

# Life Beyond Grief

## 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 is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear.

Psalms 46:1-2

## Songs of Invitation

## **Confession of Sin**

Gracious God, you take no pleasure in the death of the wicked,  
you desire that none should perish,  
you long that all should turn from their evil ways and live.

Have mercy upon us and forgive the sins of all who turn to you this day,  
forsaking the way of pride and bowing humbly before the cross of Christ,  
in whose name we pray,

**All: Amen!**

## **Word of Assurance**

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:17-18

## **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 39

**With what attitude should we pray?**

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness.

## 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.

## 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 11:1-27](#)

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon Outline

John 11:1-45

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Opening Up

1. "Lord, why?"  
"If you had been here, my brother would not have died." ~ John 11:21; 32
2. "Lord, why?"  
"It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ~ John 11:4  
"... I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ~ John 11:42
3. "Lord, why?"  
"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'" ~ John 11:25-27

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## 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 the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6

# 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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