Truth on Trial

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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

God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted the good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

All: Amen!

Word of Assurance

> We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.
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> Acts 15:11

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 19

Q: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

A: Yes, God reconciles us to himself by a Redeemer.

Community News

Registrations now open for Covenant Big Day In 2025!

BDI is happening on Saturday 25 October 4pm to late and Sunday 26 October 9am to 3pm. Register now by clicking on this link:

https://www.covenantchurch.com.au/bdi25-rego/

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. Acts 22:30-23:35 NIV

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

Truth on Trial

Acts 22:30-23:35

Harry Lam

1. **Fighting for the truth invites opposition**

2. **Fighting for the truth comes with Christ’s support**

3. **Fighting for the truth is always worth it**

Songs in Response

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Benediction

> Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
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> `Hebrews 13:20-21`

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