



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 18 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	40 – <i>Stand Up, and Bless the Lord</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Jonah 3 & 4
Hymn	TP 39:4-8 & 12-13
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Luke 15:11-32
Hymn	332 – <i>Just as I Am (Verses: 1,3,5,6)</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Prodigal Sons"
*Closing Hymn	691 – <i>Bring Them In</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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Spiritual Insight from JC Ryle

⁶He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

⁷Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

⁸And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

⁹And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Luke 13:6-9

It is a most dangerous thing to be unfruitful under great religious privileges. The whole parable plainly warns all professing churches that if their ministers do not preach sound doctrine and their members do not live holy lives they are in peril of destructions.

God is every year observing them and taking account of their ways. Not all the forms, services and ordinances will make up for being destitute of the fruit of the spirit. Except they repent they will be cut down.

There is a plainer warning also for all the unconverted. There are in every congregation those who hear the gospel and who hang over the brink of the pit. They have lived for years in the best part of God's vineyard and have borne no fruit. They have the gospel faithfully preached for hundreds of Sundays and yet have never embraced it, taken up the cross and followed Christ.

They do not perhaps run into open sin, but they do nothing for God's glory. Myriads of such professing Christians have no idea of how near they are to destruction. Never let us forget that to be content with sitting in the congregation and hearing sermons while we bear no fruit in our lives is conduct which is most offensive to God. It provokes him to cut us off suddenly without remedy.

But what an infinite debt we all owe to God's mercy and Christ's intercession! We have the loving-kindness of God and the mediation of Christ (v. 8). Mercy has been called the darling attribute of God. Power, justice, purity, holiness, wisdom, unchangeableness are all parts of God's character and have all been manifested to the world in a thousand ways, both in his works and in his Word.

But if there is one part of his perfections that he is pleased to exhibit to man more clearly than any other, it is his mercy (Micah 7:18). Mercy is even now why unconverted sinners are so long spared and not cut off in their sins. Even those who are finally lost will find that it was God's long-suffering that kept them from hell till then.

For meditation: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but



Catechism for Younger Children

13. Can God do all things? Yes. God can do all his holy will.
14. Where do you learn how to love and obey God? In the Bible alone.
15. Who wrote the Bible? Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

Spiritual insight from the mind of JC Ryle on the above.

Food for thought for the congregation.

~ Elder Jimmy Orchard

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (18.8.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (25.8.19)</i>
Speaker	John Barlow	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Chris Budiman	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Judy Barlow	Magdalene Tay
Welcomers	Putri Harapan & Rebecca Lee	Danny & Susie Tan
Offering Stewards	Yen Fye Yap, John Tan Vincent Chiu, Jansen Ng	John Chandran, Chris Budiman Ken Chong, Kim Leow
Ushers	Josephine Austin, Joyce Ng	Jemima Ng & Sharon Sriharan
Kitchen Duties	Peggy Woo, Jenni Budiman Mary-Anne Chan	Florence Orchard, Josephine Austin Putri Harapan
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ken Hong
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>23 Aug 2019</i>	<i>30 Aug 2019</i>
Chairman	Micah Chiang	Mark Chen
Pianist	Ian Tay	Jerome Ng

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 John Barlow to our pulpit this morning.
3. Pastor Mark will return to the pulpit next Sunday. He will be speaking on "Just As I Am Without One Plea" (2 Cor 11:16-33).
4. Retirees' Bible Study: Tuesday, 28 August 2019, 10am. Potluck lunch after meeting. Come along and share your favourite hymn.
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.
6. Thank you to everyone who came along to the Busy Bee yesterday.

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 - \$2,351.93 (#884 \$200, ET- \$213.93) Missions Fund - \$220.00 (ET- \$100.00)
 Building Fund - \$100.00 (ET - \$100.00)
 Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,671.93.

*ET: Electronic Transfer Attendance - 111.

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