A God to Fear

Welcome

Thank you for joining us in gathered worship today!

At Covenant, we are a church that is bound to God and to each other by grace, growing and serving together in love, and living and sharing the hope that we have in Jesus.

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. 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.

Our service is shaped by the Bible—God's Word to us. Because of that, our worship follows a shared pattern each week. Christians sometimes call this pattern a "liturgy."

"Liturgy" simply means "the work of the people." It reminds us that worship isn't a performance or a product—it's something we participate in together. Throughout the service, you'll have chances to join in with prayers and spoken responses, and you're warmly invited to take part.

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.

Revelation 15:3-4

Songs of Invitation

Word of Assurance

> The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.
> The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
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> Psalm 145:13B-14

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 Catecism

New City Catechism for Kids – Question 32

What do justification and sanctification mean?

A: Justification means our declared righteousness before God. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness.

Community News

Covenant Session summary reports

Covenant Session summary reports are available for meetings up to 27 April 2026. Please use this link to access: https://covenantchurch.com.au/aka/sessionsummary

Mid-year reflection with the elders, 14 June

Following our service on 14 June, the elders will be sharing a mid-year update on the life and ministries of Covenant, followed by a time of open Q&A. We'd love to hear what's on your mind. You're welcome to submit your questions in advance via covenantchurch.com.au/aka/feedback.

Big Day In 2026, 4-6 September

Save the date! Big Day In is back – a whole-church weekend hosted right here at Covenant, running from Friday evening through to Sunday service. More details to come soon. We'd love everyone to be part of it.

Important Dates

May 25	**Session meeting** 8.30pm @ North Strathfield
June 14	**Mid-year reflection with the elders** After service @ Christ College

Bible Reading

Exodus 14:10-31

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

A God to Fear

Exodus 14:10-31

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Introduction: Jacob's journey with fear

1. The trap of idolatrous fear (Exodus 14:10)
2. How does God respond to idolatrous fear? (Exodus 14:13-14)
3. The freedom of holy fear (Exodus 15:20-21)

Application

Confession of Sin

O Gracious God
Please forgive us, we pray.
Remove the sins that distance us from you and from those we love and care about. Remove our selfishness, our pride, our envy, and our greed.
Remove from us our thoughtless acts and words that hurt one another.
Remove from us the tendency to hurt others out of revenge and anger.
Forgive us please.
Create in us a clean heart, O Lord.
And renew in us a right spirit.

All: Amen!

Lord’s Supper

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

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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