

# COVENANT

## Evangelical Reformed Church

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Lord's Day 29

July 14 2013

Church Theme 2013

† DOCTRINE ACCORDING TO GODLINESS †

1 Timothy 6: 3

### 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 Wee Gim Theng

Elder Wong Chee Choong

Deacon Lim Seow Thong

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

*“The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance” (Psalm 33: 11 - 12)*

### Announcements

#### Coming Church Programme 2013

27 July	Family Seminar
8 Aug	Sports Day
1 Sept	Lord's Supper
22 Sept	CERC 26th Anniversary
Oct	Mission Seminar
3 Nov	Lord's Supper
Nov	Reformation Day Conference

#### “Godly Friendship”: An 8 - Part Workshop by Rev. Lanning

Follow-Up committee has put together an 8 - part workshop on godly friendships and it is opened to everybody. The first workshop starts on 21 July at 4pm (after the afternoon worship service). Registration is required with Bro. Marcus Wee by 14 July

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Morning**

Prelude

Reading Canons of Dordt  
(Head 5, Rejection of Error 7)

Call to Worship

Votum

Opening Doxology\*

Song 1 – P298

Reading of Law of God

Song 2 – P362

Congregational Prayer

Song 3 – P369

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Offering

Offertory Song & Prayer

Song 4 – P273

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 – P82

Congregational Prayer

Song 2 – P85

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Offering

Offertory Song† & Prayer

Song 3 – P133

Benediction

Doxology (P197)

THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST (17)

*AM*

MADE NIGH BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

*Rev. Lanning*

Scripture Reading: **Ephesians 2**

Text: **Ephesians 2: 11 - 13**

**I. A Hopeless Alienation**

**II. A Gracious Inclusion**

**III. A Powerful Propitiation**

*PM*

BELONGING TO THE TRIUNE GOD

*Rev. Lanning*

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 33**

Text: **Lord's Day 8**

**I. The Triune God**

**II. Fellowship With The Triune God**

**III. Following After The Triune God**

## Pastoral Voice

Dearly beloved saints of CERC,

As we gather for worship today, we hear God's Word concerning the fundamental doctrine of the Trinity.

How important is this doctrine? Well, it could be argued that the truth of the Trinity is the most fundamental doctrine of the entire Reformed faith, and indeed, of the entire Christian faith. From the truth of the Trinity flows the truth of the divinity of Jesus Christ. From the truth of the Trinity flows the truth of God's covenant fellowship with Himself, and with His people. The truth of the Trinity is not merely a statement of what God *does*, but expresses the reality of who God *is*. If anyone strays here, he has denied God, and cannot build a sound theology.

Not only is this truth fundamental for a proper understanding of *doctrine*, but it is fundamental for *salvation*. To put it plainly: those who deny the truth of the Trinity are not saved, but will perish in hell (except they repent by God's grace). The Athanasian Creed forms part of the confessional basis of CERC, since this creed is mentioned by name in Article 9 of the Belgic Confession. In the Athanasian Creed, we confess, "*Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith; which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity*" (Articles 1 - 3).

The doctrine of the Trinity is important for us, personally. It is not a cold, dry, abstract theory about what divinity is like. It is not an intellectual puzzle that leaves us frustrated and weary. Rather, in the doctrine of the Trinity, we come face to face with our God! And what a sight! He is great, and greatly to be praised, far above the grasp and capacity of our earthly minds. We can understand what He is like, because He has revealed Himself, but we can never comprehend Him with an exhaustive knowledge. At the same time, this great God is warm and personal, a God whose very being is that of fellowship. And what is more, He draws us into that fellowship through Jesus Christ so that we are changed from aliens to sons!

As we gather for worship today, we hear God's Word concerning the fundamental doctrine of the Trinity. To the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one only true God, be honour and glory both now and forever! Amen!

