Prayer That Works

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

Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Psalm 40:5

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 Catecism

*New City Catechism for Kids – Question 3*6

What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son.

Community News

Signing the call to Rev. Michael Nhieu

The call to Mikey Nhieu remains open for signing and we'd love for as many people as possible to show their support. Communicant members and adherents are all invited to add their name to the signature sheet.

Please see one of the elders after the service, or speak to Chong or Robyn, who will be taking the call to Presbytery on 4 August.

Life with Jesus – new series from 2 August

Pastor Josh is beginning a new series in the Gospel of John exploring 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, watch this space for more details, and speak to Josh if you'd like to know more about the course.

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.

Important Dates

August 4	**Sydney Inner West Presbytery Meeting** 7pm @ Christ College
September 4-6	**Covenant Big Day In** Fri evening, Sat afternoon & Sun service @ Christ College

Bible Reading

Psalm 17

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

Prayer That Works

Psalm 17

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1. What is authenticity in prayer
2. Our covenant God IS the foundation of our prayers
3. God’s power revealed in two ways

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

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

Lord’s Supper

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

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very

words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11

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