Hope That Makes Us Fearless

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Welcome

Thank you for joining us in gathered worship today! At Covenant, we believe that true hope, joy, meaning, and redemption is found in Jesus Christ. Therefore, we hope that you will be moved towards greater love for Jesus and one another as we pause to praise, pray, and ponder under God's Word.

The emphasis throughout our Sunday service is that worship is all about God. We gather to worship Him. Our gathered worship is that it is foundationally and fundamentally about God. In our service, we will: worship our Heavenly Father for his miraculous deeds, bear witness to Jesus Christ the Son and the hope he brings through his death and resurrection, be moved to engage with the mission of God through the power of the Holy Spirit as we wait for the return of Christ. All of these activities of worshipping, witnessing, and waiting will be shaped and formed by God's divine revelation as it is given to us in Holy Scripture.

Our understanding of Scripture, God's divine action, and theology will shape the flow of our service. Therefore, our worship service is "liturgical" and what you hold before you is our weekly liturgical document. Originating from Greek, this word means, "work of the people". This means our service is both corporate and communal in nature. We are not individual consumers of a product, but join others in community to participate together in engaging with God. At different points in the service, there will be opportunities to join the liturgy, and we encourage you to enthusiastically participate in these corporate moments of response.

We hope your time with us serves to encourage and fill you with hope and joy.

Call to Worship

> Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.
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> Revelation 15:3-4

Songs of Invitation

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, you take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, you desire that none should perish, you long that all should turn from their evil ways and live.

Have mercy upon us and forgive the sins of all who turn to you this day, forsaking the way of pride and bowing humbly before the cross of Christ, in whose name we pray,

All: Amen!

Word of Assurance

> Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.
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> Isaiah 54:10

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Regular giving to support our ministry as a gospel partner can be made by direct deposit into our account.

Account Name: Covenant Presbyterian Church

BSB: 032 060

Account: 663 486

Weekly Catechism

New City Catechism for Kids – Question 12

Q: Who is the Redeemer?

A: The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Community News

Covenant Big Day In 2025 is next week!

BDI is happening next week! Be sure to arrive on time on Saturday 25 October **4pm** to kick off the conference. Haven't registered but still keen to go? Speak with Warren or Kiu Fei and we will do our best to sort you out.

Covenant Session summary reports

Covenant Session summary reports are available for meetings up to 24 Aug 2025. Please use this link to access: https://covenantchurch.com.au/aka/sessionsummary

Sunday service administration help

Each week, work happens in the background to ensure that everything is ready for the Sunday service. We are looking for additional helpers to assist with the work. If you are interested to help or would like to know more, please contact Chong or Michelle, or use the feedback form.

Operation Christmas Child 2025 We would love for you to participate in Operation Christmas Child 2025!

(i) Find a shoebox at home / ask Robyn if you need one.

(ii) Visit the Operation Christmas child website for tips on how to fill the box with fun and safe gifts.

(iii) Make the shipment donation and get a shipping barcode.

(iv) Bring your filled and labelled shoebox to church on or before October 19.

For more information, visit: https://occ.samaritanspurse.org.au/

Important Dates

October 19	**Operation Christmas Child boxes due** Give to Robyn @ Christ College
October 25	**Big Day In (Day 1)** 4pm @ Christ College
October 26	**Big Day In (Day 2)** 8am to 3pm @ Christ College
November 2	**Covenant prayer corner** 8.30am @ Christ College
November 2	**Covenant Session meeting** 2pm @ Christ College

Bible Reading

1. 1 Peter 2:11-3:7 NIV

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

Hope That Makes Us Fearless

1 Peter 2:11-3:7

Danny Lam

Two Distinct Titles: God’s Elect, Exiles Scattered

The Call to Submit

1 Peter 2:11-3:6

How Wives can be Fearless in Submission

… hope not in the husband but in God

… what submission is not

Husbands and the Call to be Considerate

The Profound Mystery, Marriage in Eternity

Ephesians 5:31-32

To the husbands, ask yourselves

To the wives, ask yourselves

To the Bride of Christ, ask ourselves

Songs in Response

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended to the dead;
On the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic [universal] Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen

Benediction

> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.
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> `1 Peter 4:10-11`

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