship Service:

JUL	Title and Text	Speaker
1**	The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)	R Nugent
8	The Dreadful Cycle of Life (Ecclesiastes 3:1-15)	MC
15	Our Works Turn to Dust (Ecclesiastes 3:16-22)	MC
22	Every Shadow Has a Light (Ecclesiastes 4:1-16)	MC
29	Reverence and Godly Fear (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)	MC
AUG		
5**	Our Good and Comely Portion (Ecclesiastes 5:8-20)	MC
12	Always Hungry (Ecclesiastes 6:1-12)	MC
19	The Authority of the Scriptures	Josh Williamson
26	Every Light Has a Shadow (Ecclesiastes 7:1-14)	MC
SEP		
2**	C'est La Vie! (Ecclesiastes 7:15-29)	MC
9	TBA	TBA
16	No One Can Understand Life (Ecclesiastes 8:1-17)	MC
23	There Is Hope in Life (Ecclesiastes 9:1-10)	MC
30	Wisdom Is Better than Strength (Ecclesiastes 9:11-18)	MC

\* Subject to change

\*\* Lord's Supper

Adult Bible Class: "Bible Survey" (cont.)