How to Fail in What Matters Most

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

God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15-16

Songs of Invitation

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father,

you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death.

By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us.

Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us.

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.
>
> 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 Catecism

New City Catechism for Kids – Question 32

Q: What do justification and sanctification mean?

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

Community News

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.

PCNSW WHS Survey Regarding Church Eldership 2026

The Presbyterian Church of NSW is currently conducting a Work Heath and Safety consultation regarding a proposed change that all future elders be male. If you are interested in finding out

more or participating in the survey, you can do so here:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHSEldershipSurvey2026

For any questions about the survey please contact Darryl Soh.

Important Dates

June 14 **Mid-year reflection with the elders**
After service @ Christ College

Bible Reading

1. 1 Samuel 13:1-15
2. 1 Samuel 13:23-14:23

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

How to Fail in What Matters Most

1 Samuel 13-14

Janson Condren

A. Introduction

B. Background

1 Samuel 14:47-48
1 Samuel 12

1 Samuel 9:16
1 Samuel 14:52

C. Saul's failure as an example of trusting the Lord

1. Impatient presumption (1 Samuel 13:1-22)
2. Fearful avoidance (1 Samuel 13:23-14:1-15)
3. Insincere devotion (1 Samuel 14:16-45)

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

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who
loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage
your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

Contact Us

Got a comment, question or prayer point you'd like to share with us? Please get in touch: https://covenantchurch.com.au/aka/feedback

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