Life With Jesus is More Than a Do-Over

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

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 34:1-3

Songs of Invitation

Confession of Sin

O Gracious God
Please forgive us, we pray.
Remove the sins that distance us from You and from those we love and care about. Remove our selfishness, our pride, our envy, and our greed.
Remove from us our thoughtless acts and words that hurt one another.
Remove from us the tendency to hurt others out of revenge and anger.
Forgive us please.
Create in us a clean heart, O Lord.
And renew in us a right spirit.

All: Amen!

Word of Assurance

> The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.
> The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
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> Psalm 145:13B-14

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

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Weekly Catechism

New City Catechism for Kids – Question 37

Q: How does the Holy Spirit help us?

A: The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

Community News

Big Day In rego now open (4-6 September)

Join us for a multi-day event as a church family – starting with casual fellowship on Friday night, followed by a weekend of sitting under God's word, sharing meals, praying, and catching up over cake, afternoon tea, and a Father's Day breakfast.

Cost is $40 per person (5 y.o. and up) to cover food. You can register at: https://covenantchurch.com.au/bdi-26

Life with Jesus sermon series

Pastor Josh's new series in the Gospel of John explores 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 31	**Covenant Session meeting** Evening @ North Strathfield
September 4-6	**Covenant Big Day In** Fri evening, Sat afternoon & Sun service @ Christ College

Bible Reading

John 3:1-21

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

John 3:1-21

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Getting started: why are we here?

1. Every faith journey starts somewhere

2. Our deepest need is to be born again
3. Believe in Jesus and receive eternal life
4. Conclusion

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

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

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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