One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

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

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son

All: Amen!

Word of Assurance

> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.
>
> Romans 4:25

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 2*4

Q: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

A: Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.

Community News

Interim Moderator update

After much prayer and reflection, Cam Clausing will be finishing up his time as our Interim Moderator at the end of 2025. The elders would like to sincerely thank Cam for his love, dedication and service to Covenant. The Inner West Presbytery has appointed Rev Darryl Soh, Lead Pastor of Abbotsford Presbyterian Church, to be our Interim Moderator from 1 January 2026.

Game time after service

Will Tam will be hosting a mafia-like game after service on Sunday, 21 December. If you’re free, stay around and join in the fun!

Combined Christmas service

The BPC and Covenant Sessions held a friendly meeting on 10 November to discuss partnership opportunities. We have agreed to hold a combined Christmas service at the BPC site. We look forward to seeing our regulars and newcomers coming together to hear the good news this

Christmas.

Christmas lunch @ Chu's

Dan and Cass are kindly opening up their home for lunch after the Christmas Day service. If you don't have any plans and would like to fellowship over lunch, you are very welcome to join. Please let one of the elders know, for catering purposes.

Important Dates

December 25	**Combined Christmas service** 9.30am @ Burwood Presbyterian Church
December 25	**Christmas lunch** After Christmas Day service @ Chu's
January 4	**First Covenant service of 2026** 10am @ Christ College

Bible Reading

1. Ephesians 2:11-22

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

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Ephesians 2:11-22

Cam Clausing

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

The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

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