

Gospel Friendship

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

Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Psalms 147:1

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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

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Community News

Mikey's start date and induction service

Mikey's first Sunday with us will be Sunday, 25 October. We are looking forward to welcoming Mikey, Amy, Tristan and Sari to Covenant – a welcome lunch will follow the service, stay tuned for more details!

Mikey's induction service will be held the day before, 3pm Saturday 24 October at Christ College, with ministers from across the Inner West Presbytery joining us. All are welcome to attend.

Life with Jesus sermon series

Pastor Josh's new series in the Gospel of John explores what life with Jesus really means. The series is evangelistic in nature and will be accompanied by a "Discover Jesus" course for anyone wanting to explore the Christian faith.

Please be praying for people you might invite and speak to Josh if you'd like to know more about the course.

Important Dates

- October 25 **Mikey's Induction Service**
3pm @ Christ College
- October 26 **Mikey's first Sunday at Covenant**
10am @ Christ College

Bible Reading

[John 15:1-17](#)

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Stuart Crawshaw

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

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

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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