Your servant in Christ's love,  
Pastor Lanning

### *Announcements (cont'd)*

#### **Catechism Classes**

Catechism assignments for next week:

- Assignments for Pri 1 - 6 for 21 July: Memorize the answers to Lesson 15 and the memory work
- Assignments for Sec 1 - 2 for 20 July: Memorize the answers to QA 31 and 32 of LD 12
- Assignments for Sec 3 - 4 for 20 July: Memorize the answers to Lesson 7

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today

9.30am	Morning Worship Service
11.30am	Men's & Ladies' Fellowship
12.30pm	Lunch Fellowship
2.00pm	Afternoon Worship Service

## Translator's Schedule: today

AM :	Suet Wan / William Ow	next week	Suet Wan / William Ow
PM :	Angela Chan		William Ow

## CK Schedule for July

- 20 Free / Join CKS Bible Study
- 27 Attend Family Seminar

## CKS Schedule for July

- 20 CKS Romans Bible Study & Dinner
- 27 Attend Family Seminar

## Prayer Items

1. Pray for the following event: Family Seminar (27 July), Sports Day (8 Aug)
2. Pray for Follow - Up committee as they look for a chairman. Pray that the Lord may convict a brother to be willing to serve in this area
3. Pray for the Study Committee as they prepare to submit the report of their findings to Session. Pray that the Lord may direct CERC concerning the use of our present premises beyond June 2015
4. Pray for Family Support Ministry as they prepare for the coming Family Seminar in two weeks' time. Pray for Rev. Lanning as he prepares the message
5. Pray for journey mercy as Bro. Jonathan Lee leaves home to States tomorrow. He will return to Singapore around the end of the year to begin his National Service
6. Do continue to pray for Mischa, son of Kees and Esmee, as he continue to rest at home. Although Mischa does have some pain, it has been very manageable so far. We thank God for His mercy to the family, not only in giving a measure of healing to Mischa, but also for the contentment that He has given the family during this trial

## Family Seminar 2013

The Family Support Ministry is delighted to invite husbands and wives, and everyone to join the annual Family Seminar on Saturday, 27 July from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. The theme of the seminar is "Growing in Faith Together as Husband and Wife". Our dear pastor, Rev. Andy Lanning will be the speaker for this special occasion. Please register for your attendance

## Family Support Ministry

Come and join the video screening on "Shepherding A Child's Heart" this coming Lord's Day, 21 July at 11.30am focusing on the subject, "Session 5: Embracing Biblical Methods – Appeal to Conscience". Everyone especially parents are invited and learn the ways of the Lord in bringing up our children

## Collections for:

Fund	June 30	July 7
General:	\$9,324.50	\$3,217.00
Benevolent: no collections taken		\$879.30

## Counting Offerings today:

AM: Vivian, Kah Pik	Michelle, Siew Chin
PM: Angela, Eunice	Foong Ngee, Wan Teng

## next week

## Pastoral Visitation

- 15 July - Josephine Chan - Rev. Lanning & Dn Tang
- 28 July - Daniel Tin & family - Rev. Lanning & Elder Lee

## Bible Study Groups

**Bread of Life:** Elder Lee Tan's residence. Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday at 8pm. Study on "Hebrews." I/C: Elder Chan

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

**Shalom:** Robert / Grace's residence. Every 1st & 3rd Friday at 8pm. Study on "1 Corinthians." I/C: Bro Robert Lee

**Gethsemane:** Samuel / Jane's residence. 3rd Friday of month at 8pm. Study on "Judges." I/C: Bro William Ow

**Ebenezer:** Please contact Sis. Daisy on venue. Every 2nd & 4th Saturday at 3pm. Study on book of "Minor Prophets." I/C: Sis. Daisy Lim

**The Rubies:** Dorcas's residence. Every 1st Wednesday at 1.45pm. Study on "The Unlikely Mothers of Christ." I/C: Sis Angela Chan

**Glowing Candles:** Stephanie's residence. Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10am. Study on "The Unlikely Mothers of Christ." I/C: Sis Kim Neo, Sis. Jee Fung

## Next Week Preaching Schedule:

AM: Rev. Lanning PM: Rev. Key

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