



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 20 January 2019

Theme for the Year: "Strength in Weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	Psalm 92
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	2 Kings 22:1-20
Hymn	335 - <i>And Can It Be?</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Joel 1:13-20
Hymn	340 - <i>I Hear Thy Welcome Voice</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Cry Unto the LORD"
*Closing Hymn	345 - <i>Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior</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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How to Guide Children Online (Part 2)

In the first part of the bulletin article, the author expressed concern for the amount of time children are spending online and on electronic devices.

There are dangers associated with online bullying, gambling, and addiction. The author cautioned that parents should warn their children of these dangers. The article continues.

2. Teach them cyber-safety.

a) Obey online safety rules. Children must be on guard, and not have a false sense of security in their homes by hiding behind online anonymity.

b) Do not disclose online, personal particulars such as address, school, and telephone number. Whenever in doubt, they should ask parents for advice.

c) Obey the law. Remind children to control their emotions on Twitter/Facebook, especially in response to hate comments from other users.

Share with your children news reports of people who broke the law online. For example, a Singapore cartoonist was recently arrested for alleged sedition after posting two cartoons on facebook.

d) Obey God's law. As believers, we must not only obey the authorities, but also our Holy Judge for every "idle word" (Mt 12:36).

Let our online words and actions be edifying, kind (Eph 4:29, 32) and glorifying to God (1 Cor 10:31).

3. Supervise their online activities

(a) Public surfing. To reduce temptation at home, place the computer with Internet access in the living or study room. Disallow smartphones in toilets.

(b) Time limit. Some children spend much time online because parental

supervision is lax or absent. Parents should steer children away from TV, video games or smartphones by cultivating an interest in sports, hobbies and reading. Spend family time reading Bible stories, singing and praying.

(c) Password. Before opening online accounts, agree with pre-teens that they should disclose their password to parents.

The purpose is not to invade their privacy, but to protect children from potential harm. Teach your children to impose self-discipline before posting comments.

Knowing parents can read their postings will help them think before writing. We cannot be 'helicopter' parents hovering over them 24/7.

They must learn to fear an all-seeing God. When they have proven to be responsible, more freedom can be given.

4. Love them with God's Love.

(a) Do not discourage them. Fathers may provoke children to anger (Col 3:21) and discourage them by harsh, critical comments.

Children may then seek escape from an unpleasant home or affection from peers or friends online. Parents need to balance correction with praises and love.

(b) Love them unconditionally. When parents say, "if you don't get straight As, mommy/ daddy will not love you anymore," kids feel insecure as parental love is based on their performance.

God assures us and demonstrates His love (undeserved) towards us in that while we were still sinners, Jesus Christ died for us (Rom 5:8).

Demonstrate the same unconditional love to your children. When they sin and repent, forgive them and teach them to ask God for forgiveness as promised (1 Jn 1:9).

If you love your children, spend time with them, instead of indulging them with expensive tech gadgets.

5. Help them find their identity in Christ alone.

(a) Challenges of adolescence. A teenager who is sandwiched between childhood and adulthood, struggles to find his identity in a confusing world, while learning social norms and Christian values.

Some teens go astray because the pull of the sensual world is much greater. They mimic popular teen idols and fashions.

They may know biblical principles, but do not obey God because they do not yet have a relationship with Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

Nevertheless, we imperfect parents must still strive to live a godly life, and pray that the Holy Spirit will open our children's hearts to receive and follow Christ.

Encourage kids to grow in spiritual maturity by putting away childish games (1 Cor 13:11).

(b) Love not the world, for the worldly lusts of the flesh, lusts of the eyes and pride, are not of the Father (1 Jn 2:15-16).

A friend of the world is an enemy of God (James 4:4). Believers must flee lusts (2 Tim 2:22) and not indulge in Internet and TV programs that portray the lustful love of the world.

(c) Love Christ more (Lk 10:27) and love self (and the world) less. Find contentment and joy in Christ alone (Ps 16:11 and 1 Tim 6:6,8). God must increase, I must decrease (Jn 3:30).

As disciples of Christ (Lk 9:23), we must deny self, take up our cross daily, and follow Christ. We are created in the image of God to glorify and have fellowship with God. Our life-long goal is to be Christ-like (Rom 8:29).

Ultimately parents must model Christlike life and godly contentment, love their children biblically in order to help them safely navigate through not just cyberspace, but to live holy lives in an unholy world.

~ Rev Lee Hock Chin, reprinted from *Life Bible-Presbyterian Church Weekly Bulletin*, 28 April 2013.



Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 76. Which is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. 77. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Q. 78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (20.1.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (27.1.19)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Chris Budiman
Pianist	Merilyn Woo	Nancy Lim
Welcomers	Danny & Susie Tan	Johnny & Lydia Orchard
Offering Stewards	Ken Chong, Eugene Lim Paul Butler, Jacob Woo	Chris Budiman, David Pang Vincent Chiu, Ken Hong
Ushers	Faith Chiu, Jemima Ng	Heng Qi Ban, Josephine Austin
Kitchen Duties	Eileen Tay*, Debbie Blake Rebecca Lee	Aliza Chiu*, Jackie Hong Alison Wong
PA Duty	Ken Hong	Jacob Woo
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>25 January 2019</i>	<i>1 February 2019</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Ian Tay	Eugene Lim

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshippers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's message: "A Day of Darkness" (Joel 2:1-11).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message - "Disagreements in Church" (Acts 14.27-15.12). Speaker: Grace Wang.
4. Retirees' Bible Study. Tuesday, 29 January 2019, 10am. Message by Pastor Mark: "The Sufficiency of the Scriptures." Potluck lunch after meeting.
5. Church Prayer and Planning Day. Australia Day, 26 January 2019.
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
 SAT 4:00 pm Church Prayer/Planning
 SUN 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship Service

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$1,890.05 (*DD - \$200.00). Missions Fund - \$90.00.
 Building Fund - \$400.00 (*DD - \$300.00, #636 - \$100.00).
 Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,380.05.
 Attendance - 96.

**DD: direct deposit*