Joy of Discipleship

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

> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.
>
> Isaiah 12:6

Songs of Invitation

Confession of Sin

Almighty God,

We confess that we all like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way. We have followed the passions and desires of our own hearts, we have broken you good and just laws, we have left undone those things we ought to have done, and we have done the very things we ought not to have done.

But we plead with you to have mercy upon all who confess their sins, restore those who truly repent, according to your promise declared to us through Jesus. Grant that for Jesus' sake we may from now on live a godly, righteous and holy life, to the glory of your great name.

All: Amen!

Word of Assurance

> Truly my soul finds rest in God;
> my salvation comes from him.
> Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
> he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.
>
> Psalm 68:1-2

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 25

Q: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

A: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God will remember our sins no more.

Community News

Covenant Session summary reports

Covenant Session summary reports are available for meetings up to 12 Jan 2026. Please use this link to access: https://covenantchurch.com.au/aka/sessionsummary

Calling for OHP & sound desk helpers

As we enter 2026, Covenant is seeking more helpers to serve on OHP and/or sound desk. These roles play an integral part in the smooth running of our Sunday services. No previous experience is required, you will receive training and supervision.

Please let one of the elders know if you are interested or would like to know more.

Important Dates

February 1	**Prayer Corner** 9am @ Christ College
February 8	**Vision Sunday** After service @ Christ College
February 15	**Congregational Meeting** After service @ Christ College

Bible Reading

1. Luke 9:51-10:20

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Outline

Joy of Discipleship

Luke 9:51-10:20

Michael Nhieu

Following Jesus with Rejection

Following Jesus with Commitment

Following Jesus with Urgency

Following Jesus with Joy

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

> The LORD bless you and keep you;
> The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
> The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.
>
> Numbers 6:24-26

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