Life is Wonder

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

No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. Who should not fear you, King of the nations? This is your due. Among all the wise leaders of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you.

Jeremiah 10:6-7

Songs of Invitation

Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, we have sinned without number, and have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your word, of neglect to seek you in our daily lives.
Our transgressions and sins present us with a list of accusations.

But we bless you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue our corruptions, and grant us grace to live above them.
Let not the passions of the flesh nor the lusts of the mind bring our spirit into subjection, but do rule over us in liberty and power.

All: Amen!

Word of Assurance

> Blessed is the one, whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
> Blessed is the one, whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
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> Psalm 32:1-2

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 36

Q: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

A: 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.

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

Life with Jesus – new series starts today (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.

Important Dates

August 4	**Sydney Inner West Presbytery Meeting** 7pm @ Christ College
August 9	**Church Life Hub – “Spiritual Health and Mental Health”** After service @ Christ College
September 4-6	**Covenant Big Day In** Fri evening, Sat afternoon & Sun service @ Christ College

Bible Reading

John 1:1-18

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

John 1:1-18

Josh S

Life is Wonder

Introducing John

1. Your heart resonates with the glory of God
2. God’s glory shines in the darkness
3. Jesus is the true light, that gives light to everyone
4. Something to take home…

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 our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and

good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

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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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