Crossing with Courage

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

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

> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.
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> 1 John 2:1-2

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

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Account: 663 486

Weekly Catecism

*New City Catechism for Kids – Question 3*1

Q: What do we believe by true faith?

A: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Community News

Special morning tea, 10 May

Today we'll be sharing a special morning tea together. It's an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the women in our church family – our spiritual mothers and sisters – whose faithfulness, care, and love have shaped and sustained so many of us.

Please join us after service.

Receiving Victor Lau into membership, 17 May

We are looking forward to formally receiving Victor Lau into membership at Covenant on Sunday, 17 May. Please join us in celebrating this occasion – it is a joy to see God expand our church family as we love, grow, serve and witness together.

Bible storytelling workshop, 17 May

Earlier this year Josh introduced us to the art of telling Bible stories for evangelism. Next Sunday, he will be running a follow-up session exploring how to craft impactful Bible stories across a range of contexts: evangelism, Bible teaching, children's ministry, and personal devotions. Whether you missed the earlier sessions or want to go deeper, come along and join us after service!

Important Dates

May 10 **Church Life Hub**
After service @ Christ College

May 15 **Prayer and Prayer Night**
6.30pm BYO dinner, 7.30pm start @ Christ College

May 17 **Receiving Victor into membership**
During service @ Christ College

Bible Reading

Joshua 3:1-4:3

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

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Joshua 3:1-4:3

Michael Nhieu

1. The LORD leads his people (3:1-7)
2. The LORD encourages his people (3:8-17)

3. Israel remembers the miracles of the LORD (4:1-23)

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

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 1:24-25

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