



Covenant

DNA of Christ's Disciple



JUNE 2021

Monthly Bulletin

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

I like talking about Living Around the Christian Calendar Year because it helps believers stay focused and faithful to our Savior and Lord of our lives, no matter what is raging around us. It also empowers us and gives us the true and living hope found only through our Saviour & Lord Jesus Christ.

Pentecost Sunday just passed us by, not without a few Life Groups observing it by dressing in red/orange, lighting up candles and most of all, praying for Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us again and again.



After the festivals of Pentecost and the Holy Trinity Sundays, the Church begins its longest yet perhaps least-celebrated season of the Church Year: the season after Pentecost. What comes at the end of the post-Pentecost calendar is not one of the Church's grand festivals, but rather, a reminder that the end times are near. In this way, the season after Pentecost reflects the Church's life as faithful members in Christ.

Welcome!

During this unusual time when we cannot all come together for worship, we can still be part of a worshipping community. We invite you to join our live-streaming services online via our website <https://www.cplink.org.sg/>. We hope you can also connect with our Life Groups. Please contact one of our Pastoral Staff if you like to join a Life Group. We are still meeting and connecting through various digital platforms.

Worship Time	
English Services	10.30am
Chinese Service	9.00am
Sri Lankan Service	2.00pm
Children	10.30am

We want to grow in Christlikeness through devotion and delight in God, nurturing devotion and delight in God, nurturing relationships and intentionally multiplying disciplemakers.

That “Other Half” of the Church Year

a) Rooted in the Life and Teachings of Jesus

So while the first half of the Christian calendar celebration began with the joyful Advent and Christmas, continued through Epiphany and Lent, and culminated in the high point of the Church Year – the death (Good Friday) and resurrection of Christ (Easter), Ascension, Pentecost & Holy Trinity, the second half of the Church Year is that “season after” the joyous feasts and festivals. The season after Pentecost presents a degree of normalcy in the Church Year.

After Pentecost, the red garments are tucked away and the Church settles into a faithful rhythm of hearing God’s Word, receiving forgiveness from Christ, and partaking of His Sacraments.

The season after Pentecost allows the Church to experience the life of Jesus in a different way. It is not just a chance for the Church to reflect on what she has celebrated in the first half of the Church Year, but also to step into the story she has just heard - a story of God’s love for His people marked by the incarnation of His Son, and His life, death, and resurrection in human flesh as a member of our human, broken world. The Church steps directly into the story of Jesus, patiently walking alongside Him as He teaches, preaches, gives, and forgives us. In walking with Christ, the Church is conformed to His image.

b) Growing toward Unity in Christ

Though no Christmas celebration or Easter festival arrives as the high point of the season after Pentecost, the Church looks forward to the Last Day on the final Sunday of the Church Year, before beginning anew with Advent.

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is known as “End Times Sunday”. We have the entire season after Pentecost to ponder and faithfully cling to Christ’s promise of His second coming, where we will experience the resurrection and renewal of our earthly bodies that He accomplished for us on Easter morning. We will ascend to heaven as He ascended; we will be changed as He was changed on the Mount of Transfiguration.

All of this we look forward to but let us not forget we also see in Christ a perfect example of Christian living and service. As we live out our lives as fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, friends and neighbours, we learn what it means to be faithful to our calling and to live in love to one another to the very end. We learn what it means to give out the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation to His people, just as we have received them. We can only grow when we live it out in community.

Observing the Christian calendar year not only helps us centre our lives together in Christ but also to do life together well in and through Christ.

Rooted & Growing together with you in Christ,

Ps Lye Mui Fong

The mission collection for June 2021 we are collecting for **Kingdomgarten Preschool Services** . Closing date is 13 June 2021. Please refer to the bank details below for Mission giving.

MISSION COLLECTION

For JUNE 2021 – KINGDOMGARTEN PRESCHOOL SERVICES

Cheque Payable to : **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-MC**
UEN No.: **T12SS0164DMIC**
Bank Account: **025-905374-0**



Please indicate ***ONLY*** the Mission Collection Code here:

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To: COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-MC
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Reference No. (Optional)
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Amount (SGD)

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SAMPLE

RESCUING THE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL MISSION FIELD IN SINGAPORE

Christian Preschool is a mission field where seeds of God's Truth & Love are planted in little children through high quality preschool education

Christian preschools once ministered to 20% of preschoolers in Singapore... But today, it has dropped drastically to 8% due to competition & commercialism to increase preschool places

Children introduced to world views that contradicts the Bible's values...



- An **inter-denominational Christian movement** formed in 2019 for Christian preschools, preschool organisations & churches to **unite under one alliance group**
- **GOAL** - ensure the continued vital presence of the Christian preschools in Singapore



- A **non-profit organization** was established to support CPA's goal - Kingdomgarten Preschool Services (KPS)
- **MISSION** - share God's Truth & Love by Nurturing Minds, Touching Hearts, Transforming Lives of Children

KEY INITIATIVES TO REJUVENATE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOLS



CURRICULUM TRANSFORMATION

Raise Quality of Curriculum



CONSULTANCY SUPPORT

Transform Preschool's Model |
Kindergartens Conversion to Childcare



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Regular Leadership Development |
Staff Training



MARKETING & OUTREACH

Transform Preschool's Digital Platforms |
Increase Publicity & Outreach

PRAYER NEEDS FOR THE CHALLENGES FACED

- Drastic drop in enrolment at most Christian preschools due to sector competition
- Implication on the values for our young children
- Challenges to recruit Christian teachers
- Church leaders & preschool's leadership to embrace the call in Matthew 19:14.... *"Let the children come..."* as part of Kingdom Ministry, and not treat it as a Community outreach



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THIS MISSION FIELD WITH A LOVE OFFERING



¹⁶ And don't forget to do good
and to share with those in
need. These are the sacrifices
that please God.
(Heb 13:16, NLT)

GIVING

Kindly take note of the separate bank accounts for Tithe and Offering.

TITHE



Please key in your tithing number at the reference section. If you are unsure of or do not a tithing number, you may drop us an email at the church website. under “Request” tab and we will get back to you.

INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: **025-905375-8**

Cheque payable to: **Covenant Presbyterian Church - Tith**

UEN no. **T12SS0164DTTH**

OFFERING



Please key in only the alphabet at the reference section as follows :

*“E” for English Service
“C” for Chinese Service
“SL” for Sri Lankan Service*

INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: **033-016873-0**

Cheque payable to : **Covenant Presbyterian Church**

UEN no. **T12SS0164D**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ **CPC Prayer Meeting (Fresh Fire) on 11 Jun (Fri) @ 8pm** via Zoom, the details as follow:

Meeting ID : 891 4511 0163, Password: 572980

✚ Kindly note that the Church office will be undergoing renovation from **11 Jun - 16 Jul**. The pastoral team and staff are contactable via their emails or mobile phones. We apologise for any inconvenience caused

✚ In view of the recent heightened alert of Phase 2, and the decision to renovate the office, it would be good cautionary practice to resume onsite worship services after the renovation, in the middle of July.



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Audrey Wong

Young Working Adult & Young Married

Rev Dr Henry Wong

Adults & Seniors

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Hospitality

Jenny Ho

Worship

Arthur Lim

Missions

Ps Lai Mui Fong

Prayer

Rev Dr Henry Wong

Freedom & Wholeness

Alfred & Jenny Koay

GB / BB

Pr Lionel Neo

Chinese Seniors Alpha Course

Pr Chin Yoke Fen

Day Alone with the Lord

Ps Lai Mui Fong