

# COVENANT

## Evangelical Reformed Church

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Lord's Day 34

August 20, 2017

Church Theme 2017

† Be Ye Holy †

1 Peter 1: 13 - 16

### WELCOME TO COVENANT ERC

We are a Reformed Church that holds to the doctrines of the Reformation as they are expressed in the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism and the Canons of Dordt. If you would like to know more about our beliefs, or engage us to help you in any crisis in life, kindly contact any of our leaders:

Rev. Andy Lanning

Elder Chan Chee Seng

Elder Lee Kong Wee

Elder Leong Fai Chong

Elder Chew Lap Meng

Elder Lim Seow Thong

Deacon Cornelius Boon

Deacon Lee Meng Hsien

Deacon Tang Yoon Chuan

### Propriety in Worship

Worship is a sacred and holy experience. The people of God meet in public worship to seek God. Our focus in worship is to exalt God, to praise Him, and to listen to the preaching of His Holy Word. As such, the Bible expects all worshippers to:

Be punctual for worship service – *Psalm 63: 1*

Be reverent in behaviour – *Exodus 3: 5*

Be sincere in worship – *John 4: 24*

Be silent in worship when God speaks in the preaching – *Habakkuk 2: 20*

Be active in praise and prayer – *Psalm 66: 1- 2*

### Verse of the Week

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.”

(Colossians 3: 12 - 14)

### Announcements

#### Coming Church Programmes 2017

01 Sep 2017

Family Seminar

03 Sep 2017

Lord's Supper

23 Sep 2017

CERC 30th Anniversary

05 Nov 2017

Lord's Supper

#### Briefing on CERC Fire/Emergency Evacuation Plan

Today, CEMC will be conducting a briefing session on The Fire/Emergency Evacuation Plan immediately after morning service. All members and regular worshippers are requested to attend the briefing session.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Morning**

Prelude  
 Reading Belgic Confession  
 Article 24  
 Call to Worship  
 Votum  
 Opening Doxology\*  
 Song 1 – P250  
 Reading of the Law  
 Song 2 – P102  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Song 3 – P47  
 Scripture Reading  
 Sermon  
 Offering  
 Offertory Song† & Prayer  
 Song 4 – P69  
 Benediction  
 Doxology (P197)

*\*Opening Doxology*

*Praise God from Whom all  
 blessings flow,  
 Praise Him all creatures here  
 below,  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly  
 hosts,  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy  
 Ghost. Amen*

*†Offertory Song*

*O Lord accept our offering  
 Receive and bless the gifts we  
 bring,  
 To Thee as Prophet, Priest and  
 King,  
 I yield my heart, my offering.*

**Afternoon**

Prelude  
 Call to Worship  
 Votum  
 Opening Doxology\*  
 Song 1 – P16  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Song 2 – P415  
 Scripture Reading  
 Sermon  
 Offering  
 Offertory Song† & Prayer  
 Song 3 – P71  
 Benediction  
 Doxology (P197)

**REDEEMED FROM THE  
 CURSE OF THE LAW**

*AM*

*Rev Lanning*

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 3**

Text: **Galatians 3: 10 - 14**

**I. The Law's Requirement**

**II. Substitutionary Atonement**

**III. Receiving the Promise**

*PM*

**TRUE FAITH**

*Rev Lanning*

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 27**

Text: **Lord's Day 7**

**I. The Bond**

**II. The Activity**

**III. The Content**

## Pastoral Voice

Dearly beloved saints of CERC,

This week we bid farewell to Josiah, Hui Qi, and Abigail as they return to the US on Tuesday, where Josiah will resume instruction in the Protestant Reformed Seminary. Josiah is beginning his second year in the seminary. The second year is usually the most challenging for students, because of the increased workload of writing sermons for practice preaching and writing papers for the exegesis classes. However, the second year can also be one of the most enjoyable, because the students are beginning to do more of the work that they will do in the ministry. Let us pray for our brother and his family in their sojourn in the US, and may God grant Josiah the grace necessary to sustain his studies this year.

Session will meet this Wednesday, 23 August, at 8pm at church. Let us remember our officebearers in prayer as they seek the spiritual welfare of the congregation and the glory of God, while they attend to the various matters that arise in the life of our congregation.

