



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship – 11 August 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	28 – <i>How Great Thou Art</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Song of Solomon 5:1-8
Hymn	575 – <i>Work, For the Night Is Coming</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 8:1-7
Hymn	560 – <i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Commitment to Christ and the Church"
*Closing Hymn	219 – <i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</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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## Pressing on Toward God's High Calling in Christ Jesus

Covenanters celebrated the Church's 9th Anniversary on 30th June 2019. The Lord has brought us a long way starting from a humble beginning of a small BP fellowship group to where we are today and providing us this wonderful place of worship. Indeed, our Heavenly Father is a God who will never leave us nor forsake us. We thank God for His faithfulness and goodness.

Paul in Ephesians 2:19-22 says, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." The church is built upon a firm foundation of faith, with Jesus Christ being the Chief Cornerstone.

As we reflect on the ministry of days gone by, we always recall about the past events that have great impact on our lives. The past can have such a hold on us, isn't it? We tend to live in the past. The past brings us memories.

We know the good times. We've celebrated them, and we can

recount every beautiful precious memory by heart. We often wish for those good times again so that we can feel the joy, warmth, and peace they brought to us. Some of us remember the painful times a lot more than the good memories. We know how they make us feel. We know how we react to them. We know the emotions the past brings up so do we relive them over and over and over again.

Isaiah 43:18-19 Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth . . ." The Bible tells us to not even remember the things of the past, never mind about finding comfort in them. God tells us to not even consider the things of old. Don't remember it. He is doing a NEW THING.

When I was an L-plate learner, my driving instructor would often advise me not to always look at the rear-view mirror. I was told to look at the road ahead and focus on where I was going."

Our life's journey is sometimes compared to running a race. We have to focus and move on towards the finishing line. We have to stop looking at life's rear-view mirror and learn to look ahead to what God has planned for us.

Philippians 3:13-14 tells us, "But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth into those things which are before, I pressed toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Paul is pointing out a fact: He says we are to let go of the past and strive toward the future.

Everyone of us carries some form of emotional garbage.

Ephesians 4:31 tells us, "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate toward one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you."

- We rehearse our resentments. We go over and over our bitterness, the people we're angry against, and the people that have hurt us.

- We remember our regrets, the things we've felt guilty about, the things that we regret ("If only...") and remember those things.

- We reinforce our remorse. And we feel down.

With God's help, let us all learn that when we carry that emotional garbage, it tends to cause us to react to relationships from our past rather than enjoying our present relationships and seeing them in their true light. We have to let go of that garbage and learn to build a good relationship with others.

How do you spell RELIEF? Paul says in verse 12, "I let go of the past and I hold on to the future." Forget the former and look forward to the future I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

~ Elder Johnson Lim



### **Catechism for Younger Children**

10. Where is God? God is everywhere.

11. Can you see God? No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

12. Does God know all things? Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

## Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (11.8.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (18.8.19)</i>
Speaker	Keith Morris	John Barlow
Worship Leader	Jimmy Orchard	Chris Budiman
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Judy Barlow
Welcomers	Kim & Jesslyn Leow	Putri Harapan & Rebecca Lee
Offering Stewards	Jacob Woo, Kim Leow, Ken Hong, David Pang	Yen Fye Yap, John Tan Vincent Chiu, Jansen Ng
Ushers	Jerome Ng, Faith Chiu	Josephine Austin, Joyce Ng
Kitchen Duties	Grace Wang, Carmel Sriharan, Jackie Hong	Peggy Woo, Jenni Budiman Mary-Anne Chan
PA Duty	Ian Tay	Raymond Woo
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>16 Aug 2019</i>	<i>23 Aug 2019</i>
Chairman	Johnson Lim	Micah Chiang
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Ian Tay

### 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 welcome Pastor Keith Morris to our pulpit this morning.
3. The Lord's messenger for next Lord's Day is Pastor John Barlow. He will be speaking on "The Prodigal Sons" (Luke 15:11-32).
4. Busy Bee: Saturday, 17 August 2019 from 9 am to 12 pm. Please avail yourself to tidy up the church compound. Please bring your garden tools.
5. Bread Collection Ministry: More helpers are needed to assist in collecting bread on Saturday afternoons. Please see Bro Ian Tay if you are able to serve in this area.

#### Appointments for the Week

FRI	7:45 pm	CBI & Prayer Meeting
SAT	9:00 am	Busy Bee
	4:00 pm	Youth Peoples Group
SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service

#### Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$1,957.50 (ET- \$200.00, \$200.00)  
 Missions Fund - \$240.00 (#883 - \$40.00 ET- \$100.00). Building Fund - \$1,800.00 (#652 - \$300.00, #653 - \$100.00 ET- \$100.00, \$1,000.00, \$300.00)  
 Total Tithes & Offering - \$3,997.50.

\*ET: Electronic Transfer      Attendance - 120.

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