Life with Jesus Changes Everything

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

Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden –
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen!

Word of Assurance

We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.

Acts 15:11

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

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 to show your support.

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

Bible Reading

John 20:1-23

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

Life with Jesus Changes Everything

John 20:1-23

Joshua S

“Peace” in the Dawn of a New Age

1. What is peace?
2. What does peace have to do with the resurrection?
3. Peace for disciples in a world of trouble

“Receive the Holy Spirit”

1. God’s peace-imparting presence
2. God’s personal presence
3. God’s powerful presence

Jesus Changes Everything: “I Am Sending You”

1. Jesus has been sent to…
2. Jesus sends us to…
3. Conclusion: A conversation with “Mark”

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 God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

`1 Thessalonians 5:23`

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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