We are approaching that time of year when our CI classes and Sunday morning classes all transition back to the catechism schedule. Catechism classes will resume from September through the end of November. The schedule and assignments are as follows:

Primary 1-3	Sunday, 3 September, 11:30am	Memorize the answers and verse for Lesson 13
Primary 4-6	Sunday, 3 September, 11:30am	Memorize the answers for Lesson 21
Secondary 1-2	Saturday, 2 September, 1pm	Memorize the answers for QA 31, 32 of LD 12
Secondary 3-4	Saturday, 2 September, 2pm	Memorize the answers for Lesson 7

Your servant in Christ's love,  
Pastor Lanning

### Announcements (continued)

#### **Pre-Confession Class**

20 Aug	No Meeting
27 Aug	Meeting at 3:30pm
03 Sep	Meeting at 3:30pm
10 Sep	Meeting at 3:30pm
17 Sep	Meeting at 3:30pm (if necessary)
24 Sep	Meeting at 3:30pm (if necessary)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today

9:30am	Morning Worship Service
11:30am	Church Order Class
12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship
2:00pm	Afternoon Worship Service

### Translator's Schedule

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next week</u>
AM :	Suet Wan / William	Suet Wan / William
PM :	Lap Meng / Angela	Lap Meng / Angela

### CK / CKS Schedule

<u>Aug</u>		<u>Sep</u>	
05	Workshop: Transitions in School	02	Workshop: Transitions at Work
12	Free	09	Free
19	Genesis BS	16	Genesis BS
26	Free	23	Free
		30	Free

### Prayer Items

1. Pray for the coming activities:  
Family Seminar (1 Sept)

### Pastoral Visitation

22 Aug	Jimmy Teo & Family	Rev Lanning, Deacon Boon
29 Aug	Koh Huili	Rev Lanning, Elder Chan
12 Sep	Suan Kiat & Family	Rev Lanning, Elder Chew

### FSM Seminar 2017

Date : 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017  
Time : 10:30 am  
Speaker: Rev Lanning  
Theme: It is Good to be Single  
(Deadline for Registration has been extended to today 20/8/17)

### FSM Book Study (The Christian Life – by John Calvin)

Kindly find details of the next FSM book study on the Notice Board. The questions for the group discussion will be as follows:

1. What does it mean that Christian life arises out of the new life of regeneration.
2. What does it mean that we are called Christians?
3. At the bottom of page 6, we read, "Doctrine is not an affair of the tongue, but of the life." Explain this sentence.
4. Give some practical examples on how we can "avoid any stain or blemish" (page 6, Para 1) at school, work, family and church.

### Collections for

<u>Fund</u>	<u>July 06</u>	<u>Aug 13</u>
General:	\$5,646.95	\$6,651.20
Benevolent:	\$1,256.10	no collection
Student Aid:	no collection	\$1,824.40

### Counting Offerings

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next week</u>
AM:	Kah Pik, Michelle	Serene, Yoke Mui
PM:	Angela, Ah Moi	Eunice, Foong Ngee

### Washing Duty

20 Aug : YangZhi, Cassia, Deuel, Jonah, Zi En  
27 Aug : Boaz, Jia Chin, Nichelle, Given

### Bible Study Groups

**Bread of Life:** Elder Lee's residence. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 8pm. Study on "Zechariah"  
I/C: Elder Chan (91077077)

**Beulah:** Church. Every 2nd and 4th Friday at 8pm. Study on "Galatians."  
I/C: Bro Meng Hsien (96506495)

**Shalom:** Robert / Grace's residence. Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Friday at 8pm. Study on "Revelation."  
I/C: Bro Robert Lee (97658119)

**Gethsemane:** Church. 3rd Friday of month at 8pm. Study on "1<sup>st</sup> Peter."  
I/C: Bro William Ow (96221283)

**Ebenezer:** Please contact Sis. Daisy on venue. One Saturday a month (pls confirm with Daisy on the actual date). Study on "Major Prophets."  
I/C: Sis Daisy Lim (98152591)

**Glowing Candles:** Stephanie's residence. Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10.30am. Study on "Women of the Bible." I/C: Sis Stephanie, Coordinator: Sis Jee Fung (91908734)

### Next Week Preaching Schedule:

AM: Rev. Lanning                      PM: Rev. Lanning

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