Joy in Christ, Joy in Fellowship

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

Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

Isaiah 12:6

Songs of Invitation

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

Q: What is the Lord’s Prayer?

A: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Community News

Book a time to meet Mikey

Mikey would love to meet with each of you before Christmas to hear about your faith journey at Covenant, offer encouragement and care, and invite your input as he and the elders prayerfully plan for the future. He's happy to meet at a cafe, near your workplace or at your home, with couples together, or with you and one or two others.

Please book a time and suggest a location at covenantchurch.com.au/aka/meetmikey

Presbytery invites submissions on the Male Only Elders overture

Darryl Soh of Abbotsford Presbyterian Church has been appointed to compile a report to assist the Inner West Sydney Presbytery in discussing the Male Only Elders overture from this year's State Assembly. Members of all churches in the Presbytery are invited to send Darryl a submission of their thoughts and reflections on the overture.

If you would like to make a submission or have any questions, please email darrylsoh@abbotsfordpc.org by Monday 30 November.

2027 CG Planning Survey

As we look ahead to 2027, we'd love to hear your thoughts on Community Groups and where you might like to serve in ministry at Covenant. The short survey asks about your CG preferences for next year and any ministries you'd be open to exploring. Please complete it by the end of October: https://covenantchurch.com.au/aka/2027planning

Important Dates

October 26	**Covenant Session meeting** 8.30pm @ Warren's place, Concord West
November 10	**Covenant CGL/ACGL planning meeting** 8.30pm @ Warren's place, Concord West

Bible Reading

Philippians 1:1-11

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

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Philippians 1:1-11

Michael Nhieu

- Introduction to Philippians
- Partners in the Gospel
- Partners in God's Grace
- Reflection Questions
    - Are you willing to seek ways to serve with others?
    - Are you willing to get messy with others' suffering?
- Pray for our Partnership to Grow

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

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 1:24-25

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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