

Beautiful Lives of Foolish Love

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

"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 11:34-36

Songs of Invitation

Confession of Sin

Lord, for the sake of your tender mercy, do not hold us accountable for our sins, but forgive all that is past and give us grace to amend our lives;

to decline from sin and incline to righteousness, that we may walk with a pure heart before you, now and evermore.

All: Amen!

Word of Assurance

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

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

Community News

Congregational Meeting, 19 July

We will be holding a Congregational Meeting after service on Sunday, 19 July. This is an important moment for Covenant – at the meeting, we will ask the congregation to approve the Terms of Call and to extend the call to Mikey Nhieu as our Senior Minister.

We warmly encourage all members to continue discerning for themselves and to play their part in this significant step for our church family.

Missionary Prayer Newsletter out now!

Our latest Missionary Prayer Newsletter is now available. You can access it via the church community's WhatsApp announcement channel and join us in praying for our mission partners.

Sunday School (12 July)

Sunday School will continue as usual today (12 July). We look forward to seeing all our children there.

Important Dates

July 19

Congregational Meeting

After service @ Christ College

September 4-6

Covenant Big Day In

Fri evening, Sat afternoon & Sun service @ Christ College

Bible Reading

[1 Peter 2:11-3:12](#)

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

1 Peter 2:11-3:12

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Beautiful Lives of Foolish Love

2. How to live as a follower of Jesus in a fallen world

1. Winning

- Negative: “Abstain from sinful desires”
- Positive: “Live such good lives among the pagans”

3. The beautiful life: four examples

- People relating to governments
- Slaves relating to masters
- Wives relating to husbands
- Husbands relating to wives

4. Foolish love

- Non-retaliation
- Walking as Jesus did

5. Letting go of the need to win

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 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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