The God Who Judges

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

Gracious Father,

Lord, you are a God who is ready to forgive and of infinite kindness, remove from us all needless and destructive anger.

Grant to us a meek, gentle, humble and peaceable spirit that, mindful of our own weakness, we may with greater patience bear with the weaknesses of other; and thinking of ourselves with sober judgement, we may not be provoked when others think poorly of us.

So may we be Christlike in character: patient towards all; easily won over to forgive the wrongs of others; not keeping a record of wrongs, or holding the sins of others against them; that you Lord God may so be gracious toward us.

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.
>
> 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 Catecism

New City Catechism for Kids – Question 33

Q: Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

A: No, everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ.

Community News

Mid-year reflection with the elders, 14 June

Following our service on 14 June, the elders will be sharing a mid-year update on the life and ministries of Covenant, followed by a time of open Q&A. We'd love to hear what's on your mind. You're welcome to submit your questions in advance via covenantchurch.com.au/aka/feedback.

Big Day In 2026, 4-6 September

Save the date! Big Day In is back – a whole-church weekend hosted right here at Covenant, running from Friday evening through to Sunday service. More details to come soon. We'd love everyone to be part of it.

PCNSW WHS Survey Regarding Church Eldership 2026

The Presbyterian Church of NSW is currently conducting a Work Heath and Safety consultation regarding a proposed change that all future elders be male. If you are interested in finding out more or participating in the survey, you can do so here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHSEldershipSurvey2026

For any questions about the survey please contact Darryl Soh.

Important Dates

June 7	**Prayer Corner** 9am @ Christ College
June 14	**Mid-year reflection with the elders** After service @ Christ College

Bible Reading

1. Exodus 17:1-7
2. Psalm 95

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

The God Who Judges

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95

Joshua S

Introduction and Orientation

1. God's power, provision and presence were with his people.

2. How *Generation Exodus* became the model of unbelief. (Psalm 95:8-10)

3. God revealed himself as judge, and the results were alarming.(Num 14:28-33; Psalm 95:10-11; 2 Cor 5:10)

Application

- **Take care!**
- **Encourage one another daily!**
- **Don't be hardened!**

(Hebrews 3:12-15)

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 God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
>
> `1 Thessalonians 5:23`

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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