



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 6 January 2019

Theme for the Year: "King Jesus Must Reign" (1 Corinthians 15:25)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	TP 108:1-6
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	138 - <i>It Is Finished</i>
Hymn	169 - <i>He Lives!</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Joel 1:1-15
Hymn	414 - <i>Revive Us Again</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Hear This and Give Ear"
*Closing Hymn	312 - <i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
Announcements	<i>*Congregation standing</i>

†Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

††Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Make the New Year a "Kainos" Year

The new year has come. Some of you may have made resolutions. You are excited that there's opportunity to turn over a new leaf.

But in what way will the new year be new to you?

There are two ways to express the English word "new" in the New Testament.

There is the Greek word "neos" and the Greek word "kainos."

Neos and Kainos, New vs Better

"Neos" means "new" in the sense of chronologically new.

Say I have 10 identical champagne flutes and I break one, I replace it with a new champagne flute of the same kind.

The new one is exactly the same as the old one but it is new in the sense that I've owned it for ten minutes instead of ten years.

It is chronologically recent, even though it is identical in all respects with the "old" glasses.

In 2005, Ford revealed their new Focus model. That was the car that I bought until I sold it off. So for 7 years I owned a 2005 Ford Focus.

Every other year that followed, Ford produced the Ford Focus. Although "neos", it was still the 2005 model.

In 2008, they produced a facelift model, but essentially, it was still the 2005 model - a chronologically recent version of the same old car.

The other word, "kainos" means "new" in the sense of being qualitatively new. In 2011, Ford produced a completely new model.

The new model was a new development. It was better than the old model. It was qualitatively new. Essentially, it was a different car. And driving it, one could tell. The new Ford Focus was "kainos" and not merely "neos."

Christians Are Kainos

Whenever the Bible speaks about human newness in Christ, the word "kainos" is used.

We might be able to cross over to a new year, or meet new people, or wear new clothes, or have a new haircut, or learn a new language; but in our spirit, we can never change or be bettered except by the power of God.

That kind of newness we need comes only from God. For this reason, the Bible uses "kainos" to describe the qualitative newness of life that only God can fashion in us.

The apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:17 - *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

This was prophesied in Ezekiel 11:19, that God would give his people a new heart, removing their hearts of stone and giving them hearts of flesh - *"And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh."*

It's not merely a brand new heart of the same kind, but it is a new heart of a better kind.

Our hearts without Christ are calcified, cold, and inert toward the things of God. But when God gives us that new heart, it is receptive to the things of God.

Make it a Kainos Year

Dearly beloved, if you are in Christ, you do have that new heart.

God gives us a new heart, it is something that we need to exercise. Not only does Ezekiel tell us that God gives a new heart and new spirit; he also tells us to *"cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit."*

So if you have a new heart, and you would as a Christian, then live like you do!

The new year brings with it many opportunities to live a "kainos" life in Christ. Don't let this year simply be a facelift of last year. Let it be different.

Don't live in your sins. Don't simply do things the same way. Rather, live a better life in Christ. Have better spiritual

fellowship with the saints. Serve the Lord better with your gifts. Be a better husband, a better wife, a better father, a better mother, a better child, a better friend, etc.

If we take God at his word that we are new creatures, then we must then act on the truth of that word.

~ Pastor, reprinted from CBPC Bulletin, 6 January 2013.



Hear This and Give Ear

Joel 1:1-15

We often forget the disasters in our lives. Despite reminders, we forget. But these troubles are sent to wake us up to our sins, the judgment of God, and his mercy in Christ.

1. The Troubles God Sends Can Be Devastating
 - a. They are from God to warn
 - b. They are from God to punish
2. The Troubles Affect Everyone to Awaken Them
 - a. No one was spared
 - b. Everyone must act

There is a call to awake, to cry, and to know how our worship and lives are affected by our sins - to know that our joy in the Lord is absent. But we remember that there is no worse punishment to come because Christ has borne that punishment for us - and that thought grants us joy.



Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 70. Which is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

Q. 72. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (6.1.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (13.1.19)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Philip Gardiner
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Edward Lim
Welcomers	Josephine Austin	Josephine Austin
Offering Stewards	Micah Chiang Rex Sriharan	David Lim Kim Leow
Ushers	Jerome Ng, Sharon Sriharan	August Ng, Joyce Ng
Kitchen Duties	Florence Orchard*, Jemima Ng Mary-Anne Chan, Nancy Lim	Sarah Siew*, Dina Portillo Putri Harapan
PA Duty	Ken Hong	Ian Tay
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>11 January 2019</i>	<i>18 January 2019</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Jerome Ng	Nancy Lim

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. First time visitors wishing to partake the Lord's Supper should see an elder before the service.
3. Next week's messenger at the Adult Bible Class and Worship Service is Rev Philip Gardiner of the Perth Free Presbyterian Church.
4. Junior Worship is in recess today and next Sunday.
5. Daily Manna and Daily Manna Junior (Jan-Mar 2019) are available in the foyer.
6. Bible Conference 2019. Dates: 22-25 April 2019. Venue: Hotel Lord Forrest, Bunbury. Theme: Strength in Weakness. Speaker: Pastor Josh Williamson. Registration forms available at foyer. Payment by cash, cheque or direct deposit to CBPC General Fund: BSB: 036-031, Acct: 316942, Ref: BC(Surname)(Initial). Any enquiries, please contact Micah Chiang or Vincent Chiu.

Appointments for the Week

FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting

SUN 9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$1,837.85 (*DD - \$200.00, #841 - \$174.55). Missions Fund - \$250.00 (*DD - \$100.00, #842 - \$60.00). Building Fund - \$400.00 (*DD - \$300.00, #633 - \$100.00).

Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,487.85.
Attendance - 105.

**DD: direct deposit*

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