



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 17 March 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	16 - <i>To God Be the Glory</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 90
Hymn	TP 90:1-9
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 3:12-18
Hymn	448 - <i>Nothing Between</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Live Free and Unveiled!"
*Closing Hymn	358 - <i>Not a Disappointment</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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Testimonies from the Bible Lands Study Tour to Israel and Jordan I

It Evoked Powerful Feelings and Emotions

The Israel & Jordan tour was one of the most memorable trips I've had for different reasons.

Never having been to the Middle East before, it was exciting to explore new places and try different foods.

However this trip was also more than that - it was educational and evoked powerful feelings and emotions. Educational because Israel and Jordan are steeped in history and are constantly in the media.

We had a historian as our tour guide - an author of 3 books about Israel, who lectures on the subject in the USA. Ronnie Simon, our guide spoke from an Israeli's perspective and talked freely about current political events.

Pastor Mark gave a biblical and spiritual perspective helping us to link places with the Bible. He was constantly peppered with questions as the group tried to crystallize their biblical understanding but did not seem to mind.

As a Sunday school teacher, I was familiar with names of biblical towns such as Tiberias, Capernaum and Nebo but they were still just names from the Bible.

Until you are standing there, taking in the surroundings, does the Bible become alive. You can visualize how people in that era may have lived as you connect the town with the Bible accounts.

One thing that stood out was when we retraced the last days of Jesus. We walked down the Mount of Olives and visited the gardens of Gethsemane and agony. We saw Golgotha - the skull place where Jesus was crucified. We visited the beautiful Garden Tomb where Jesus' body was buried and resurrected.

There was a sign at the tomb's entrance saying "He is not here for he has risen." The Garden evoked a sense of peace and contemplation. We also had the Lord's Supper there, being grateful for Christ's sacrifice and our salvation.

Although our tour was jam packed with plenty to explore and see, it was never overwhelming as there was always a fun activity added.

We went on camel rides, walked through Hezekiah's wet tunnel, and swam at the Dead Sea. There are still plenty more places that we have yet to visit and I look forward to a Part 2 trip.

~ Mary Anne Chan

I Left Israel Enriched Spiritually, Intellectually, and Emotionally

What an incredible trip of a lifetime and most meaningful travel experience I have ever had!

I am very thankful that Pastor Mark made it possible for me to enjoy and to be educated at the same time. Our trip with Pastor Mark was amazing!

If you have any reservations about safety concerns, please don't. Please do not let the international news or public opinion from people who have never been to Israel sway you.

I loved how Pastor Mark and the tour guide Ronnie Simon connected everything back to Scripture. The Bible really came alive.

A nurse from Singapore on our tour told me that this tour led by Pastor Mark was her best experience compared to her two previous trips.

I was amazed how seamlessly our trip was organized. Pastor Mark did a great job of bringing together his family of five, many student-aged young people, middle-aged adults, and senior adults in a way that was rewarding for all ages.

There was no discomfort in any way as we stayed in nice hotels, ate great food and enjoyed a comfortable air conditioned bus driven by expert drivers.

We also felt safe and secure throughout our travels, allowing us to delve fully into what we were learning and what God was teaching us about Himself.

I was pleasantly surprised with how many sites and artifacts we were shown. I especially enjoyed the Masada fortress, the Qumran Caves, Tel Megiddo, Mount Carmel, and the Mount of Beatitudes.

Of course, the sites in Jerusalem were wonderful. I loved viewing Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives across the Kidron Valley, visiting the Israel museum, and walking through the City of David.

We had a wonderful time of praise and worship on the boat ride in the Sea of Galilee. It gave me a sense that I had travelled back 2,000 years ago to what was written in Matthew 4:13 - *"And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim."*

It was a great experience to walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel - this engineering marvel of the ancient world.

It would be a tragedy to be in Jerusalem and not walk through this tunnel. The tunnel is narrow, but not too narrow that we can't walk through.

The visit to the Garden Tomb was quite emotional and contemplative. We had the Lord's Supper there; with the fruit of

the vine in a wooden cup. It was an experience that I will never ever forget.

At Golgotha or Calvary, my breath was taken away to see right in front of me a place taken off the pages of history. It was a very reverential time.

We sung "Be Thou My Vision" in Church of Saint Anne located near the Lions' Gate and the Pool of Bethesda.

The austere stone interior and extraordinary acoustics made it a fine example of medieval architecture and a place in which anyone can sound good singing! It was a place like no other in the world! It was an experience you will never forget, when you are in The Holy Land.

Swimming in the Dead Sea was quite an experience but unfortunately I didn't float on the surface of the water due to the high tide!

Overall, I had enjoyed every place we visited, everyone whom I met, and all the food that I had during the trip.

I can't thank Pastor Mark and the tour guides enough. Their knowledge of the Bible, history, and archaeology really brought everything together and will forever change the way I read the Bible.

God has changed my life and my faith has been enhanced. I left Israel enriched spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally.

I highly recommend taking a trip to Israel with Pastor Mark. God-willing, I hope to join Pastor for another trip to Israel in the near future. Thank you. God Bless.

~ Sarah Siew



Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 90. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer: receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (17.3.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (24.3.19)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Ron Nugent
Worship Leader	Jimmy Orchard	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Ian Tay	Nancy Lim
Welcomers	Johnny & Lydia Orchard	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	Johnny Orchard, Yen Fye Yap Eugene Lim, Steven Lim	Ken Hong, David Pang Jansen Ng, Jacob Woo
Ushers	Faith Chiu, Sharon Sriharan	Rebecca Lee, Jesslyn Leow
Kitchen Duties	Jemima Ng*, Sarah Siew Rebecca Lee	Jackie Hong*, Eileen Tay Aliza Chiu
PA Duty	Ken Hong	Raymond Woo
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>22 March 2019</i>	<i>29 March 2019</i>
Chairman	Vincent Chiu	Micah Chiang
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Jerome Ng

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 messenger is Pastor Ron Nugent. He will be speaking on "Assurance of Forgiveness" (1 John 2:12).
3. Next Ladies Fellowship meeting is on Sunday 31st March at 12:30 pm. Lunch and continuation of the DVD "How People Change". Please bring a dish to share. Ladies of all ages welcome! Please see Wendy for more details.
4. Congratulations to Jacob and Merilyn Woo on the birth of their son, Lucas James Woo on 12 March 2019.
5. Pastor will be in India and Myanmar from 18 March to 2 April for a mission trip. For pastoral care please the Ruling Elders.
6. Bible Conference 2019. Dates: 22-25 April 2019. Venue: Hotel Lord Forrest, Bunbury. Theme: Strength in Weakness. Speaker: Pastor Steven Tan. 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	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	General Fund - \$2,329.30 (*DD - \$400.00). Missions Fund - \$210.00 (*DD - \$100.00). Building Fund - \$800.00 (*DD - \$300.00, #643 - \$500.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$3,339.30.
FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	Attendance - 125.
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	*DD: direct deposit
10:00 am Worship Service	

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